

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Death with hope in resurrection is the central theme of the Scripture readings. In today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the final and greatest sign of Jesus, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of his victory over death at the cost of his own life and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Thus, *resurrection hope* is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises our participation in resurrection and new life. We need to be ready to welcome death any time. "Roll away the stone, [unbind him and let him go.](#)" We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred and uncontrollable anger and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt. If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair and unhappiness, let us ask Jesus during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our private life and liberate us from our tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, "Come out!" This is good news for all of us: "Lazarus, come out!" This can be the beginning of a new life.

Alexander the Great once found his philosopher friend Diogenes standing in a field, looking intently at a large pile of bones. Asked what he was doing, the old man turned to Alexander and replied, "I am searching for the bones of your father Philip, but I cannot distinguish them from the bones of the slaves." Alexander got the point: everyone is equal in death. From the greatest to the least, from the most beautiful to the most ordinary, death is the universal equalizer.

PRAYERS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON: Forgiving Jesus, we feel great comfort as we come closer to Easter. We are comforted in knowing that you have come to forgive us our sins, that you suffered and died for us, and that you offer us resurrection and eternal life. We are honoured to be called your disciples. We have great courage in knowing that we are Christians and can live our lives according to the path you set for us. We walk with you as you walk with us. Amen.

FATHER JUSTIN: We welcome Father Justin this weekend to celebrate our Sunday Masses and to continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with our Parish Mission. Thank you Father Justin for sharing your time and words of wisdom with us.

MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 1-9, 2017		
Saturday, April 1	5:15 p.m.	Intentions of Josie Bracamonte
Sunday, April 2	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mary Drake
Monday, April 3	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Tuesday, April 4	6:30 p.m.	Anelie Oducado
Wednesday, April 5	6:30 p.m.	Intentions of Joe Dilosa
NOTE CHANGE IN TIME		
Thursday, April 6	9:00 a.m.	Evan Warder
Friday, April 7	9:40 a.m.	Deceased members of the Iddon family – St. John Bosco School
Saturday, April 8 PALM SUNDAY	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Bernardo family
Sunday, April 9 PALM SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the McCrae family
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>Evan Warder</i>		
Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – March 26: \$3580.45	Operating Surplus: \$80.45

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, April 3	7:00 p.m.	PARISH MISSION
Tuesday, April 4	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
	7:00 p.m.	PARISH MISSION
Wednesday, April 5	7:00 p.m.	PARISH MISSION
Thursday, April 6	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 7	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Holy Hour in the Chapel
	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul Lunch
Saturday, April 8	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Family Catechism – St. John Bosco School

"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11.1-45

APRIL 2, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, April 8 5:15 p.m.	Mary MacDermott Anne Peace	Camille Ballantyne Joanne Story	Melinda Condon Carol Ravnaas	Samantha Glashan Allie White
Sunday, April 9 8:30 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd Margaret Bougie	Theresa Iddon Dave McCrae	Marguerite Whiteland Susan Visneski	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, April 9 10:00 a.m.	Donna Cody Mary Gilliard	Olga Brougham Larry Baldissera	Peter Verhoeven Deacon Shawn Souder	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan Joshua O'Keefe

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH MISSION
April 3 – 5, 2017

Our Parish Mission will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the main worship area. Father Justin will be available to hear Confessions during Mass. After Mass, Father Justin will present a talk based on prayer life. This is a great time to get close to God so please make the effort and find time to come and share this special time with us. Free will offering will be taken. On Wednesday at the conclusion of the Mission, a reception will follow.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please remember in your prayers the following: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Sr. Navina, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Harry Brand, Maurice Belec, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Fred Pankoski, Ursula Thompson and Heidi Reid.

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Let us pray that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATIONS: All celebrations start at 3:00 p.m.:
Sunday, April 2 St. Mark's, Prescott
Sunday, April 9 Holy Cross, Kemptville

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be No Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this week due to the Parish Mission.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND WITH PALM SUNDAY: Holy Week is the week, which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: and prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating in April:

Robert & Darlyne Beaudry	60 years	April 6
Kenneth & Marlene O'Grady	56 years	April 8
Roger & Helene Wooller	48 years	April 10
Laurens & Elizabeth de Kleine	50 years	April 15

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AT EASTER: Parishioners are invited to donate an Easter flower of your choice in memory of a loved one to decorate the altar for Easter. Please leave a memorial card with the name of your loved one and the donor at the office so that it may be listed in the bulletin. Flowers may be dropped off any time during **Holy Week – April 9-13** during office hours.

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND WASHING OF THE FEET: During the Holy Thursday Mass, the Washing of Feet, which represents the service and charity of Christ, takes place. In the procession of the gifts at this Mass, the gifts to the poor will be included. This is when the total parish gift for Development and Peace will be presented and food donations will be accepted to the Food Bank. **We need twelve volunteers to have their feet washed as part of the Holy Thursday celebrations. Anyone is welcome – man, woman, child, young or old, may participate. Please call the office at 613-342-5095 by Wednesday April 12 if you are interested.**

CHRISM MASS: Archbishop O'Brien and the clergy of the Archdiocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.** This Mass is a manifestation of the communion of the clergy with their Archbishop and, at this celebration, all priests and deacons will renew their ordination promises. Everyone is called to pray for our clergy that they may remain faithful ministers of Christ. In addition, at this Mass, the oils used for the Sacramental life of the Church will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien and distributed to each Parish and Institutions in our Archdiocese. A reception will follow at École Cathédrale. All are invited to participate in this special celebration.

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