



Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord


April 10th, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS – April 9th- 17th, 2022

Sat. 4pm Kenneth Bourque and Francis Martin
Sun. 9am Delby & Louise Saulnier and Albert Holmes
Sun. 10am (Melbourne) Gertrude Surette
Sun. 11am Parishioners
Mon. 6:30 pm Kenneth Ryan and Int. Neil & Janice Bourque
Wed. 9am Fred Emin Jr. and Hazel Deveau
Thurs. 6:30 Holy Thursday Jean Bourque and Paula Bishara
Thurs. 6:30 (Melbourne) Larry DeViller
Fri. 3pm Good Friday Service
Fri. 3pm (Melbourne) Good Friday Service
Fri. 6:30 Stations of the Cross
Sat. 8 pm Easter Vigil -Parishioners
Sat. 8pm Easter Vigil (Melbourne) Anne LeBlanc
Sun. 9am Special Intentions
Sun. 11am Special Intentions

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:

 Tuesday April 12th, all members invited
 6:00pm executive meeting
 7:30pm general meeting
4th Degree meeting: Tuesday April 19th at 7pm. All members invited. All members invited. At request of the faithful navigator, all members who have new uniforms are to please wear them.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambroseyarmouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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REFLECTION: A Shocking Contrast!



“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

In today’s Liturgy, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! “Hosanna!” they cried out. “Hosanna in the Highest!” Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today’s readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And with that, “Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.” At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ’s death.

How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death?

The deepest answer to this question is one that we may not expect. The answer is that the Father willed it. The Father willed, by His permissive will, that so many would turn on Him, abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified. This is so very important to understand. At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power

and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn’t. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn’t do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father’s perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross. Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord’s Cross as well as your own. ~My Catholic Life

HOMELES IN YARMOUTH Some time ago, our Archbishop put out the message that he wants parishes in the diocese to help with homelessness. You may have heard about the tiny shelters that were put up around the city. We have been looking into the situation around Yarmouth to

see what we can do and it was decided we would start by helping with some of their needs. Most people are able to stay at places like cheap motels but don’t have much left over since Welfare doesn’t give much. If you want to help, here is a list of things needed that they often don’t have money for. You can drop these items off at the parish center or leave them at the back of the church after weekend mass. Fr. Henry.

Personal hygiene: shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, sanitary pads/tampons.

Clothing: socks, underwear. Basic cleaning: all-purpose cleaner, dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, laundry soap.

Miscellaneous: toilet tissue, Kleenex, vouchers for a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: We must in the mighty



power of God’s mercy. We are all sinners, but his grace transforms us and makes us new. ~Pope Benedict XVI

ADORATION CHAPEL REOPENING: Our Adoration



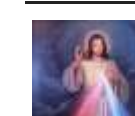
Chapel will reopen on Monday April 4th. All previous adorers should have received a call by now about the new passcode and review of their date and time of weekly visits. If you did not receive a call let us know. The passcode should not be shared with anyone. If you are interested in becoming a new adorer, please call Deb Murphy Payie at 902-740-2005 to be registered, and to receive orientation and the passcode. Jesus loves company!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will take place this



Friday April 8th at 6:30pm. The Good Friday one will be led by the Confirmation Class.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The first Sunday after



Easter (April 24th) is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00pm at St. Ambrose Church. Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the prayer for Divine Mercy. Please come join us in praying this prayer.