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Passion Sunday & Easter Sunday

March 29th & April 5th, 2015

**dimanche des Rameaux et de la
Passion & Pascale**



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

"Dear children! You are not aware of the graces that you are living at this time in which the Most High is giving you signs for you to open and convert. Return to God and to prayer, and may prayer begin to reign in your hearts, families and communities, so that the Holy Spirit may lead and inspire you to every day be more open to God's will and to His plan for each of you. I am with you and with the saints and angels intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."*medjugorie.org*

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday. Thank You! Through your generosity \$1200.00 was collected in our parish. This will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Elders Evangelizing: Handing on the Faith

Dr. Glenn Byer,

Associate Publisher Novalis Publishing

Sixth Diocesan Assembly

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Registration and coffee 8:30 am

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Mass at 11:30 am followed by lunch

Afternoon session 1:30pm-4:30pm.

at the St. Edouard Renewal Center

Register by April 27th, 2015

yvettenoel@dioceseofstpaul.ca (780) 645 – 3277

Registration forms are at the back of the Church

An Invitation from the Bishop



You are most cordially invited to attend Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 31st, 2015.

This diocesan celebration will be held at **7:30 pm at the cathedral in St. Paul.**

Chrism Mass is concelebrated by the Bishop and the priests from all parts of the diocese. It is a sign of unity and communion between the priests and their Bishop and

all members of the diocese, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful.

From the Diocese of Calgary

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary will be hosting the biennial Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference from June 12-14, 2015 in Calgary, with Cardinal Thomas Collins and Bishop Robert Morneau as keynote speakers.

Stewardship has the potential to ignite the clergy and laity in our dioceses and parishes to greater service within the parish and community by discovering the spirituality of stewardship. This spirituality causes one to grow closer to Christ, and to deepen our "attitude of gratitude". This can transform us from giving to needs to needing to give families, parishes and communities. This transformation has an evangelizing effect by radiating to others the joy of stewardship.

There is a poster at the back of the church or the website is www.wccsc.ca. Early bird fees until April 30th, 2015.

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. If you've never celebrated it, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, your bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.



Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were consecrating chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955 we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the chrism that the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

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Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, Jesus established the Eucharist and the Priesthood, two of the most important aspects of the Mass. He asked his followers to continue to celebrate this in memory of Him. Every Year we are invited to pray for all priests, especially those, who have served us and ministered sacraments to us over the years.

Washing Feet

“No shirt, no shoes, no service.”

Restaurants often display this sign to show who's not welcome at their table.

A sign at the Last Supper could have read, “No shirt, no shoes = service.” It would have shown who was welcome at the table.



One of the most striking scenes at the Last Supper happens when Jesus pulls off his tunic, has the disciples remove their sandals, and begins a service like none other — washing feet. The episode, which occurs only in John's Gospel, comes where we expect to find Jesus' most famous line from the Last Supper. “This is my body. This is my blood.” Instead of pointing at the bread and wine, he gives an example of service. We begin to see that Eucharist involves more than food and

drink — it involves commitment, community, faith and selflessness. Other New Testament writers tell us Jesus said, “Do this,” in reference to the celebration of the Eucharist. John’s Jesus says it in reference to the service of washing feet.

For this reason, the liturgy of Holy Thursday invites us to imitate literally the example of Jesus. The presider may wash the feet of members of the community. In this act, the local church witnesses the selfless service of Christ and sees an example of faith in action. If we are believers, if we share in the bread and the cup, then we also share in service.

Sometimes we hear the complaint that the washing of the feet is too old-fashioned, that it doesn’t fit our modern culture. Sometimes we search for a more meaningful adaptation washing hands, or shining shoes! But it’s hard to beat the shocking humility of the original gesture. It didn’t fit Jesus’ culture very well either. Peter objected to the whole idea. The service to which Jesus calls us also doesn’t fit the culture. Businesses may call it service, but they charge us even if it’s self-service. The service of the Gospel is freely given.

Holy Thursday invites us to the table not as guests who dine and run, but as hosts who eat and serve. The meal isn’t over till the cleanup.

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Cross

A cross often dominates the sanctuary of a Catholic Church. We trace its lines at the beginning and end of every Mass and we venerate it every Good Friday. On solemn occasions we incense the cross, even if it stands separate from the altar, to signify our respect for the suffering and death of Jesus.



For centuries the location of the cross never varied in a Catholic Church. It rested on or above the altar against the back wall. Then in the 1960s we allowed the altar to come forward. This happily brought priest and people face to face around the table of the Eucharist, but the cross needed a new home. Resting on the altar or suspended above it, the cross might obstruct everybody’s view. Besides, the top of the altar itself is reserved for the most important elements of the Mass, bread and wine and whatever else is absolutely necessary, like the book from which the priest prays.

The liturgy permits the use of a processional cross. If your parish wishes, you may lead the entrance procession into the church with the cross flanked by candles. Incense may prepare its way.

When the cross leads the procession, it animates the first action of the Mass, even before we mark ourselves with its sign at the first words we speak. Once inside, the cross may stand somewhere near the altar. Its position may vary, depending on where other objects occupy the sanctuary.

Our church urges us to avoid duplicating images where we pray - having two or more statues of the same saint. For that reason, parishes that elect to lead processions with the cross need not provide another cross on the wall of the church. The processional cross that first draws our eyes in the service keeps them focused on Christ throughout.

The main cross of the church should carry the image of Christ crucified. A good cross is one that brings harmony to the sanctuary and inspires devotion among the people.

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The Easter Candle

The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes, which long to behold the glory of God.

The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness that belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols that enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the coffin and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

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Exsultet

On special family days you bring out the best stuff - decorations, place settings and clothes that don't get used on other days of the year. We keep some treasures hidden away and bring them out for only the most important occasions. If you miss the celebration for some reason, you won't enjoy the treats it brings for another year.



The Exsultet, or “the Easter proclamation,” is one of those special treasures owned by our church family. We bring it out once a year at our most important celebration, the Easter Vigil. If you miss the Vigil, you don't get to enjoy it till next year.

The Exsultet proclaims the meaning of Easter. It was written to be sung by a deacon at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It comes during the first part of the service, the fire rite. The Vigil begins outdoors where a new fire is blessed and the new Easter candle is lit for the first time. Then the assembly processes into the church, carrying tapers lit from the same fire and proclaiming, “Christ our light! Thanks be to God!”

Once inside, in a church aglow with new light, we hear the meaning of this night in the Exsultet. First the proclamation calls on the angels, the earth and the church to rejoice. “Jesus

Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!” Then it begins to sound like a preface. “It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God.”

Finally the Exsultet tells us how special this night is: “This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain.” The Easter Vigil celebrates the Christian passover, complete with banquet, freedom from slavery, light from darkness, cleansing from sin, restoration of holiness, and resurrection from death.

No wonder the Exsultet proclaims the sin of Adam to be a “happy fault,” “a necessary sin.” Because of Adam’s fall, we have been restored at Easter through Christ.

The Exsultet may be sung by someone other than the deacon if he lacks the skills to sing or if you lack a deacon. It has a long and short form. The people may sing acclamations along the way. It proclaims the meaning of Easter, so we save it for this, the single most important night of the Christian year.

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Holy Water

Holy water will be flowing freely from every font after the Easter Vigil this year. Most churches keep holy water on hand either in the baptistry or in a separate covered font so the faithful have ready access to it. A priest or deacon may pray the church’s water blessing at any time of year, but the blessing of all blessings happens at the Easter Vigil.



Baptism is the sacrament that opens the door to the others and incorporates us into the Body of Christ. So solemn is the rite, so rich its meaning, that we first bless its water. We pray that the Holy Spirit will vivify the water, making it fit for its holy purpose.

Holy water, quite simply, is leftover baptismal water. We set it by the doors of the church and bring it to our homes because it will remind us of our baptism.

The water we bless at Easter usually doesn’t last the whole year. In the old days, we used to have a second water blessing on Pentecost to boost the supply. Now there are several occasions when we bless water. For example, a water blessing and sprinkling can replace the penitential rite on any Sunday. On those days when the priest walks around sprinkling you with water at the beginning of Mass, he’s not just playing games. He’s making the connection between that Sunday and Easter, days of baptism, faith, and new life.

Other occasions for blessing water include the rite of infant baptism or a prayer service just to bless water as found in the Book of Blessings. The blessing should be a public event, not a private prayer in the sacristy. That way we can all join in the prayer and the renewal of our baptism.

Ideally, the water we bless on Easter will at least last throughout the Easter season. During the Easter season we have alternate prayers for the sprinkling that replace Sunday’s penitential rite, and for the blessing of water at infant baptism. The prayers assume that we’re using water that was already blessed at the Vigil.

Whenever you use holy water, whether walking into church, sprinkling your home, or burying the dead, it will always remind us of what happens this Easter throughout the church, the baptism that makes us members of the household of God.

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OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Tuesday

March 31st

C h r i s m M a s s

in the St. Paul Cathedral

- 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Adoration till 11:00 pm

Good Friday

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Way of the Cross**

- 3:00 p.m.

- 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

**Blessing of the Food
Easter Vigil**

- 2:00 pm

- 9:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m.

-11:00 a.m.

Food Bank Collection

This year during the Holy Thursday Mass we will be taking a collection of non- perishable food items for the poor. Father Martin will announce when the food will be brought up before the altar. This is a good occasion for our parish to help the poor of our community.

Holy Week Minister's List

There is a list for the Holy Week celebrations at the back. There is still a need for some ministries to be sign up for. Please check the list at the back. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation Session There will be a Baptism preparation class for those who are planning a baptism of their babies. It will take place on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm in the Downstairs Rectory. Please call the Parish office at 780-939-4412 to register prior to the session.

Mark Mallett Concert

Mark your calendars Mark Mallett will be giving a concert here at our Parish on Saturday April 25th, 2015 at 7:00 pm. This is an event that is suitable for all ages; with uplifting & beautiful music with Catholic spirituality with a Eucharistic focus. There is no fee for this concert there will be a Free Will Offering with envelopes provided. More info to follow in the

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday April 2nd and will reopen on Wednesday April 8th. If there is an urgent message please leave a message on the voice mail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KC Breakfast	- March 29 th 9 am – 12:30 pm	- Rendez-Vous centre
Dust Angels	- March 30 th Monday DAY OFF	DAY OFF
Dust Angels	- April 8th Wednesday 8:00 am	- Church
Parish Council Meeting	- April 8 th Wednesday 4:00 pm	- Rectory Boardroom
CWL Meeting	- April 9 th , Thurs 7:00 pm	- CWL Boardroom Parish Hall

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 28 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Mar 29 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Leon Schlachter (7 th Anniv) – Frank & Ellen	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Mar 31 Tues - mar	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in St. Paul	
Apr 1 Wed - mer	10:00 am	Lodge RIP Simonne Carriere – Family & Friends	
	7:00 pm	Church RIP Armand Tailleur – Family & Friends	
Apr 2 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	Aspen Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Holy Thursday 
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper For vocations to the priesthood and religious life <i>after Mass till 11 pm</i> Time for prayer and being with Jesus in front to the Blessed Sacrament	
Apr 3 Fri - ven	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday 
	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross	
Apr 4 Sat - sam	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Food	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
	9:30 pm	For God's blessing upon Jeremy Cooper and his family	
Apr 5 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Marlene Bokenfohr – Jeff & Family	Easter Sunday
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Apr 7 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Apr 8 Wed - mer	10:00 am	Lodge RIP Cecile Demers – Family & Friends	
	7:00 pm	Church RIP Jeanine LaPierre – Gerard Pilote	
Apr 9 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	Aspen RIP Auguste Champagne- Family & Friends	
Apr 10 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Marie Vansevenandt– Mom, Dad & Family	
Apr 11 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	
Apr 12 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Louis Allarie – Frank & Ellen	
	11:00 am	RIP Rolande Himschoot - Family	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Ryker Tailleur. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers.