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Fifth Sunday Of Lent

& Palm Sunday

April 2nd & 9th, 2017



Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Jesus promises that those who believe and follow him will never die.

Today's Gospel recounts Jesus saying, *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.* These words clearly identify Jesus as the Son of God, the author of life and the one who brings our salvation. The words also give the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven to all who believe in him and persevere in faith.

In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet tells the Israelites that they will know God because he gives them life and frees them from enslavement. Saint Paul explains to the Romans that the life-giving spirit they received through Christ frees them from both sin and death. In the Gospel reading, Jesus proclaims that he is the resurrection and the life and that all who live and believe in him will never die.

Embracing the cross of Jesus leads to everlasting life.

The cross of shame in Jesus' time has become for us the sign of victory over sin and death. Through his perfect sacrifice of love on the cross, Jesus won forgiveness for our sins and defeated the power of sin and evil. By so doing, Jesus transformed the cross from an instrument of death into the tree of life and source of our salvation.

We experience all kinds of emotions in today's readings. The joyous crowd becomes an angry and vengeful crowd. Jesus' disciples betray, deny or run away from him. The woman, however, remain strong even through their hearts are being torn out. The heavens weep as Jesus empties himself out. obedient to the point of death – death on a cross.

Share Lent

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity to our parish. The donations will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or make a donation directly to devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Marriage Preparation 2017



There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.
May 27,28,29th. at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms available at the back of the church.

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30

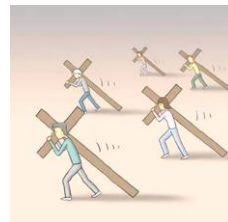
We are seeking volunteers to help with a census to identify the Catholics in the Bon Accord area so we can secure Catholic/French Catholic Education that would continue onto high school for our families and generations to come. We are hoping to get started ASAP so if you are able to lend a hand big or small or would like to get more information, please contact Melissa Phillips at 780-616-1525.

Stations of the Cross



Let us gaze on the crucified Jesus, and let us ask in prayer: Enlighten our hearts, Lord, that we may follow you along the way of the cross. Put to death in us the “old man” bound by selfishness, evil and sin. Make us “new men”, men and women of holiness, transformed and enlivened by your love

We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7 pm



First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of April** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer till 12:00 pm

There is a **sign up sheet at the back** of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

We are looking at someone who can receive the Holy Oils for our parish at the Chrism Mass in St. Paul on April 11th if you help with this please speak to Fr. Martin or call the parish office.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

Holy Tuesday

April 11th

C h r i s m M a s s

at the St. Paul Cathedral

- 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Adoration till 11:00 pm

Good Friday

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Way of the Cross**

- 3:00 p.m.

- 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

**Blessing of the Food
Easter Vigil**

- 2:00 pm

- 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m.

-11:00 a.m.

Food Bank Collection

This year during the Holy Thursday Mass we will be taking a collection of non- perishable food items for the poor. Father Martin will announce when the food will be brought up before the altar. This is a good occasion for our parish to help the poor of our community.

Holy Week Minister's List There is a list for the Holy Week celebrations at the back. Please sign up for the ministries and day you would like to take part of. Thank you.

Next Gift Card sales for will be on the weekends of April 8th & 9th and April 22nd & 23rd.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Apr 1 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention for a Friend – Fran Meunier	Fifth Sunday Of Lent
Apr 2 Sunday	9:00 am	Deceased Brenneis & Boissonnault Family -Shirley	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Apr 4 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Michelle Goulet – Mom & Dad	
Apr 5 Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) NO MASS (Church) NO MASS	
Apr 6 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Eddie & Denis Bachand – Solange & Family	
Apr 7 Friday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	RIP Maurice & Armand Tailleur - Family (Church) Stations of the Cross	1 st Friday
Apr 8 Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Herman & Germaine Bauwens – Paulette, Elaine & Darlene	Palm Sunday
Apr 9 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Rolande Himschoot - Family	
Apr 11 Tuesday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	NO MASS Chrism Mass in St. Paul	
Apr 12 Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) NO MASS (Church) NO MASS	
Apr 13 Thursday	10:00 am 7:00 pm after Mass- 11 pm	(Aspen) NO MASS For Vocations to the priesthood and religious life Adoration	Holy Thursday
Apr 14 Friday	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church) Way of the Cross	Good Friday
Apr 15 Saturday	2:00 pm 9:00 pm	Blessing Of The Food For God's blessings for Paige, Samantha & Taylor	Easter Vigil
Apr 16 Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am	RIP August Kieser & Denis Bachand – Celina & Sharon For Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



The Parish Office will be closed on the morning of April 13th and will be closed April 14th and will reopen on April 25th. If there is an urgent message please leave a message on the voice mail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- April 3rd, Monday 8:00 am
- April 10th, Monday 8:00 am

- Church