

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"Do not be unbelieving but believe."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Monday, April 8, No Mass – The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday of Easter, April 9 - No Mass

Wednesday of Easter, April 10, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday of Easter, April 11, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Friday of Easter, April 12, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday of Easter, April 13 - 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter - 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Keith Thompson by Alice DeSouza – Joseph and Family

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SECOND OF EASTER REFLECTION: On this Second of Easter, the Gospel of John provides an account of the appearance of Jesus to the eleven in the upper room and a second account one week later (eight days in Hebrew reckoning). Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus, who has died for sinners, ensures the gift of forgiveness for all those who will seek it, the forgiveness available to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The reluctance of Thomas provokes Jesus' praise for those who believe without seeing. But Thomas should also be remembered as the one who gives the fullest declaration of faith in Christ found anywhere in the gospels: 'My Lord and my God!' Do we treasure the gospel as showing the way to faith and life? How does the experience of Thomas provide encouragement for believers? We pray for a deeper appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray for all those plagued by hesitation and doubt.

QUO VADIS? Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on April 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Collection - March 29, 30 and 31, 2024: Regular Envelopes: \$155.00, Clergy Support: \$5.00; Easter Collection: \$1,773.75; St. Vincent de Paul: \$180.00; Vigil Lights: \$26.50; Holy Land: \$849.85; Grand Total: \$2,990.10. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

THANK YOU! We wish to express our sincere Thank you to all who participated in the HOLY WEEK celebrations. Many thanks to the our Liturgy Committee, Lectors/ Readers, Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Decorators, counters, Cleaners, Knights of Columbus usher, our Music Ministers, parishioners, family and friends, who came together and created "a joyful noise to the Lord". It was indeed a HOLY WEEK!

EUCCHARISTIC CENACLE: "The Cenacle" sessions offer something for everyone seeking a deeper encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist. Held on the first Friday of each month, will include inspiring speakers, discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and moments of prayer. Join us on Saturday, April 13, at 9.30 with Guest Speaker Rev. Fr. Diego Rebeles. Location: Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant, St. Ottawa

2024 REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN.

Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for any of these Sacraments are asked to visit the parish office to pick up a registration form after Mass or call the parish. Please note the following dates and times. You Must contact the parish office to register for sacramental dates listed.

The Sacrament of First holy Communion will be held Sunday, June 2, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The most Holy body and Blood of Christ at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation for all our parish schools and this parish community will held on Tuesday, May 14, on the Feast of St. Matthias at 7:00 p.m. with the Most Reverend Yvan Mathieu, Our new Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General, Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese. Confirmation for Adults Catholic will be held on Sunday, May 19, on the Solemnity of Pentecost, 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral with his grace Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese.

My Lord and my God! It is one of the most powerful acknowledgements of Jesus' real identity in the whole Gospel and the only time anyone directly calls him God. Ironically, too, it is an act of faith. Thomas could not see directly that Jesus was God. No one can see God directly. But the experience convinced Thomas that he was in the presence of God himself. The following words of Jesus are meant to encourage us, all those who have not had Thomas' experience: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." We, too, need to be always open to experiences where God's unmistakable presence can be recognised. Finally, we are reminded that everything that is in the Gospel is to help us to come to that stage of faith by which we: ...that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing[we] may have life in his name.

AN EVENING WITH DEANTHA EDMUNDS: The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has extended the early bird price for the Deantha Edmunds concert taking place on April 19 at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. This will be an evening of beautiful music that you don't want to miss. Go to IRFconcert.eventbrite.ca for details and to buy your tickets or you can contact Ruth at 613-933-1138, ext. 22 or ruth.tyolarose@ottawacornwall.ca. The proceeds of the concert are to benefit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

Feast of the Divine Mercy, this Sunday, April 7, at 2:30 p.m., Come and Join Fr. Jonathan to celebrate the Feast Day of the Divine Mercy Sunday. This Feast is celebrated worldwide by the church and is dedicated to asking for and receiving the great mercy of our Eternal Father, through his beloved son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Prayer: O Lord, You who are everlasting mercy, give me a tender heart today towards those to whom the morning light brings less joy than it brings to me: Those in whom the pulse of life grows weak: Those who must lie abed through all the sunny hours: The blind, who are shut off from the light of day: The overworked, who have no joy of leisure: The unemployed who have no joy of labour: The bereaved, whose hearts and home are desolate: and grant Your mercy on them all.

Christ is Risen Risen Indeed, ALLELUIA!