

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1  
9:00am for Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere  
5:00pm for + George Schneider by Pat & Sherri Schneider  
Sunday, April 2  
8:30am for + Joyce Feeney by Ed & Debbie Feeney & Family  
10:30am for + Michael Montague by Laureen Montague & Family  
Monday, April 3  
9:00am for Intentions of the Parishioners  
7:00pm for + Lena Malejko by CWL  
Tuesday, April 4  
9:00am  
Wednesday, April 5  
9:00am for + Betty Poirier by Yvette & Lionel Gagnon  
Thursday, April 6  
9:00am for + Bernard Columbus by Nick & Lynn Montague  
Friday, April 7  
9:00am for Special Thanksgiving by the Marques Family  
6:00pm Mass & stations of the cross at St. Ann’s  
for + Agatha Dykstra by Sue & Jerry Feeney  
Saturday, April 8  
9:00am for Special Intentions of Carolyn DeMelo  
5:00pm for + Charlie Maggio by Jim & Irene Baxter  
Sunday, April 9  
8:30am for + Joyce Feeney by Ed McCarthy  
10:30am for + Lena Malejko by Nellie Pasternak

|              | LECTOR  | MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION |                |
|--------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Sat April 1  | 5:00pm  | Rosemarie Spataro          | Pam McQuade    |
| Sun, April 2 | 8:30am  | Sue Feeney                 | Linda Feeney   |
|              | 10:30am | Leah Dykstra               | John Webb      |
| Sat, April 8 | 5:00pm  | Victoria, Rosemarie,Bill   | Pam McQuade    |
| Sun, April 9 | 8:30am  | Greg, John, Tom            | Terry Montague |
|              | 10:30am | Maryanne, Anthony,Ed       | Harry Moretti  |

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays. 4th is Children’s Mass

PARISH COMMITTEES

|                                      |                 |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Parish Pastoral Council              | Co-ordinator    | Repair & Maintence                  |
| Janice Poirier                       |                 | Tom Montague, Paul O’Dwyer          |
| Finance Council                      | Co-ordinator    | St. Ann’s Cemetery                  |
| Paul P’Dwyer                         |                 | Ed Feeney                           |
| Adult Choir                          | Organists       | Eucharistic Minister                |
| Jayne Dennis, Monica Ling Lin        |                 | Co-ordinators                       |
| Youth Choir                          | Violinist       | Linda Feeney, Yvette Fluet-Gagnon   |
| Loretta Kyle, Christabelle Marques   |                 | Lectors Co-ordinator                |
| Parish Social                        | Co-ordinator    | Greg Lougheed , Mary Lane           |
| Ann Aitchison                        |                 | Altar Server Co-ordinators          |
| Prayer Line 768-1235 or 289-282-2059 |                 | Maureen O’Dwyer, Sue Feeney         |
| Marie Peart, Catherine Montague      |                 | Anawim prayer group                 |
| Knights of Columbus—                 |                 | Fr Victor                           |
| Grand Knight - Greg Lougheed         |                 | Catholic Women’s League-            |
| School Board Trustee                 |                 | President: Ellen Craddock           |
| Bonnie McKinnon                      |                 | Strong Catholic Family Co-ordinator |
| Youth Co-ordinator                   | Maureen O’Dwyer | Loretta Kyle                        |

Becoming Catholic (RCIA); Baptism; Marriage; Funeral; Anointing & Visiting the Sick—please contact the office 905-768-5726.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, April 3 7:00pm CWL mass & meeting  
Wed, April 5 7:30pm K of C meeting  
Fri, April 7 9:00am—10:30am Mass&1st Friday Adoration  
6:00pm Mass & Stations at St. Ann’s  
Wed, April 12 6:30pm Anawim Prayer Group  
Thurs, April 1 10am—10pm Fast-A-Thon Holy Thursday  
7:00pm Mass  
Fri, April 14 9:00am Stations &Divine Mercy Chaplet  
GOOD FRIDAY 3:00pm Service, Poor Man’s Supper  
Sat, April 15 8:00pm Easter Vigil  
Sun, April 16 8:30am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass  
Tues, April 18 9:45am School Mass  
Wed, April 19 6:00pm 1st Reconciliation  
Sun, April 23 10:30am Children’s mass & coffee social  
Sun, April 23 3:00pm Mercy Devotions  
Sun, April 30 10:30am 1st Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT: At the scrutiny, the elect will be presented to the Church community during 10:30am mass. Let’s keep the elect Kimberly Mendes in our special prayers that she may be deeply rooted and be strengthened in Christ. Will be using scrutiny prayers in this mass.

BURLINGTON WELSH MALE CHOIR: We will have this choir come to our parish on Friday, May 12th for a concert. This group of 40 male singers will incorporate traditional Welsh songs in their repertoire. “I think music can heal your soul if you’ll let it. It can also bring you up when you’re are down, it can also bring you down if you are too up. It’s a mood thing”. (Gretechen Wilson) Let’s take this opportunity to come together to enjoy this musical evening with your family and friends. Tickets at \$10 each and available now. Refreshments served after concert.

FAST-A-THON: We will be hosting our annual Youth Fast-a-thon on Holy Thursday, April 13th from 10am –10pm. In cooperation with St. Mary’s School and Holy Trinity High School the students will be fasting for Tanzania Poverty Project and Children of Tumaini project. All funds collected will be divided equally to these groups. Information packages and to register are available in the office or call Maureen 519-587-4894. All parishioners are invited to donate as well. Cheques made out to St. Mary’s Parish. Thank you.

COVERING CROSS & IMAGES: In the diocese of Canada, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the 5th Sunday of Lent onward may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please consider offering masses for your loved ones and special intentions. We are in need of weekday masses.

BOTTLE COLLECTION: We are still collecting wine and liquor bottles as well as beer cans and bottles. If you prefer please return the bottles yourself and give the proceeds to the bottle drive. Thank you. So far have collected: \$342.90. Proceeds to pay for subscription for Formed 2018

LUMINOUS ROSARIES: We have available at the back of the church for \$1 each.

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, April 9th mass times as per weekend

MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: Thursday, April 13 mass at 7:00pm Adoration after mass to 10pm

PASSION OF THE LORD: GOOD FRIDAY April 14  
Morning service: Stations of the cross at 9am followed by Divine mercy prayer  
Afternoon service: at 3:00pm  
Poor Man’s Supper after service

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 16 Mass at 8:30am at St. Ann’s  
Mass at 10:30am at St. Mary’s

MERCY DEVOTION : All are invited to join the mercy devotion prayers which will be held at St Mary’s on 23rd April at 3pm. Prayers will be accompanied with music and singing by St. Ann’s Choir. Adoration to the blessed Sacrament will be open from 3pm till 4pm. Confessions will be available as well.

HOUSE BLESSING: Fr Victor will be available after Easter for those that would like their house blessed. Please call the office for arrangements.

PEROGIES: Perogies by St. Patrick’s Parish in Caledonia are for sale \$8 a dozen. Please place your order by April 21st.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Easter is two weeks away. There is an understandable and logical reason that we hear the Gospel Reading from St. John about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus’ Resurrection is ever nearer for us. His miracle of raising Lazarus is the last recorded by John, but its timing is exactly what the Lord wished it to be.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it all clear to us. The Lord says, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” That understanding and acceptance and rejoicing at the Resurrection is what Lent has been about and what our preparations in these final days of Lent should be about as well.

Phillips Brooks is probably best known as the author/composer of one of the most endearing Christmas Carols “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” However, Brooks also understood what faith is all about. He said, “Let every man and woman count himself and herself immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection. Let each say not merely, ‘Christ is risen,’ but also ‘I shall rise’.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1002) says, “Christ will raise us up ‘on the last day’; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth in participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ.” It is this truth, this hope, that we are to embrace as Easter approaches.  
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**MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS**

**Weekend masses:** Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's  
**Weekday masses:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's  
**Confessions:** Sat at 4:00pm or upon request **Daily Adoration:** Upon request 10—noon at St. Mary's  
**Monthly Adoration:** 1st Friday of the Month 9:30am—noon

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"Jesus wept." This short verse in John's Gospel always moves me. Because Jesus is both God and man, he reveals the nature of God in a way we humans can witness and understand. When Jesus learned of the death of his dear friend Lazarus, he was overcome by tears and revealed the compassionate nature of God. God feels our pain and accompanies us in our sorrows. Life in a family involves moments of sadness, loss, or grief. Sometimes we may feel alone in our sorrow, but God is always close. As Jesus revealed and the mystic Meister Eckhart proclaimed, "Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion." Bring your sadness, loss or grief and offer it to God who knows your heart and longs to comfort you in your sorrow.

Tom McGrath

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**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**  
 That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**PRAY FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**  
 as they prepare for to receive Jesus on April 30th. Morgan Goosen-Borba, Savannah Gallea, Aylssa Gough, Christopher Jensen, Abigail Montague, Aubrey Montague, Mya Esselment, Ryley Montague, Logan Wagenblast, GracieWentzell.

**PRAY FOR PASTORS:** We pray for the priests of our diocese as they continue to be Ambassador's of Christ and Pray for vocations. This week we pray for Rev. Julien Beaulieu, Rev. Msgr Leo Clutterbuck, Rev. Stephen Collins, Rev. John Commerford, Rev. Gerald Cormier, Rev. Thomas Cresswell, Rev John Croal

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK:** Max King, Paul Cavanagh, Marj Columbus, Jules Letourneau, Gerry LaRiviere, Anna D'Angelo, Ann Cavanagh. We would like to pray for our parishioners who are ill and have their names mentioned in the bulletin. Please notify the office by Wednesday before noon to have it published in the bulletin.