

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 27 TO MAY 5

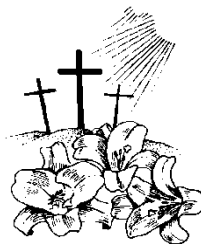
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Saturday	Apr. 27	Second Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Anello & Francesca Pedicelli	Scartozzi Family
Sunday	Apr. 28	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Hugh Martin	Brues Family
Monday	Apr. 29	
8:30 am	Alex Della Rocca	Yucca Bocarro
Tuesday	Apr. 30	
8:30 am	Alex Della Rocca	Kathie Tobin
Wednesday	May 1	
8:30 am	Diamante Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca & family
Thursday	May 2	
8:30 am	Alex Della Rocca	Becket's CWL
Friday	May 3	
8:30 am	Nina & Jeanine Gallo	Anna Donald
Saturday	May 4	The Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Stanley Szuszkowski	Linda & family
Sunday	May 5	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Christopher Sebastian	The Koikaran Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

April 28: Theresa & Bonnie Haselden, Katarina & Nikola Bogut

May 5: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie



THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS!

Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessings upon those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Deceased parents of Barbara & Martin VanLierop, Ray Rush & Heald Family, Agnes O'Donnell, Jane & Peter Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Mary Montgomery, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Del Fabbro, Mary Hyjek, Ernesto Spadafora, Mary & Mike Saukas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Holy Thursday: \$1, 470.00 Good Friday: \$2, 407.00

Easter Sunday \$12, 337.00

MAKING WISE DECISIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES Sunday, May 5, 12 noon, in the parish hall. Rideau Memorial Gardens is offering a free presentation on the cost of funerals, prearrangements, funeral planning. Light refreshments offered.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Maddalena Nitti Saluzzi*, mother of Mary, Cathy & Joey, *Jil Johansson*, wife of John Payette.

“JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU”



Devotion to the Divine Mercy was promoted by Sister Faustina Kowalska, canonized on April 30, 2000. Pope St. John Paul chose that day to announce that, "Throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will be given the name Divine Mercy Sunday." The essential and fundamental characteristic of devotion to the Divine Mercy is trust in Jesus. "Mercy," said Pope John Paul, "is an indispensable dimension of love; it is, as it were, love's second name and, at the same time, the specific manner in which love is revealed and effected vis-à-vis the reality of the evil that is in the world, affecting and besieging man, insinuating itself even into his heart." In the face of all the manifestations of physical and moral

evil, before all the threats that cloud the whole horizon of the life of humanity today, the Church—professing mercy and remaining always faithful to it—has the right and the duty to call upon the mercy of God. Let us ... boldly proclaim that "God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us, he brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin" (Eph 2:4-5). May Mary, Mother of the Crucified and Risen One and our most merciful Mother too, "continue by her manifold intercession to obtain for us the graces of eternal salvation" (Lumen Gentium, 62).

~ Cardinal Justin Rigali

HOW TO SAY THE CHAPLET OF MERCY:

This chaplet only takes a few minutes to say, on ordinary rosary beads.

First, say one "Our Father," one "Hail Mary," and one "Apostles' Creed."

Then, on the large beads of the rosary, say the prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

*R*in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the ten small beads, pray:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion . . .

*R*have mercy on us and on the whole world.

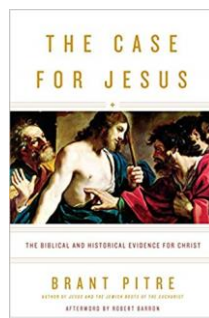
After reciting all five decades this way, end by repeating, three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One:

*R*have mercy on us and on the whole world.



WORTHWHILE READING



The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ, by Brant Pitre

For well over a hundred years now, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. In *The Case for Jesus*, Dr. Brant Pitre, the bestselling author of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, goes back to the sources—the biblical and historical evidence for Christ—in order to answer these and other key questions. "This

book will prove to be a most effective weapon... against the debunking and skeptical attitudes toward the Gospels that are so prevalent, not only in academe, but also on the street, among young people who, sadly, are leaving the Churches in droves."

~ Bishop Robert Barron



OTTAWA - THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

Quebec Life Coalition invites you to join the annual National March for Life, a peaceful demonstration of thousands of people who gather on Parliament Hill to demand protection for the unborn. Coach bus available: \$40/\$50 RSVP (438) 930-8643 or (514) 344-2686.

WHERE IS YOUR EASTER JOY?



The English writer C. S. Lewis described his conversion to Christianity as being “**surprised by joy.**” Lewis had a very particular understanding of joy, which he carefully distinguished from both happiness and pleasure. Joy comes with the satisfaction of our **deepest desires.** Joy is what we long for always and rarely find. It is the experience of genuine **unity** and **harmony** with the world around us. It is the intimate **connection** with a person that makes us feel whole and complete as human beings.

The history of Christianity can be said to begin with joy — the greeting of the angel to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you news of great joy” (Lk. 2:10). And, of course, the **most profound** experience of joy is found in the Easter mystery — Jesus’ victory over sin and death in the Resurrection. Here the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and in Jerusalem and Galilee, encounter the Risen Lord and find their deepest longings fulfilled and their hearts burning within them. The **Oxford Dictionary** defines joy as “vivid pleasure arising from a sense of well-being or satisfaction.” We might say that it is the opposite of **restless anxiety or fear.** Joy fills the emptiness in the pit of our stomachs. It causes us to feel that our unnamed fears are groundless. Joy counteracts our tendency to be constantly **worried and depressed** about the sad state of affairs the world has come to (again). Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, like the saints throughout Christian history, like C. S. Lewis and countless other lost souls who are restless and filled with longing, joy takes us by surprise. We are **amazed** by the grace of God that comforts us and fills our hearts with **peace.**

Why, then, are so many of us Christians still **lost?** Why is there so much **bitterness** and **anxiety** among us? Why do we still feel **desperate** and **afraid?** Why do we bicker and quarrel among ourselves? Have we forgotten the hope we received at Christmas? Have we lost all sense of **Easter joy?**

The fear and anxiety we Christians feel today stems from a **lack of faith.** Like the disciples, we fail to comprehend how God works in our world — bringing light into our darkness and healing into our **brokenness.** And we fail to listen for the “stronger voice of faith” among all the negative messages of doubt and despair in our world today.

Christians in the 21st century (as in every age) have been given the **gift of joy.** We have experienced, in a provisional way, what it means to be fully satisfied, to know lasting peace and to find true love. We are called to be **stewards** of the joy we have received in Christ — to nurture and develop it and to share it generously with others. This Easter season, let us be joyful stewards of the gift of faith. Let us celebrate the Lord’s resurrection by being grateful, generous & responsible stewards of the Mystery of **God’s love,** which has saved us and set us free. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE of St. Thomas à Becket is hosting an International Fiesta Dinner on Saturday, May 4, 6:30-11pm in the parish hall. Enjoy cuisine of the many cultures present in our community, as well as entertainment, raffle prizes and dancing. Part of the proceeds will go to support our parish and Angels of Mercy. Tickets \$25. Michelle 514-862-5591 or Catherine 514-463-5991.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL (ESCC) is a lay organization serving the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal. The ESCC is conducting a survey in the English-speaking parishes to determine if parishioners who are new in Quebec look to their parishes for support as they adjust to life in Quebec. This short, anonymous survey can be completed by new, or long-time parishioners. All responses will help us to determine how parishes can better assist new parishioners, and help our communities become vital places of welcome. Thank you for your cooperation! link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PDCBHN9>