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SUNDAY MASS

WEEKDAY MASS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

PALM SUNDAY

5 April 2020

Let us pray . . .

For the Holy Father's general intention for April . . . that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

For those experiencing illness and infirmity . . . especially those suffering from COVID-19 and all our parishioners and friends undergoing treatment at this time.

For all health care workers and support staff . . . that they be blessed with stamina, wisdom and good health as they respond to the overwhelming needs of those who are ill.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of the Pandemic and Rob McGillis.

Requiescant in Pace!

(ALL PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS CANCELLED)

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Jesus of Holy Week, who “empires” himself of his divinity takes on our humanity in order to restore us to the peace and compassion of God. In our remembering the passion and death of Jesus, we realize the destruction our sins can wreak. Jesus’ body becomes a looking glass in which we see ourselves in the arrogance and intolerance of those who bring him to the cross. But in His broken, scarred body, we realize the possibilities for re-creating our lives and worlds in his Gospel of justice and compassion. God takes on our humanity in its brokenness in order to heal us of that brokenness: to open our eyes to realize our need for one another; to open our ears to hear the cries for compassion, forgiveness and justice around us; to open our spirits to embrace one another in our disappointments and pain. This week we meet a God of such great love for us that He becomes one of us in order to make us whole in such love.

It goes without saying that we miss our gathering as a parish family to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries. I am keenly aware that many are finding this very difficult but at this time I would like to assure you of my daily prayer as I depend on yours.

Please note that while public participation at Holy Mass is suspended, Mass intentions will still be offered privately by Fr. Patrick Dobec.

INTENTIONS – Masses said privately

Catherine Golka by Alphonse & Beverley Brotton

Jacqueline Luckasavitch by Sally Kuiack

Peter Jeffrey by Jerry & Diane Green

Lorraine Courtland by Maxine Smaglinski

Conrad Etmanskie by Diane & Maureen

Stanley Zilney by Brian & Marian Malone

Special Intentions by David & Julia Cannon

Intentions of Rev. Francis Morrissey, O.M.I. by Friends

Sunday Collection

1. Leave at the Parish Office in the mail box at the front door of rectory.
2. Mail envelope to the Parish - St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish - Box 118, Barry's Bay, ON KoJ 1Bo
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com emailing separately security question.

With Masses being cancelled around the world Pope Francis is urging people to participate in the centuries old practice of "Spiritual Communion"

The idea of Spiritual Communion – inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible – is part of Catholic tradition. It's been mentioned in Church documents over the centuries and as recently as 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

In the 1700s, St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote a special prayer for Spiritual Communion that he encouraged the faithful to pray at times when receiving the Eucharist was not possible. It is as follows:

A COMMUNION PRAYER

"My Jesus, I believe You are really here in the Blessed sacrament.
I love You more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive You.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually.
I unite myself to You now as I do when I actually receive You."

FORMED.ORG is an online portal with Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks and children's videos. They have announced free access to all their resources for the next 40 days.

OUR CHURCH BUILDING AND PARISH OFFICE are now officially closed by instruction of the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese.

Registered Households 175
Last Sunday's Offering \$3095.00

60 Household Envelopes & 3
Etransfers: \$2285.00 3
2 Easter Sunday Offering: \$30.00
\$50.00

Visitors Envelopes: \$125.00
1 Initial: \$20.00

6 Easter Flowers: \$55.00

2 Share Lent:

3 Building Fund: \$530.00

Thank you for your generosity

I am so inspired by your generosity and support. May God Bless You

TELEVISED MASSES: In light of the COVID-19 situation, the following information in respect to Masses is being televised.

Salt + Light TV has communicated that they have made arrangements with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Vidiotron) so that Salt + Light TV is available free of charge to all subscribers until May 1, 2020. This means that any person who subscribes by National Catholic Broadcasting Salt + Light TV and therefore the Daily TV Mass and Sunday TV Mass produced by Nations Catholic Broadcasting Council.

Also, "La Messe du jour" that is produced and televised by Salt + Light TV from Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal.

SALT + LIGHT TV daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. This airs every day at 9:00 a.m. The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>.

Please note that the Daily TV Mass is available on other faith based television networks besides Salt + Light TV. The various networks and Mass times can be found at <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>.

VISIONTV – Sunday 8:00 a.m., Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. and Noon, Saturday 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

YESTV – Sunday 10:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday 1:00 p.m.

ST. HEDWIG'S – 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass – Radio Station Moose FM.

WHAT DAY IS IT? When routines are altered it is sometimes difficult to remember what day it is. In your prayer life at home you may wish to sanctify each day with the traditional dedications:

Sunday – The Resurrection
Monday – The Holy Spirit
Tuesday – The Holy Angels
Wednesday – St. Joseph
Thursday – The Most Blessed Sacrament
Friday – The Passion of the Lord
Saturday – The Blessed Virgin Mary

"The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities. It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities. The tempest lays bare all our prepackaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes our people's souls; all those attempts that anesthetize us with ways of thinking and acting that supposedly "save" is, but instead prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots and keeping alive the memory of those who have gone before us. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity."

Pope Francis, March 27, 2020