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MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



Bishop: Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm
Mass Times: Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am
Admin. Assistant: Maryann Clancy
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm
Knights of Col.: Ray Johnston
CWL: Annette Dunford
Hall Rental: Contact Parish Office

Marriage: By arrangement (min. 6 months prior)
Baptism: By arrangement with the Parish Office
Reconciliation: Sat 4:00—4:30 pm or by appointment
Home Communion: Anytime upon request
Music Ministry: Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson
Cemetery Board: Bob Condon 705-772-6071
Diocese Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org
St. Joseph's School: Principal: Mark Collins 705-652-3961

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

March 23, 24 Palm Sunday



"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on Palm Sunday!
To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us.
 No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.
 If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

Monday	March 25	2:00 pm	Chrism Mass at St. Peter in Chains
Tuesday	March 26	8:30 am	† John Allen by Bernard & Lise Leahy
Wednesday	March 27	8:30 am	† Gary Prince by Doug & Dorothy Perdue and Family
Thursday	March 28	6:30 pm	Holy Thursday For a Special Intention by a parishioner
Friday	March 29	3:00 pm	Good Friday Passion of our Lord
Saturday	March 30	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil People of the Parish
Sunday	March 31	10:00 am	† Cody Bartlett by the parents † For those remembered by Easter Flowers.

We are currently booking masses in April.

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Mar 23, 24	Gerard Sullivan Larry Carlow	Bernard Leahy Mike Moloney
Holy Thursday	Bob Condon	
Good Friday	Michelle Towns	Joanne Armstrong
Easter Vigil	Kelly Towns	Tom McInnis
Easter Sunday		Sharon Moloney
EUCCHARIST		
Mar 23, 24	Dcn Paul Dunford	Dcn Paul Dunford
Holy Thursday	Dcn Paul Dunford	
Good Friday	Dcn Paul Dunford	Annette Dunford
Easter Sunday		Dcn Paul Dunford
USHERS		
Mar 23, 24	Gerald Heffernan	Jim Holland
Mar 30, 31	Murray Carlow	Mike Moloney
CLEANERS		
Week of Mar 25	Jean Heffernan	Rosmary Towns
Week of April 1	Dorothy Perdue	Bernice Heffernan

THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS
 MARCH 23-29; NO INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK



THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS
 LIGHTED MARCH 23-29; NO INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK



PRAYING FOR OUR LOVED ONES

The health of **David Rundle, Joe Ross, Jack Holland and Patti Simmons.**

Let us also keep in our prayers those in Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences or are shut-ins.

If there is someone you wish to add to our prayer list, please contact the office. Thank you and Peace.



WORK CONTINUES

on the Accessible Washroom. The church bathroom will not be available during this period of construction. Sorry for the inconvenience. The work is going along very well.



NEW SCHEDULES

for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are available for pick up at the back of the church

Palm Sunday – Would You Change Anything?

Who we are today is the culmination of what we have experienced; things both within and outside of our control. Remove even one thing, might have a life altering effect, for better or worse. Perhaps what is essential is to acknowledge that the choices we have made, were ours, and ours alone. Of course we are influenced and at times pressured to say, to do, or to be something that does not entirely align with who we are, but even then, to give in and over to another is still my choice. If this is true, I may be better able at catching myself from saying, "I had no choice." There is always a choice, as to how I react or how I respond. In the end the real question becomes, which choice can I live with?

When Jesus, along with his disciples and the supportive crowd entered Jerusalem to celebrate the Holy Feast of Passover, he was positioned to bring about a massive change in the lives of many. The vast majority who followed him were those wanting him to buy into their plans as to what the "new kingdom" would look like. In truth, it would look a great deal like the present kingdom that was oppressing them, only now they would be in charge, having all the power. But there was a smaller group, the religious leaders of the time, who for the most part did not appreciate what Jesus was saying or doing, because they read the signs of the times, and they were about to become obsolete. What is curious, is that they actually understood Jesus better than the crowds, yet they still failed to appreciate that the kingdom of God that he was proposing, was unlike anything they or the crowd could imagine. They all had it wrong. It was never about having power or authority over another, the us or them dichotomy, the haves or have nots, but it would be the end of cultural, social, economic, political and religious differences and silo mentalities. But this would never happen, because the people chose not to understand his message.

Jesus had a choice to make. Pull back, be a little less direct, water down his message so it was not so challenging, allowing the people to gradually get it, or, go for broke. He chose the latter, not because he had a death wish, but it was what he believed, and to do anything other or less, he could not live with it.

No one forced him to do anything. He freely chose his path, his words, his life. He fully appreciated that there is something worth much more than preserving one's life, even for one more day, and that is to be sincere, honest, genuine and true. When we live in the same manner, our lives are not measured by the length of ones'

life, but the quality of each moment. Jesus had the foresight to see what was going to happen to him, and still, he would not change a single thing. He made mindful and intentional choices for the good and the well-being of everyone. We are just as capable of doing the same because we have the freedom within us to do so. What are we prepared to live with, and what are we prepared to die for?

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS, MONDAY MARCH 25TH, 2:00pm

St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral

Holy Thursday Mass, March 28th, 6:30pm

Good Friday Service, March 29th, 3:00pm

Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday, March 30th, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 10:00am

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO MAY FEEL CALLED TO BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR.

There will be a welcoming and training session held after Easter. Please call the office if you have an interest in either of these two ministries.



WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGH PETERBOROUGH

The annual Way of the Cross will be taking place on Good Friday (March 29th), beginning at the Cathedral of St.

Peter-in-Chains (411 Reid Street) at 10:00 AM. Young people will re-enact the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Downtown Peterborough finishing at Immaculate Conception Parish (386 Rogers Street). All are welcome to join in this deeply moving experience. Shuttle services will be made available for those with mobility concerns.

GALA DINNER---25TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting a gala dinner for Fr. Joseph Devereaux on the occasion of his 25th year of priesthood. Saturday April 6, 5:30 pm, at Dreamland Resort, 885 River Rd, Hastings. Dinner, silent auction, and guest speaker will be held in support of his studies at Pope Leo XIII Institute. Tickets are \$125. To sponsor clergy and religious \$50. For tickets: Jennifer Seymour, 647-261-2230; office@ladyofmountcarmelhastings.ca

CWL SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph's Douro will be celebrating our 90th Year as a Council. We have chosen June 9th to celebrate this event with a Mass, and then a gathering following on the church grounds.

Parish Stewardship

Mar. 17th, \$2,683 including \$834 of pre-authorized offering
 We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

