



March 24th, 2024 Passion Palm Sunday

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MASS INTENTIONS – March 23rd – 31st, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Lois Armstrong
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Edward & Kay Robicheau
Tues. 6:30 pm NO MASS Chrism Mass Halifax
Wed. 6:30 pm Celeste Rodgerson
Thurs: 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Holy Soul in Purgatory
Fri. 3 pm Good Friday
Sat. 8 pm Easter Vigil Special Intentions
Sun. 9am Special Intentions
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am March 24 Robert Doucette
Thurs. 6:30 pm March 28 Holy Thursday Ann LeBlanc
Fri. 3 pm March 29 Good Friday
Sat. 8 pm March 30 Easter Vigil Eric Saulnier

REFLECTION: Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ! Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” Throughout Jesus’ life, He traveled to

Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus’ public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him. Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries “Hosanna!” and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives. As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible. Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to

see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way. Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed. Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him. *-My Catholic Life*

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION FOR NOVA SCOTIA DOCTORS: Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. *Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system.* Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don’t make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. *Twenty-four courageous Christian physicians* have told Nova Scotia’s medical regulator that they cannot abide by this policy. When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don’t have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the supports and services they need. Nova Scotia’s physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy. Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>

OFFICE CLOSED: The office and church will be closed on Tuesday March 26th. Staff will be in Halifax for the Chrism Mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS The Good Friday performance will be led by the Confirmation Class.



GOOD FRIDAY FISH CHOWDER: This event will be eat in or take out for \$7.00 per serving in the Parish Centre dining hall. Tickets will be sold prior to and can be purchased from the office or can be purchased at the door while supplies last.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Community Breakfast Sunday March 24th 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00. Take out is available.



GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE
RULES: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from (not eat) meat. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must also fast on Good Friday meaning you can eat the equivalent of two meals that day. For example, you can choose to eat one normal meal and two other meals that add up to one meal.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE:

Tues., Mar. 26-----Chrism Mass
12pm (St. Mary’s Basilica)

Wed., Mar.27----- Mass
6:30pm Wednesday

Thur., Mar. 28----- Holy Thursday
6:30pm (St. Ambrose)
6:30pm (Melbourne)

Fri., Mar. 29----- **Good Friday Service**
3pm (St. Ambrose)
3pm (Melbourne)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross performed by the Confirmation class

Sat., Mar. 30----- **Easter Vigil**
8pm (St. Ambrose)
8pm (Melbourne)

Sun., Mar. 31----- **Easter Sunday**
9am & 11:15 am (St. Ambrose)