

4th Sunday of Lent - March 22nd, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS



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WHEN THE CLOSURES ARE LIFTED

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY WEEKLY EVENTS DURING LENT

All activities are cancelled until April 5th

YOUR OFFERINGS:

Offering for March 7/8 **\$1,918.80**
Thank you for your generosity and support

Please remember that although there are no masses or collections during this time of closure, the Parish still has commitments that must be met.

Parishioners wishing to contribute should mail in their envelopes, or drop them off in the office mail slot.

Also as the church is open from 9:00 am to 12:00 each day except Mondays and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Tuesday to Fridays, parishioners can also make contributions in a collection basket in the church. (It is preferable that contributions be made by check).

HOLY WEEK

(depending on closures)

Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 pm

Christ Mass at Notre Dame Basilica

Wednesday, April 8th at 9:15 am - Mass

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm

*Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of the feet
Silent Adoration 7:30 to 10:00 pm*

Friday, April 10th

9:30 am: Children's Liturgy

3:00 pm: Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 11th at 8:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass:

A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story.

(Please note there is no 5:00 pm. Mass today)

Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

*****Incense will be used at the liturgies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday**

Pastor's Messages

Love Alone Overcomes Fear

Dear beloved Parishioners, it's hard to understand the meaning and purpose of all that is happening to us these days. I found a piece of reflection of Richard Rohr about COVID-19 that goes very much to what I feel. I'm sure it will enrich you too in the present situation through this unique means of communication. He writes as follows: - It is shocking to think how much the world has changed in such a brief time. Each of us has had our lives and communities disrupted. Of course, I am here in this with you. I feel that I'm in no position to tell you how to feel or how to think, but there are a few things that come to mind I will share.

A few days ago, I was encouraged by the Franciscans and by the leadership team here at the CAC to self-quarantine, so I've been in my little hermitage now for three or four days. I've had years of practice, literally, how to do what we are calling "social distancing." Right now, I'm trying to take in psychologically, spiritually, and personally, what is God trying to say? When I use that phrase, I'm not saying that God causes suffering to teach us good things. But God does use everything, and if God wanted us to experience global solidarity, I can't think of a better way. We all have access to this suffering, and it bypasses race, gender, religion, and nation. We are in the midst of a highly teachable moment. There's no doubt that this period will be referred to for the rest of our lifetimes. We have a chance to go deep, and to go broad. Globally, we're in this together. Depth is being forced on us by great suffering, which as I like to say, always leads to great love.

But for God to reach us, we have to allow suffering to wound us. Now is no time for an academic solidarity with the world. Real solidarity needs to be felt and suffered. That's the real meaning of the word "suffer" - to allow someone else's pain to influence us in a real way. We need to move beyond our own personal feelings and take in the whole. This, I must say, is one of the gifts of television: we can turn it on and see how people in countries other than our own are hurting. What is going to happen to those living in isolated places or for those who don't have health care? Imagine the fragility of the most marginalized, of people in prisons, the homeless, or even the people performing necessary services, such as ambulance drivers, nurses, and doctors, risking their lives to keep society

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together? Our feelings of urgency and devastation are not exaggeration: they are responding to the real human situation. We're not pushing the panic button; we are the panic button. And we have to allow these feelings, and invite God's presence to hold and sustain us in a time of collective prayer and lament.

I hope this experience will force our attention outwards to the suffering of the most vulnerable. Love always means going beyond yourself to otherness. It takes two. There has to be the lover and the beloved. We must be stretched to an encounter with otherness, and only then do we know it's love. This is what we call the subject-subject relationship. Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF

cancelled CONFIRMATION

PREPARATION MASS! The next preparation mass will be on **Sunday, March 29th, 2020**.

Please arrive by 1:15 pm so that attendance can be taken. We look forward to seeing you all there.

cancelled HOLY CROSS LENTEN

RETREAT - at 685 Walkley Road, **March 23 & 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**. Preacher: Deacon Marc Gauthier.

Theme: *What Does God want from you? Why does it matter?* Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 24th. Free will offering gratefully accepted. Info: 613-731-7834



Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:

Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce & Bob Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jean-Paul Tremblay, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane Cameron, Eddy Proulx and Rod Bourgeois.

Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)



Knights of Columbus 2020 Charities Lottery - 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 In support

of Special Olympics Ontario, Arthritis & Local Charity.

40 CANS OF SOUP FOR LENT - FOOD FOR FAMILIES

A food drive organized by the Knights of Columbus . . . Share in the spirit of Lent by simply donating **one can of food for each day of Lent**.

The 40 cans of food may also be as non-perishable items or cash. Donations may be made during the times that the church is open for personal prayer. All donations will be blessed before distributing to the poor.

Wishing you all a Holy and Blessed Lent

NORTH OF 60 PROJECT - St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection for Rankin Inlet.

The Society invites you to donate specific food items that will be shipped to Rankin Inlet by sea container in June. The items requested from our area are:

Cake and cookie mixes

Ramen noodles

Lipton soup mixes.

cancelled BY MY SIDE - A Program of Spiritual Friendship and Healing for

Separated and Divorced Catholics: Led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, the program is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Info: www.bymyside.ca; Mary Jane Manley 613-294-1308. Cost \$40 for 6 weeks. At **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church hall, 1153 Wellington Street West.**

For women, starts **Tuesday, March 24th 7-9 pm**

For men, starts **Thursday, March 26th 7-9 pm**

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving.

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

St. Benedict