

MASS INTENTIONS

**The church has opened again to 30% capacity for weekday and weekend Masses
Masks must be worn**

Wednesday, March 31 - 9:00 am -Mary Ann McNamara



Holy Thursday April 1 - 8:00 PM

- Marcelline Lobo

Good Friday April 2

3:00 PM – Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday – April 3

Easter Vigil – 5:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 4 11:00 AM

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -Mar 29-April 4

MON - Rev. Ranjan D’Sa

TUE - Rev. Maria Joseph Ahilan Alphonse

WED - Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada

THU - Holy Thursday

FRI - Good Friday

SAT - Holy Saturday

**THANK YOU!
FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY**

If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking messages.

Like Us on facebook.com/mstblssdscremnt! Tweet Us @MSTBLSSDSCRMNT! Follow Us @branchesoffaith! We are on social media. Stay up to date, with happenings in the parish, faithful posts, and much more!



Spread the word that we have social media to your family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online!

Peace:

Two motorists met on a bridge too narrow for two cars to pass.

“I never back up for an idiot.” Shouted one driver.

“That’s all right,” said the other driver as he shifted into reverse, “I always do.”



They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

What comes to mind when you hear the word “royalty”? Perhaps you picture medieval kings and queens sitting on great thrones. Or you might think of the glamour of today’s royal families.

But what about Jesus? As Son of David, he came from a royal line of earthly kings and rulers. As Son of God, he is King of the universe. But look how he is treated. He is denounced by the crowd, even though Pilate calls him a king (Mark 15:9,12). He is mocked by the soldiers, who pretend to give him homage (15:16-20). And he is taunted by those who think that a real king would come down from the cross and save himself.

As you go through Holy Week, keep Jesus’ kingship in mind. Today he sits at the right hand of the Father, reigning in glory. But he is also the servant King who loved you enough to die for you and who still loves you enough to forgive every sin.

This is God’s way of royalty. It’s your way as well, because through Jesus’ death and resurrection, you have become grafted into the family of God. You have royal blood running through your veins!

Through the grace that Jesus won for you, you can live out this royal calling as he did: in love, in service, and in laying down your life for his people. As you walk this road, know that a “crown of righteousness: awaits you – and all who serve in Jesus’ royal household (2 Timothy 4:8) *“Jesus , you are my King, May I serve you every day of my life.”*

MASS OF CHRISM

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God’s holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God’s holy people.

BLESSING AT THE EASTER MEAL



*Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator of the universe and our Father,
you have guided us in Lent through prayer and fasting,
and now fill our hearts with joy at the resurrection of Jesus and our share in His life.*

Remember that we are your holy people, and bless this food for our rejoicing. Bless us too, and keep us in your love.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, by all your people for ever and ever.

Amen!

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April 5-April 9, 2021 there will be NO weekday Masses

Saturday April 10 – 5:00 pm – Roger Settimi, Fred Mastroianni, Elena Mastroianni

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -April 5-10

- MON - Rev. Louis Lenssen
 - TUE - Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
 - WED - Oblates of Mary Immaculate
 - THU - Rev. Allen Verlaki
 - FRI - Rev. Paul Edmondstone
 - SA - Rev. Jerzy Tomon
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This man God raised on the third day. (Acts 10:40)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear those words on Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints.

But Easter does not end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting fifty days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year.

The truth is Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as “very good” (Genesis 1:31), what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed.

So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over these next fifty days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen-they had seen him with their own eyes.

Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost.

Jesus’ resurrection has changed everything for you too. You are loved. You are redeemed. And “when Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:4)

How will your respond to this amazing news? Don’t let Easter come and go. Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ’s resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever, Alleluia!

“Jesus, you are my all in all (Colossians 3:11)”

Saturday April 17th in the Parish Parking lot the Knights of Columbus will hold a Bottle drive. The proceeds will be going to Food Bank.



Wishing everyone a blessed Happy Easter from Fr. Charlie and Blessed Sacrament staff. Have a safe weekend.