Palm Sunday ~ Year C

Diocesan Theme "When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith"(Acts 14.27) "Increase our Faith (Luke 17.5)…" Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ.

BMass Intentions

Saturday, March 23rd

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, March 24th

9:00 am For the intentions of our catechumens by the RCIA Team
10:45 am For the repose of the soul of James & Elizabeth Annand by the James Family

Tuesday, March 26th

No Parish Mass Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral

Wednesday, March 27th

Mass at St. Thomas School Chapel

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Annand by the St. Thomas Staff & Students

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Emanuel Brower on his 50th Anniversary by Gerry & Pat Redsell

Friday, March 29th

Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (Meet at the arena at 10:00am) 3:00pm Passion Service

Saturday, March 30th

8:00 pm For repose of the soul of Sandra Sweeney by Richard Tessier

Sunday, March 31st

9:00 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor
10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Frank Thompson by Dave & Lorraine Harper

IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Helene MacDonald, Catherine Gray, Ashley Egan, Yolande Bekkers, , Ken Poirer, Anita Cottrell, Justin McKenna, Arthur Durocher and Bill Hayste, may Christ bless and heal them

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem as Messiah and king and desires to enter into our lives as the shepherd of our souls leading us to the father.

He Humbled Himself

Jesus' earthly life was characterized by his humility and total obedience to the Father! In today's second reading, St. Paul sang beautifully the praises of Jesus. Paul reminds us to have the same attitude as Christ. As Christians, we are called to imitate Jesus; His humility and lowliness as a model of conduct should also characterize our lives in our parish family and our entire community.

Greater Love

Jesus entered Jerusalem to suffer and to die. His passion and death is a powerful manifestation of God's immense love for each one of us. This is what we are celebrating today and the whole of this week. God loves us and He wants us to be saved and be happy. It is for this reason that He gave up His only begotten son to die on the cross; with him, He has given us all things. Today and indeed during Holy Week, we contemplate the obedience of a man destined to be rejected, to suffer the death of a criminal all because of the love he has for us. I hope you can arrange your family schedule to make yourselves available in all of this week's Liturgies.

Thank You

To Fr. Terry Donahue, CC, for directing our 2013 Lenten mission and the penitential service which for all those who availed themselves of the opportunity was a powerful encounter with the merciful Lord. May God continue to strengthen us day by day in our faith and in our resolve to follow him.

Fr. Paul

March 24, 2013

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

They are Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnson and Sean O'Reilly. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL PARISH, RUSSELL. LENT 2013 "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM" (Matt 16:13) LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Tuesday, March 26 – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral – 7:30 pm (No evening Mass at the Parish) Holy Thursday – March 28 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – March 29

Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (Meet at the arena at 10:00am)

3:00 pm Passion Service (no confession on Good Friday and Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil Mass – March 30, 8:00 pm Reception to follow

Easter Sunday Masses – March 31, 9:00 am and 10:45 am

CHRISM MASS: With blessing of oils will be held Tues., March 26, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Diocesan event celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast,

EASTER WEEKEND: Incense will be not be used at the 10:45 am Mass on Easter Sunday, for any Parishioners with allergies.

FINAL WEEKEND FOR EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. YOUR OFFERINGS FOR Sunday, March 17^h ~ \$3174.25 Thank you for your generosity and support



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS General Meeting will be Thursday April 4th, 2013 at 7:30 pm

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The CWL would like to thank all parishioners for their donations last month to the Shepherds of Good Hope Women's Centre and Special Care Unit. We collected 49 toothbrushes, 23 tubes of toothpaste, 49 bottles of shampoo and conditioner and 19 deodorants. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Applications are now available to any graduating grade 12 students of our Parish for the annual CWL Student Bursary Award of \$300.00. Please contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-822-1170 for more information, or to obtain an application. The deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2013.

GOOD FRIDAY

FASTING: A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fasting for those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence on this day is for those who are 14 years of age or older.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION will take place in all the churches of the world in support of the Holy Places. The funds collected will support the pastoral, educational and social mission entrusted to the Franciscans of the Holy Land by our Holy Father the Pope.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a Family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for 1 week, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the foyer. Many graces will surely follow. "Under Mary's protection we shall have nothing to fear." Words of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys"