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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Deacon Terry Murphy

There are two privileges given to deacons: the ability to preside at Baptisms and wake services. At Baptisms and funerals, the Christ symbol is the large candle which will first be lit Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil service. Christ is our light, but He is also our Leader, our King, the One we hail next weekend with songs and palm branches. He goes before us; He shows us the way.

It's good that He has gone before us, because the way we must all travel is overshadowed by the thought and reality of suffering and death. Jesus said: "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Let me share a true story:

On the 15th of February 1597, 26 Christians were crucified at Niz-hiz-aka Hill in Nagasaki, Japan.

Among them was a young seventeen-year-old boy, Thomas Kosaki, who had been sentenced to die for his Christian witness – along with his father. He wrote a letter to his mother the evening before his crucifixion. Let me read a translation of it to you:

"Mother, we are supposed to be crucified tomorrow in Nagasaki. Please do not worry about anything because we will be waiting for you to come to heaven. Everything in the world vanishes like a dream. Be sure that you never lose the happiness of heaven. Be patient and show love to many people. Most of all, about my little brothers Mansho and Philipo, please see to it that they are

not delivered into the hands of the Gentiles. Mother, I commit you to the Lord."

I would like to reflect on today's Gospel, for it focuses – perhaps like no other Gospel passage on the Cross of Jesus – on an event we remember and give thanks for on Good Friday.

The Gospel opens with Greeks who come to see Jesus. And for the first time we get a glimpse of Jesus' mission widening from "The *lost sheep of Israel*" to "*all people*" in today's Gospel. For Jesus' Gospel is for both Jew and Greek – also for each of us!

It reminds us that the salvation that Jesus offers is for those in the Church and those outside it. And if Jesus had a heart for those outside the Church – then we must have a heart for them too – if we want to truly be his disciples. The way of greatness is in service and humility and sacrifice.

There is, however, a cost to the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus summed it up when he said, using an agrarian analogy: "*I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*"

His point is that just as the single kernel of wheat has to die before the useful fruit – the grain – can be harvested, so too Jesus had to die on the Cross before the Kingdom of God could be made accessible to mankind. Or put another way, the Church was birthed through the Cross of Jesus.

(... read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

Tuesday, March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Int. Martha Bischof

Wednesday, March 20 - Bl. John of Parma

8:30 am + Andrew Gaca

Thursday, March 21 - Bl. Maria Candida of the Eucharist

8:30 am + Garth Reeves

Friday, March 22 - St. Lea

8:30 am + Christine-Zaira Pestrin

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Lenten Reflection

—PALM SUNDAY OF LENT—

Saturday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

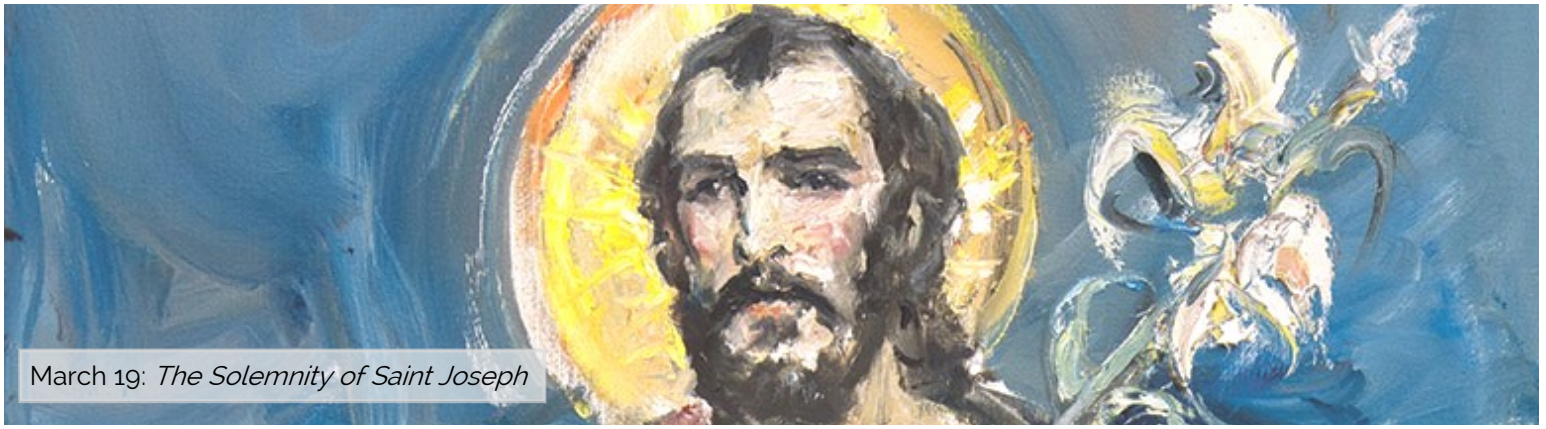
4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Iva Araujo, + Frank Suklje, + Francisco Macedo, + Figueiredo Family Members, Int. Anna Petrella, Int. Beata Samul, + Peter Hughes

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am For our



March 19: *The Solemnity of Saint Joseph*

Eternal glory to our holy patriarch, St. Joseph! My good protector on earth and defender of the holy souls in purgatory!

HOLY WEEK 2024 MASS TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Thursday, March 28	7:00 pm	
		<i>9:00 pm to 10:00 pm Silent Prayer ‘at Gethsemane’, ending with Evening Prayer at 9:45 pm</i>

GOOD FRIDAY – THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Friday, March 29	11:00 am	Children’s Service
	3:00 pm	Solemn Service
Saturday, March 30	11:00 am	<i>Blessing of the Easter Food</i>

EASTER – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 30	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, March 31	8:30 am	Easter Morning Mass
	10:15 am	Easter Morning Mass
	12:00 pm	Easter Morning Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebrations of Easter, which is the Feast of Jesus’ Resurrection – the Feast of our Salvation! We prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive, in our own way, the Passion of Christ.

Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

“Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you O God, are my strength.”



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
In Memory of Anthony Caputo*

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS – FRIDAYS FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Friday evenings for a short video reflection with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead us to meet the tenderness of God’s Mercy, the Power of His Love, and the restoration of your heart and life, as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice. Each session will begin at 7:30 pm after Stations of the Cross in the Church for just a few minutes. Participants are then welcome to take home guided reflections for prayer throughout Lent.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI’s request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish’s Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to teresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

–Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm - St. Nicholas School

On Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm - St Dominic School

We pray that confirmandi may open their hearts and minds for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and make witness to the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday Masses beginning April 13th – May 12th.

We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPDATE

Thank you to our compassionate parishioners for their generous donations of breakfast food for the first of our Lenten Almsgiving Food Drive. Our friends at Fare Share Food Bank were thrilled to receive our 7 grocery carts of food for those in need. Your kindness will go a long way to brighten the lives of those experiencing food insecurity.

The schedule for the remaining collection is as follows:

Mar 16/17 Dessert Packaged Cookies, Snack Bars, Canned Fruit

Mar 24/25 Self-Care Toothbrush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Shampoo

Items may be left in the big red box in the Narthex and will be delivered to Fare Share each week. Many thanks!

HOLY WEEK RESOURCES FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry will be publishing, *Walking the Way, a Holy Week Journal for Teens*. This resources has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The journal bridges the Gospel readings for each day of Holy Week to practical ways young people can live out the message. **Download it today!** The Holy Week Journal can found here: tinyurl.com/yyxvwvj

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 18	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tuesday, March 19	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
Wednesday, March 20	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday, March 21	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
Friday, March 22	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Saturday, March 23	Permanent Diaconate Candidates

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

In the 5th century, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at the age of 16 and sold into slavery in Ireland. During those 6 years, he came to know and love God. He eventually escaped and returned home. In a dream, he heard the voices of the Irish people calling him to return and help them convert to Christianity. He studied to become a priest and returned to the land that bought him as a slave, later becoming a bishop, saving many souls and converting a whole nation! Saint Patrick, pray for us!

YOUNG VINCENTIANS

An important part of our Lenten practices is almsgiving. If you have any spare change, there will be a glass jar in the church for anyone who would like to donate it for Lent. The change collected will be donated to our Young Vincentians Youth Group. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adult Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm) social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocation testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 6th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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