



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~Year B

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week

### Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**4:30pm**~For the intentions of the parishioners  
by the pastor

### Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**~For the intentions of Jim Gannon on  
the occasion of his confirmation by the Kwok  
family

**10:45am**~For the intentions of the parishioners  
by the pastor

### Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

**1:00pm**~Memorial mass for Marie-Louise  
Creuzet

**7:00 pm**~(Mass is cancelled due to the  
Chrism mass)

### Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**8:20am** at STA  
**9:30am** at OLMM

### Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>~Holy Thursday

**7:00pm** ~For the repose of the soul of Harriett  
Nahri by her family

### Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>~Good Friday~Passion of the Lord

**3:00pm**

### Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>~Holy Saturday

**8:00pm**~For the repose of the soul of Harriett  
Nahri by her family

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>~The Resurrection of the Lord

**9:00 am**~For the repose of the souls of all the  
departed named on the Easter flower list

**10:45 am**~For the repose of the soul of Phillip  
Merilees by the James family

### Gospel Summary

Mark's account of the Passion is the shortest of the Gospel accounts and is known for its swift impact and drama. It begins with an unnamed woman pouring costly perfumed oil on Jesus' head and includes accounts of the last supper, Jesus and His disciples praying in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, His trial, crucifixion, death, and burial.

### Reflection For Families

The Gospel story told today further unfolds in the liturgies of Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday. The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday) is the Church's annual retreat time. It is a time to tell the story of the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The story is told through lavish use of song, scripture, symbol, sacrament, and procession. This is the holiest time of the entire Church year. How will your family spend these holiest of days? As Holy Week begins, make room on the family calendar for quiet and prayer together, and make time to attend the liturgies of the Triduum.

### Bringing The Gospel Into Your Family

If you are unable to attend your parish's celebration of the Triduum, gather your family and read aloud the appropriate portions of today's Gospel on Holy Thursday evening and on Good Friday. Sing a simple refrain or hymn such as "Jesus, Remember Me" and spend a few moments together in silent prayer.

### Discussion Starters

Instead of responding to open-ended discussion questions today, invite family members to take part in a lengthier discussion on each of the days of the Triduum.

1. On Holy Thursday: On this night, Jesus gathered together His closest friends—His disciples—to share a special meal. If you were holding a special meal tonight, what friends would you invite and why? What foods would you serve? What would you talk about?
2. On Good Friday: On this day, Jesus suffered and died on the Cross out of love for us. What does it mean to you that He did this? Who are those suffering in the world, in your workplace, in your classroom, and in your family today? How can you ease their suffering?
3. On Holy Saturday: Jesus is in the tomb. His friends are trying to make sense of what has happened. They cannot see the coming of the Resurrection. Today is a day for waiting and for praying. For what are you waiting? For what do you wish to pray?

### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:  
Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette,  
& Marie Kirkham

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018~\$ 3,747.50

*Thank you for your generosity and support*

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH:

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?  
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration  
form found in the foyer or in the office.**

**You may bring the completed form to the office First Sunday Of Lent**

**The New Evangelization Summit:** Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization, April 27 - 28, 2018. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Archbishop Pendergast and Christy Dupuis. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>.

**UNBOUND Conference Study Group** - East: Divine Infant Parish, Orleans, Thurs., Apr. 5 - May 24, 7-9 p.m. Includes viewing of UNBOUND conference DVDs & small group discussions. Neal Lozano's book UNBOUND and the UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Companion Guide available to purchase. Register/info: Brenda Kortekaas ( [divineinfantunbound@gmail.com](mailto:divineinfantunbound@gmail.com)).

**Journey of Hope** - A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 - Apr. 24, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 - May 3, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: [www.journeyofhopeottawa.com](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

**Parishioners wishing to sponsor a child in Honduras** or make a general donation are asked to use the specially marked envelopes available in the pews. Please follow the instructions contained in the envelopes. Thank you.

**Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross: On Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey ( [clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun., May 6th, 2:30 p.m. For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2018. Families & friends are most welcome. Forms must be returned before April 20th. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board beside the side entrance.

**There will be Holy Thursday** prayer services at STA at 8:30am & 9:45am

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca)  
Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

**CWL Bursary Applications** are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site or contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-496-1170, or email: [marycarol12@hotmail.com](mailto:marycarol12@hotmail.com). Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2018

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**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT SUNDAY 2018  
TOGETHER FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN**

Janyce Elser-Ethier

I am writing to thank everyone who helped to make the final event for D&P's Lenten 2018 campaign possible. Thank you to the Baker family children for processing the Share Lent Solidarity Symbols, to Meghann Baker & Joyce Vincelette for agreeing to shepherd the children with only 3 minutes notice before the beginning of the 9:00 am Mass. Thank you to June Pare for distributing the D&P donation envelopes without me having to remember to ask her to do so. Thank you to Father Robert for allowing me to take time during both Sunday morning Masses to present the Share Lent 2018 campaign solidarity symbols. Thank you all for your prayers and support to help the peacemakers in so many conflict-torn communities in our world continue their efforts to build peace. Our support is the difference in the lives of so many people between living in peace or dying in on-going armed conflict. We do make a difference in our world when we practice the preferential option for the poor, as Pope Francis has been calling us to do since he was elected as Pope Benedict XVI's successor. Thank you all again so much!

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**Chrism Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.



Holy Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>~7:00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>~Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (meet at the arena at 10:00am)  
Passion Service~3:00pm  
Easter Vigil Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>~8:00pm  
Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, ~9:00am, 10:45am  
Easter Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, ~9:00am