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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
 - Lk 19:38

Sat. Apr 9	4-4:45pm	Palm Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Sun. Apr 10	9:30am	✠ Ruby Legge (Mark & Dayna Young)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Apr 11	9:30am	Private Intention
Tues. Apr 12	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Magdalena Mazur (Danuta Mazur)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR CANCELLED
Wed. Apr 13	9:30am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
		✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt & Family)
Thurs. Apr 14	7:00pm	✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
		Good Friday
Fri. Apr 15	9-11am	Confessions
	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Sat. Apr 16	9-11am	Confessions
	Noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets
		Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil
	8:30pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
		Easter Sunday
Sun. Apr 17	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
		✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
		✠ Wayne Rebeiro (10th Anniversary Of his death) (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love. God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbour. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur. Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain



and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues." It takes a lot of courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

Good Friday Collection: The Good Friday Collection, on **April 15, 2022**, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support, Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada. If you would like to make a donation, **envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use e transfer.**

Beginning May 6th : On the first Friday of each month, we will have Adoration & Confessions from 6-7pm and Mass at 7pm. **Also beginning on May 7th for 5 consecutive months on the First Saturday**, we will have Adoration, Rosary and Meditation at 8am followed by Mass at 9am. More information will follow in the next bulletin.

Celebration of the Chrism Mass Tuesday, April 12, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. It is always a joyful event to gather together as a diocesan family to celebrate this beautiful Mass. All are welcome. **Holy Hour cancelled at St. Ann's that evening.**

Offertory March 27th, 2022- \$4,326.00
Offertory April 3rd, 2022- 2,695.00
Share Lent to date- \$1,250.00

Sunday, April 17th, 2022



EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Mon. Apr 18	9:30am	Private Intention
Tues. Apr 19	9:30am	✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
		HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Apr 20	7-8pm	
	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
		Amer, Divya & Praanjali (Divya G.)
Thurs. Apr 21	9:30am	Intentions of John Mancuso & Family (Vince Addario)
Fri. Apr 22	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Meer Gupta (Divya G.)
		Intentions of Joseph Mullin (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sat. Apr 23	4-4:45pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
Sun. Apr 24	9:30am	Divine Mercy Sunday Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Deceased Members of Legay & Guest Families (Rebeiro Family)
		Adoration & Confessions
	2:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Individual Blessing
	3:00pm	

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Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1,250.00 This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. **Donations will be accepted for the next several weeks.**

We welcome in Baptism. Mirabelle Betty Lessard, Abigail Dorothy Lessard & Emily Lucille Lessard, children of Chris Lessard & Stephanie Oakes. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't! Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.



Divine Mercy Sunday April 24th

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." **Please join us at 2pm for Adoration and Confessions, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Individual Blessing.**

As we approach the end of the school year, we are looking ahead to the fall of this year when the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered to our Grade 7 students who will begin Grade 8 in September. A registration meeting will take place in the parish hall on **Wednesday, April 27th at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and students.** If your child does not attend St. Ann School and would like to receive the Sacrament, please phone the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

