



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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PASTORAL TEAM

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

As indicated in the weekly calendar, with a communal celebration in Lent, and at other times by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after mass. See parish website for further information.

MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment with the pastor as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of nine months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish. A marriage preparation course, offered in our pastoral region, is required.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Kim Baudouin 613-884-8475

PASTORAL CARE

A Pastoral Care Team visits sick or elderly members of the parish in their homes or in hospital. To arrange for Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or a visit, please contact the Pastor.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Marilyn Foote Pollock, President 613-836-9839

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Alex Golob, Chair 613-410-1896

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
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PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our Parish Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



April 19 – 2nd Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2.42-47
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31

April 26 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14,22b-28
1 Peter 1.17-21
Luke 24.13-35

Parish Calendar April 20 – 26

Sun 26

3rd Sunday of Easter

MASS will be available on the church website: www.holyspiritparish.ca

We pray for those who have died:

†Rosanne MacDonald, Mother of Suzanne O'Hara;
†Rick Maisonneuve, nephew of Pauline Foley.

† Indicates Deceased

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Laurette Thibault who died April 3, 2020 at the Cornwall Community Hospital at the age of 93. She was the mother of Rev. Claude Thibault, currently pastor of Sainte-Thérèse-de-Lisieux Parish, Cornwall. Due to the ongoing pandemic, a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Grace Emeodi who died April 7, 2020 in South East Anambra State, Nigeria at the age of 84 years. She was the mother of Rev. Ernest Emeodi, parochial administrator of St. Columban's Parish in Cornwall. Due to the ongoing pandemic, a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. April 3, 2020.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separate from You. Amen.

2020 Easter Message from Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: "So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples." (Matthew 28:8). The Gospel for this year's Easter Vigil underscores both the fear and the joy that was present among the first witnesses of the resurrection and continues to be our feelings today when we seek to witness to Christ who is among us. Jesus reassures us with the words "Do not be afraid".

Project Rachel is a free, confidential post-abortion healing ministry for any abortion sufferer. The next retreat is scheduled for October 16-18, and more information will follow in the coming months.

Word from the Pastor

Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy: St. John 20:19-31: Thomas said..."Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Thank God for Thomas! We're happy he was there to voice our rational doubts. We are also happy that the church, those new, Spirit-animated disciples, didn't give up on their recalcitrant member. Let's hope we modern Christians stay true to our call to be a forgiving community and also a healing one for those hurting in spirit and body. Who are the people who most influenced us in our faith in Jesus Christ? What current stumbling block currently limits a deeper faith in Jesus?

Welcome to Tamara Fortin who has been hired fulltime in the Office. Thank you to Jan and Allison for their dedicated ministry to the Parish.

In church one Sunday morning, a preacher said, "Anyone with 'special needs' who wants to be prayed over, please come forward to the front by the altar." With that, Leroy got in line, and when it was his turn, the Preacher asked, "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Leroy replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher put one finger of one hand on Leroy's ear, placed his other hand on top of Leroy's head, and then prayed and prayed and prayed. He prayed a "blue streak" for Leroy, and the whole congregation joined in with great enthusiasm. After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Leroy, how is your hearing?" Leroy answered, "I don't know. It ain't 'til Thursday."

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

Earth Day 2020: On April 22 we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day as we encounter the coronavirus pandemic – a wakeup call for the need to respond to all environmental crises on earth. We have responded quickly and strongly to the coronavirus crisis. We must also act rigorously now to address climate change, loss of biodiversity, species extinction, and pollution, all of which lead to suffering and death

of so many, especially the poor and vulnerable. If you are interested in establishing or promoting a Care for Creation team within your parish, please contact John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: *Third Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2020.* For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2020 SHATTERING GOOD NEWS!

For the past few weeks ago, the whole world has been in awe of the arrival of the Corona virus in our midst. Each day and all day, we hear of and see the suffering as COVID-19 wreaks havoc in our country and the world.

We are holding our breath and hoping that all will be well; indeed the message for the Province of Quebec facing these challenges is: “Ça va bien aller”—“It’s going to be all right.”

Recently, many people have remarked to me their conviction that after this lockdown nothing in our world will be the same. And that includes our experience of church and our life of faith.

The Bible describes the Paschal Mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—in similar terms, one of epic proportions and shattering significance.

Two earthquakes revealed that the end times had broken into our world. The evangelist Matthew tells us that at Jesus’ death and again at His resurrection the earth shook (Matthew 27.54; 28.2).

We don’t know the magnitude of these seismic movements, only that they touched people’s lives profoundly.

On Calvary, when the centurion and those with him keeping watch over Jesus saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified. Then they confessed, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

On Easter morning after the earthquake, the guards shook and became like dead men when the angel rolled back the stone from the tomb.

The angel urged the women who had come to anoint the body of their Lord not to fear. Jesus the crucified, he announced, had risen. They were to go and report this to His disciples.

Our faith experience should parallel that of the women and disciples who, on encountering the risen Lord, became believers. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began spreading the good news of God’s love and forgiveness.

The news of Jesus’ resurrection, when it touches peoples’ lives, has similar effects. First, the experience of the Risen Lord shakes us up. Then it challenges us to share the news we have come to believe.

Such sharing of the Christian message will be difficult in a culture like ours. Our current world circumstances require us to conceive a new way of evangelizing—of spreading the Good News. In recent days, priests and people have taken to social media to express our religious life “virtually” on Zoom, Facebook, and by other means.

Researchers are striving to find a vaccine to help our bodies produce antibodies that will protect us from the virus. We might say that some people we know seem to have been immunized against the Christian faith.

Perhaps earlier on in their lives, they got a mild and ineffective dose of the Christian story, which they took to be the real thing. Unimpressed, they turned away, looking elsewhere for meaning and purpose in life.

Knowing Christ changes us to the core of our being! I see this whenever I hear young people speak of the transformation Christ works in their lives. Older people, too, tell what happens to them when notions about God, Christ, and the Church become real.

This health crisis has helped us find new heroes in the medical field, in pharmacy and grocery store workers, in truckers moving goods.

We should realize that none of the people of our world are completely resistant to grace, to the beautiful message of Jesus, and to examples we can give of genuine service and forgiving love. This should give us hope at Easter and help our resolve to proclaim Christ where we study, work, and play.

It helps to recall how the Christian message spread rapidly in the ancient Roman Empire—one at times officially hostile to Christianity—in a society which was much more cruel, uncaring, violent, and sexually chaotic than today’s society.

The Good News of the Kingdom—of Christ and His message—can still bring healing, health, and peace. In our financial, familial, and health struggles and in our disappointments, we must remember this and still dare to proclaim what we have seen, heard, and touched in God’s word and in the sacramental life we pray will soon be restored.

May God give you and all Christ’s followers Easter joy and zeal to share the Good News we have received as God’s gift! Happy Easter!

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa
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