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Fr. Maurice Restivo CSB – *Pastor*  
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Dcn. Paul Bezaire – *Deacon*  
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### PARISH STAFF

Sally McQuaid – *Secretary*  
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Kevin Alexander - *Chair*

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Jason Grech - *Chair*

### WEEKEND MASSES McEWAN CAMPUS

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm  
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS - McEWAN CAMPUS

Saturdays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

### DAILY MASSES - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday – 8:00am  
Tuesday – 8:00am & 12:10pm  
Wednesday – 8:00am & 5:00pm  
Thursday – 8:00am & 12:10pm  
Friday – 8:00am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms for children of parishioners are celebrated monthly. Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for details of the program.

### MARRIAGES

Couples must arrange one year in advance and be active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

### RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the parish office.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING

For children preparing for First Confession, Communion, Confirmation and for all other grades at well. Registration is required in September.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire to make arrangements.

### FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

(519-973-7033)  
Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*  
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PASTORAL TEAM AND TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH.

# Passion (Palm) Sunday—March 20, 2016

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



And so it begins. We enter this most sacred of weeks, Holy Week. This weekend is Passion, or Palm Sunday, and Thursday begins the Triduum, which revolves around the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and then Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The Mass this weekend has *two* gospel passages: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and then his Passion. I never cease to marvel at how quickly people could go from welcoming him, crying out "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" to shouting "Crucify him!" just five short days later. Some scripture scholars think that the cleansing of the temple, which the evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke place during Holy Week, to be the turning point. Something like 90% of Jerusalem's economy revolved around the temple: Lodging pilgrims, feeding them, caring for the animals used in the sacrifices, carting off their carcasses, and many more activities. When Jesus turned over the moneychangers' tables, and drove out the animals, he was threatening the very structure of the temple—and therefore their livelihoods. That was not acceptable.

Think about it: Ecology and Pope Francis' encyclical sound really good. Caring for the earth sounds really good. The reality, though, is that if we lived by everything he says in there, the auto industry would be doomed. Windsor's "backbone" would be broken. I remember how devastated Southwest Detroit was when I lived there in the 90's because General Motors had closed two plants in the area. Windsor has already suffered because of layoffs in the auto industry. What would happen here if every last part of the auto industry were gone? How many jobs would be lost? And then, nobody from there would be able to shop, to eat, etc., etc. In fact, some economists say that the reason there is still so much doubt around climate change is that if it is real, it means the end of our economic system as we know it. And that is scary. And it means that those who have profited from things as they are have a lot to lose. My tendency is to keep my comforts, to try and fool myself into thinking I am doing a lot for the earth by recycling and driving a hybrid vehicle. The reality, though, is that if I *really* want to care for the earth, I will have to change a lot in my lifestyle. It's not easy.

Although Jesus of Nazareth was condemned to death almost 2000 years ago, and he was unique in history, the basic story continues: I don't want to give up what keeps me comfortable, and those things that are familiar to me. The unknown is scary. It was scary for the disciples, too. When they lost Jesus, they thought everything had ended. But then the Resurrection came, and changed *everything!*

*J. Maurice*



The office will be closed on Holy Thursday at 12:00pm through to Easter Monday. We will resume our regular office hours on Easter Tuesday at 9:00am

## Liturgy Corner



Today begins Holy Week, the most sacred time of the liturgical year. Its liturgies are most beautiful, resulting from centuries of the Church at worship. Much time and preparation goes into them on the part of our pastoral team and liturgical ministers. We hope our parish family will gather for worship throughout the week.

Of special note is the Triduum, one liturgy spread out over several days. It begins on Holy Thursday, continues on Good Friday and then reaching its apex Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil before concluding Easter Sunday evening.

**See the bulletin insert for times and a brief explanation of how the week unfolds liturgically.**

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

### The Pope's prayer intentions for March

#### **Universal: Families in Difficulty**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

#### **Evangelization: Persecuted Christians**

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

### How to be the face of the Father's mercy

**Don't judge**—We don't know another's background, struggles, limitations... Refrain from passing judgment; look for the good in someone.

**Forgive**—This allows us to let go of resentment that builds in us, and restores a sense of peace in our souls

**Recognize the need for mercy**—Recognize human suffering near and far; sensitize yourself by donating your time as a volunteer to people in need.

**Cultivate little kindness**—Seize small chances for kindness: help a co-worker, check on an elderly neighbour, call a grieving friend.

*Based on The Newspaper of the Diocese of London*



**ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2-8? IF YOU ARE THEN.....**

The Easter Bunny plans on leaving a few of his Easter eggs on the lawn next to the church for you to find on Easter Sunday!! Join us after the 11:00 mass on Easter Sunday to hunt for some "eggs" and get a small treat!!



### SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL

Our Sanctuary Candles burn 24 hours a day... as long as the Eucharist is in the Tabernacle. You can dedicate this Sanctuary Light at Rosary Chapel or Holy Name of Mary Church in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for one week.

The names will be published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time.

The donation is \$10.

Contact the parish office to reserve your date.

The first available date is the week of April 4th 2016

Please note the change in time. Fr. Rosica has been called to a meeting at the Vatican the following day so his talk needs to take place earlier. We are grateful that Fr. Rosica is still able to be with us for this time of Easter reflection.

#### **Easter Afternoon of Reflection**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

*McEwan Campus*

Sunday, April 3, **2pm**

**Mercy: revealed word, supreme act, fundamental law, connecting bridge and great river.**

*Why the world (and the Church) need the Jubilee Year of Mercy*

Presented by Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, who will also be the homilist at the weekend Masses.

The talk will be followed by a potluck dinner.

All are invited; bring a friend!



Envelopes for Easter flower donations will be available at the welcome desk. Please consider making a donation in memory of one who now shares the promise of Easter, or in honor of someone living.

This may be especially comforting for those unable to bring flowers to the graves of loved ones, or for those wishing to honor a friend or relative at Easter.

All donations will be used to beautify our church throughout the Easter season. The names will be kept in a book near the tabernacle.

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Tickets will be available at all masses

## Sunday Collection

### March 13, 2016

Regular	\$5,151.89
Miscellaneous	\$ 565.49
Total	\$5,717.38



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 21st

8:00am †Marivic Alicante by Cecile Leonida  
†Maria DeRubeis by Mr & Mrs DiDuca  
†Tony Lopes by Laura Mardegan

12:00pm †Alessandra Macri by Pino & Giovanna Casali  
†For All Souls in Purgatory by Chirs & Pat Gillen  
†Illene Rafael by Marie Ferrari

### Tuesday, March 22nd

8:00am †Cyril Halmo by his Family  
†Carole Dywelska by Dennis Malette  
For the intentions of Mary Ferguson by Tammy

12:10pm †Bernardo & Maria Crolla by Rita & Family  
†Fr. George Beaune C.S.B. by John & Dora Doig  
†Filipo & Carmine Marro by Rita & Family

### Wednesday, March 23rd

8:00am †Rachel Leonida by her Sister  
†Pasquale Nardone by his wife  
†Tony Lopes by Berny Lesperance

12:10pm †For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris & Pat Gillen  
†Cyril Halmo by his Family  
†Alessandra Macri by Mario & Pierina Macchione

### Thursday, March 24th-HOLY THURSDAY

**NO DAILY MASS-CHAPEL CLOSED**

### Friday, March 25th-GOOD FRIDAY

**NO DAILY MASS-CHAPEL CLOSED**

### Saturday, March 26th-EASTER VIGIL-McEwan Campus

8:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

### Sunday, March 27th-EASTER SUNDAY-McEwan Campus

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

7:30pm **NO MASS TONIGHT-THIS WEEKEND ONLY**

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, March 21st

6:00pm Catechism Class (McEwan Campus-Hall)

### Tuesday, March 22nd

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)

6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

### Wednesday, March 23rd

1:00pm Scripture Sharing (Rosary Hall)

7:00pm Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide Program (Rosary Hall)

### Thursday, March 24th-Holy Thursday

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

### Friday, March 25th-Good Friday

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (McEwan Campus-Church)

3:00pm Good Friday Service (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:30pm Good Friday Latin Mass Service (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Saturday, March 26th-Easter Vigil

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)

8:00pm Easter Vigil (McEwan Campus-Hall)

### Sunday, March 27th-Easter Sunday

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

2:00pm Easter Sunday Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:30pm **NO MASS TONIGHT-THIS WEEKEND ONLY**



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