

March 25,  
2018

Palm Sunday  
Hosanna To The King of Kings



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 24 TO APRIL 1**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
4:30 pm	Walter Gerbec		Bill & Maureen Kelly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 25</b>		
9:00 am	Pina Pendino		The Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 26</b>		
8:30 am	Frank Pulice & family (L)		Rina Reda & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>		
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral		The Cabral family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 28</b>		
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli		Estate
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 29</b>		
8:00 pm	Anna Gallo		Anna Donald
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>EASTER</b>	
8:00 pm	Lory & Arno Bellagamba		Ernesta Bellagamba
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 1</b>	<b>(Church)</b>	
9:00 am	Terry Hayes		Claire & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 1</b>	<b>(Hall)</b>	
9:00 am	Jack Scimone		Connie Scimone
11:00 am	Maria & Victor Kozlowski		Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

March 25: Shelamma Joseph, requested by her son & family

April 1: Cizaltina Pereira Cabral, requested by her family

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: **Maria Trozzo**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAR. 18/19**

Offerings: \$4, 942.90      Development and Peace: \$1, 700.00

Next special collections: **Holy Thursday and Good Friday (Holy Land)**

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land who depend on this collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

*With gratitude,*

Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM

*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*



## **THE WEEK OF SALVATION**

**Holy Week** is the most sacred time of the Church year, when we commemorate the last week of Jesus' life on earth on the days leading up to Easter. It begins with Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central features of the service on this day are the procession with the blessed palms and the reading of the Gospel of the Passion.

The Easter Triduum, the three days just before Easter Sunday, begins with Holy Thursday, when we 'represent' the Last Supper. The priest washes the feet of some parishioners, just as Jesus did. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood.

**On Good Friday**, day of Jesus' crucifixion and death, we again read the Passion, and then venerate the Cross at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He died), by kissing the Cross to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from Holy Thursday, reserved in the tabernacle of repose.

**On Holy Saturday**, we keep watch for the rising of Our Saviour. On this day He went down to the netherworld to bring with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Until this time, the gates to heaven were closed because of the Original Sin of Adam. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, Jesus gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more.

**The Easter Triduum** is an intense immersion in the mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His Resurrection. Holy Week is a time when our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that we may be worthy to wear the crown He wore.

*~ Grace D. MacKinnon*

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS AT ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH**

All are welcome to join us on April 8, for Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at St. John Fisher Parish, 120 Summerhill Avenue. On this day, we will contemplate the Mystery of Redemption as the greatest revelation of Divine Mercy towards us. The Divine Mercy devotions program is as follows:

- 2:00 p.m. DVD presentation "Tell All Souls About My Mercy"
- 2:30 p.m. Silent Adoration & Confessions
- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to the Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Benediction

**BECKET'S 2018 MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by five? Join us at our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee on April 20 & 21. Sign up with Rina at 514-915-7586.

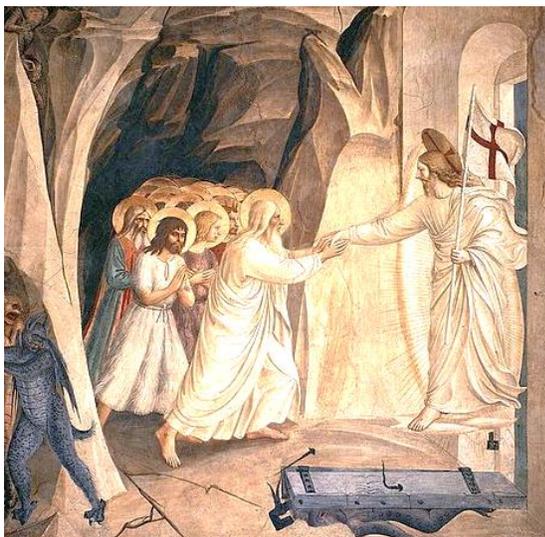
**EASTER TULIPS** will be available for sale on Easter Sunday morning after Masses. Proceeds go to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make our St. Patrick's Pub Night a great success. A great time was had by all. We raised \$1,730.00, which will go towards new chairs for the parish hall.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** coffee, jam, K.D., jello/pudding tinned stew, tinned chicken & ham, tinned gravy, tomato paste, toilet paper. Thank you for your generosity!

**UPRIGHT FREEZER NEEDED** for parish hall. Please contact the office 514-626-4111.

## “CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL” (APOSTLE’S CREED)



In the Apostle’s Creed we say, “Christ descended into hell”. Isn’t that contrary to Scripture? This is Holy Week, the most sacred time for every Christian, where we commemorate the final days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Where does it say in the Bible that Christ descended into hell after His death? Christ Himself declares his power over hell in Revelation 1:17-18 “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

Actually, Christ's descent into Hell is mentioned in Scripture, in 1 Peter 3:18-22: “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometimes were disobedient...” This is called the “harrowing of Hell,” suggesting that Christ came as a victor and a liberator. St. Peter seems to treat this harrowing of Hell as something more or less understood by the early Christians: the Apostle's Creed confirms and explains what that early consensus was. So in fact, the Bible and the Apostle's Creed agree.

Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell"---Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek---because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom". As the Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses it: "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell." Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before Him because only it affirms that only through Jesus Salvation can be attained like Jesus says: “I am the Way, I am the Truth and I am the Life.” This is what the Apostle's Creed means when it says that Jesus “descended into hell.” And as you can see, it's quite consistent with Scripture.

***“Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.”***

*~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

**WAY OF THE CROSS 2018** Our annual Way of the Cross will be held on Good Friday morning, led by our Archbishop, Msgr. Christian Lépine, in the streets and churches of Old Montreal.

The event will start at 9:30 a.m. on March 30, in the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel and will conclude approximately at noontime in the Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information  
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