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EASTER VIGIL

VEILLÉE PASCALE

March 31



We have a faithful, loving and generous God.

It is through the waters of baptism that we are joined to Christ in his death, so that we can rise with him to new life. In confirmation, we are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit, as we are anointed with the Oil of Chrism. Our initiation is complete as we become partakers in the sacred meal of the body and blood of Christ.



**He is RISEN**

EASTER SUNDAY

JOUR DE PÂQUES

April - 1



Is it fact or fiction? The totality of our faith hinges on our fervent belief that the tomb is empty.

Saint Peter gives a summary of the Pascal Mystery in our reading from Acts. In the reading from Colossians, Paul reminds us that being raised in Christ calls us to a higher standard. In the Gospel, Mary Magdala does not go into the empty tomb right away, Instead, she seeks out Peter and the Beloved Disciple.

May Christ, who conquered evil, sin and death grant you the grace to believe in Him and love Him more; courage and strength to persevere on a journey following Him; and hope that in Him and through Him you can also be victorious in your lives and so to come to share His glory in heaven.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

Each year, we have the joy of celebrating Easter. Easter is the day that we as Christians celebrate Jesus rising miraculously from the dead!

Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was put to death on a cross. He was put to death as a criminal because He declared Himself to be God's Son. But even this was part of God's loving plan; He gave us His only Son to die on the cross in our place and take the penalty for our sins.

For three days, Jesus was in the tomb. But on the third day, He rose victorious from the dead! God raised Him up in victory over sin and hell and death. Today, Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. Some day we will see Him!

So Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. As He rose in victory over death, so we can live in victory because of Christ's resurrection power in our lives. We can have victory and newness of life because of Jesus in our lives! Because He lives, we can live also!

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. *(Diary 699)*

Jesus said to St. Faustina **"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You"**. *(Diary 327)* **"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water, which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."**



(Diary 299)

Sacrament Preparation Registration

We invite any students who are in **Grade 2 or older** and their parents to join us in beginning the faith journey in the preparation of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist to join us on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm** downstairs in the Rectory. Please note that this will be the only registration session and will include registration for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Parent meeting will be very short and Session 1 will follow the meeting

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: 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.

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 invite everyone to come during the day to spend some time with our Lord



April 2, the anniversary of the death of Saint John Paul II (2005), is civilly recognized in Canada. His liturgical Memorial is celebrated October 22, the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate, when the Church celebrates his life and witness.

Marriage Preparation 2018 New Date



There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

April 27th, 28th & 29th at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

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

Minister's List

The new Ministers list for April – June 2018 has been e-mailed to you this last week for those who do not receive e-mails there are photocopies for you at the back of the church.

Fable Gardens Hall (formerly the RC Parish Hall) is extending an invitation to the parishioners of St. Jean Baptiste Parish to an open house on Sunday April 8th from 10 am to 1 pm to see the refurbishing of the parish hall. The hall is now ready for bookings for weddings, banquets and other functions. Refreshments will be provided.

Search

We are excited to inform you about the upcoming Search Retreat Weekend, April 27-29, 2018 at Assumption Jr./Sr. High school in Cold Lake. Search, is an introduction to Christian Community, which invites youth ages 15-18 to explore and examine their faith among peers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. Our youth come together to journey towards Jesus. We do this through the use of speakers, discussions, games, prayer, celebrations, and the gifts and talents that God has given all individuals. For more information email search@stdominicparish.ca or see the poster posted on the youth bulletin board at the church.

Lectio Divina

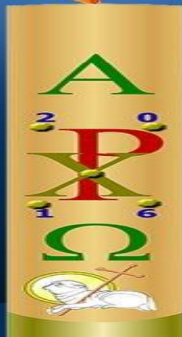
Wednesday, April 4th we will be meeting downstairs in the rectory from 7-8(approx.) Bring your bible and a small journal to write in. Refreshments and snacks to follow.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

LIGHT
The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

FIRE
It represents Christ's resurrection.

GRAINS OF INCENSE
They represent the 5 wounds of Christ.



ALPHA AND OMEGA
Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

CROSS
It represents Christ and his eternal light.

YEAR
It reminds us of God's presence here and now.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 31 Sat - sam	8:30 pm	Special Intention - Friend	Easter Vigil
Apr 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	Easter
	11:00 am	RIP Real Cormier – Alice Wojtkiw	Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
April 3 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
April 4 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) NO MASS	
April 5 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
April 6 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Albert & Jeanne VanHecke – Mark & Kerry	
April 7 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Joe Kieser – Anita de Ocampo	Divine
April 8 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Tom Sullivan – Grace Seal	Mercy
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Please Pray for...

✚ **Norm Potvin**, who passed away on March 22, 2018

His celebration of Life was held at our Parish on Wednesday March 28th, 2018

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES	Restoration \$ 530.00	March 25 th \$3070.55	THANK YOU! MERCI!
	Dev. & Peace \$ 215.00		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels - April 2nd, Monday 8:00 am - Church

THANK YOU, LORD,
for the gift of Your love.
May I be a shining
example of that love to others. Amen.



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday