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PALM SUNDAY



This Easter will be for all of us an unsettling and challenging time to celebrate and witness to the joy and hope that is so central to this feast. This time last year we were unable to gather as a faith community. This year we are able to do so.

Let us recognize in these times we are living in the blessings, graces, and consolations of God which may have been hidden from view in the usual routines of life. With eyes of faith, we see our life experiences as occasions that can draw us closer to God. Sometimes it is clear to us how this happens, and at other moments we wonder how God could possibly use the particular circumstances of our life for His purpose.

However, we know from the Saints that God uses these moments to reveal himself to us as St. Theresa of Avila once said: "We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."

This Easter in these unusual times, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, "He is risen." And we rejoice saying, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia." May God bless you with abundant faith, serenity and joy this Easter.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Rosemary Donohue, Dick Cobus, Ed Lapicki, Tom Mercier, brother of Tony Mercier and Robin Reil, brother-in-law of Noreene Adam.

Sunday Offering March 14th: \$3,541.00
Envelopes: \$3,251.00 Weekly EFT: \$240.00
Loose: \$50.00 Care Fund: \$50.00

Sunday Offering March 21st: \$3,082.00
Envelopes: \$2,752.00
Weekly EFT: 240.00; Loose: \$90.00

THE LORD IS RISEN!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH TAKEOUT DINNER FUNDRAISER: Friday, April 16 4 - 6 p.m.
Featuring homemade Shepherd's Pie, coleslaw, rolls, dessert. Cost 15\$. To be served at DACA Centre, Dacre, ON **Please RSVP to Betty 613-649-2668 or Gail 613-649-2236 by April 10, 2021.**

Development and Peace in the Diocese of Pembroke - Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. Visit <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove> to learn more.

New - **THE LAST DAYS** - Roumie, star of the hit program "The Chosen," portrays our Lord as the passion of Christ is brought to life in this captivating dramatization of events from the Last Supper to Christ's entombment. **April 2, 8:00 AM on EWTN**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 29
6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 pm Rosemary Donohue - John & Martha Scott
TUES. Mar. 30
8:00 am Fr. Brady McNamara
- Mike & Darlene Joyce
WED. Mar. 31
8:00 am Don Coyne - Fr. Michael Coyne
THURS. Apr. 1 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 pm Molly Vincent - Daughter, Rita Holden
FRI. Apr. 2 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
3:00 pm
SAT. Apr. 3 EASTER VIGIL
8:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
SUN. Apr. 4 EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 am Robin Reil - Noreene, Claude & Kirby Adam

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Apr. 5
8:00 am Dick Cobus - Doris Long
TUES. Apr. 6
8:00 am Intentions of Margarita Kurth
- Esther Coulis
WED. Apr. 7
8:00 am Brian Fraser
- Bob & Bev Chapman & Family
THURS. Apr. 8
8:00 am Evelyn Theroux - Josephine Plazek
FRI. Apr. 9
8:00 am Brian Long - Wife, Doris
SAT. Apr. 10
4:30 pm Billy, Vicki & Debbie - Mom, Leona Barr
SUN. Apr. 11
10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

WORD AMONG US: The Easter edition may be found in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment may be placed in the secure mailbox or in the collection basket duly noted.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the SFX CWL, the council will be presenting an "Historic Highlight", a remembrance of each decade, which will appear once a month throughout 2021. This month's "Highlight" features the 1940's.

1940 - 1949

In the 1940's Canadians focused on War with the German invasions in Europe. Canada spent \$21 million on the war effort. National boards were set up to regulate resources, industries, wages, prices and a rationing system. Canada's first Food Guide was introduced.

Our CWL raised \$300.00 towards the National CWL (\$25,000) War Contribution. Council members were also active on various projects to support the Red Cross. In 1940 Christmas boxes were sent overseas to our hometown soldiers. Dr. J.J. McCann, our MP and Federal Finance Minister spoke at a meeting about "War Savings Stamps". A child could buy them for \$0.25 each and after saving \$4.00 worth, the Federal Government would send a War Savings Certificate worth \$5.00 to be cashed at the end of war. In 1949, Our Lady of Fatima Parish was organized with Munroe Street the dividing line, separating the two parishes in Renfrew.

The ladies were busy organizing teas, bake sales, card parties, and Fall 2 day bazaars in the new Separate School Hall on the corner of Lochiel Street and Renfrew Avenue.

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO FACE DEMENTIA ALONE: The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia are more likely (45%) to experience distress than caregivers of other seniors (26%). As the Ottawa and Renfrew County dementia support organization, we're receiving many calls from distressed people attending to those with memory troubles. So we're calling into the community, to offer help.

Our FREE programs and services include:

- 1 **Make a Connection, Take a Break.** We connect people with memory issues with a trained volunteer via phone or video chat. There is also an in-person program for the deeply isolated with no technical capabilities. The virtual/phone option has been very well received by our matches. For more info, see: <https://dementiahelp.ca/programs-services/make-a-connection-take-a-break/>
2. **Online/virtual learning, recreational opportunities, and support groups.** For more see: <https://dementiahelp.ca/virtual-and-remote-program>
3. Connecting you with a **Dementia Care Coach**, who can listen, offer one-on-one support and coping strategies.

Access to all our programs and support is as easy as a phone call, email or filling out an online form: To learn more, please visit: <https://dementiahelp.ca/programs-services/dementia-care-coach>. Email: info@dsorc.ca Call: 1.888.411.2067

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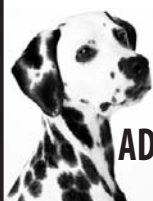
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