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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the People of God, in St. Joseph's Church, united with each other and our Pastor as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, do hereby come together to form a Parish Pastoral Council. We do so knowing that every one of us is a living member of the mystical body of Christ, and that in this body, "there are different gifts, but the same spirit: different ministries, but the same Lord." (1Corinthians 12:4-5)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:30am - Morning Prayer at Sister's house (3884 Alfred Ave)
7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**
Tuesday: 10:30am - School Reconciliation Service
6:30pm - Mass
7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**
Wednesday: 9:00am - Mass
3:30pm - Grade 3 Reconciliation Service
7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**

HOLY THURSDAY: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper **8:00pm**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the Repository until midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3:00pm**
HOLY SATURDAY: Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Vigil 8:00pm
Reception to the Sacraments RCIA/RCIC
Sunday: 9:00am - Mass



Passion Sunday
April 5, 2009



APRIL

7th -
8th - +Sr. Sarah
McCullough, fcj. RIP
9th -
10th -
11th -
12th -
If you wish to have a
Mass offered for a
Special Intention, please
call the Parish Office.

Our sincere condolences
to the Garcia family on
the passing of Cecilia last
week.

"May she rest in eternal
peace."

Rest in Peace

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

CHURCH : \$1908.00	SCHOOL: \$60.00
REFUGEE: (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 44,607.17	DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (to date) : \$1403.00
DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,970.00 Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2823.00

Stations of the Cross

April 6th - Fr. Rector
April 7th - Fr. Rector
April 8th - Fr. Rector

THANK YOU so much to Anne and Tyra of BV Trophies & Engraving, for their generous donation of plastic signs for our new Donation Boxes. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. They look great!



CHOIR PRACTICE

Please come and share the gift of music with us! To get ready for Triduum Celebration, we will have a choir practice on Monday, April 6th at 7:30pm in the church. **New members are always welcome!**

Holy week

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 9TH) - 8PM

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the Repository until midnight)

Tonight we begin to tell a story so profound that it will take three days to proclaim it. It begins with a special meal among friends ("I do not call you servants any longer..... but I have called you friends"). To "remember" Jesus tonight in the Eucharist is to renew our identity as disciples and renew our attempts to put into practice the gospel values we professed when we were "bathed" in baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. We await with great expectation the catechumens who will soon join us. The Eucharist, as its heart, is meant to form us into a way of life whose essence lies in serving and dying for others "to the end." And so with wash basins and towels in tow, we gather as community to renew our collective memory and enter into the most sacred mysteries of our faith.

Lector/Commentator: 1. Kristi Pederson 2: Mabel Hicks

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Hemenway Bob Bresser
Rob Onstein Clara Moore



Greeters: Theo & Corry Sikkes, Linda Potter

Altar Servers: M. Travis CR. C. C. C. Thurifer: Nathan V

This year we are asking for donations for the poor. This may be food for the food bank or donations of warm cloths gloves, socks, and toiletries, such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc, for the Broadway Place. We will ask you to bring these items up and place them on the altar during the Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10TH) - 3PM

(Celebration of the Lord's Passion)

Today the church opts for a low-key celebration. It is really a celebration of the Lord's passion. The three readings, of which the passion narrative occupies the largest part, make us reflect upon the mystery of Jesus' suffering. During the last moments of his life Jesus hoped and prayed for the unity between people. Thereupon follows the veneration of the cross. One after the other we come forward to kiss a cross. My kiss expresses my gratitude to Christ who died for me, but it also says that I kiss the cross in my life.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection today will go to support the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. St. Paul took the first collection in favour of the poor churches. Our Good Friday donations stems from this tradition.

Lector: 1. Moira McMillan 2. Tina Gemmell

Passion Reader (Narrator): Gemma Gillis

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol deGelder, Tim Hicks, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Jim & Margaret Goodacre, David Hemenway

Altar Server:



HOLY SATURDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER VIGIL (APRIL 11TH) - 8PM

Good Friday is in the sign of the cross and of death; the liturgy is therefore sober. Not so the Easter Vigil: fire, candles, water, lights, bells, flowers, white vestments, song - especially the "Exsultet," the great Easter Proclamation: everything possible is used to celebrate life and joy. "Allelu-jah" = Praise the Lord, is repeated over and over again. An important part of the celebration is the liturgy of the baptism. Some catechumens may be baptised during the celebration, but we all renew our baptismal promises and reaffirm our sincere commitment to renounce and die to sin so we can live with Christ. The liturgy of the Eucharist, like every other Eucharistic celebration, is the proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection; today this may touch us more deeply.

Lector: 1. Susan Forbrigger 2. Vigil Overstall 3. Gemma Gillis 4. Lorraine Moran

5. Carol deGelder 6. Mabel Hicks 7. Johanna Habjan 8. Arlene deGelder

Eucharistic Ministers: David Hemenway, Tina Gemmell, Johanna Habjan, Al Bruintjes,
Willy Koldyk, Tim Hicks, Theo Sikkes

Greeters: Gary & Mary Heinbecker, Johanna & Ciril Habjan

Altar Servers: M. Travis CR. Samantha C. John Thurifer: Nathan V



CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RCIA/RCIC

We rejoice with our Elect who will receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil!!!

(RCIC) James Follows, Brendan Alexander Gamble, Chloe Gamble

(RCIA) Dan Ford, Rachel Lecker, Carol Meeuwissen, Opal Thompson and Candidates Karin Koppits and Erica West.

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12th) - 9AM

Easter Sunday looks forward to the rest of our lives. The liturgical tradition sees it primarily as a beginning. Like its precedent in Passover, at the new moon in the "first month of the year," Easter Sunday is the beginning of the Octave of Easter, and more importantly, the beginning of the Great Fifty Days, the "Great Sunday" that marks our Christian identity year-round. The liturgical year is thus structured in such a way as to emphasize that our paschal journey, the complete transformation of our lives, is not about the past, but about new opportunities for the future.



Lector/Commentator: Christine Tessier

Lector: Brian Burrill

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol deGelder, Nicki Pederson, Lu Blackburn, Nick Sikkes,
Al Bruintjes, Bob Bresser, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Eileen Bouvier, Maria Pacheco, Carol deGelder

Altar Servers: M/CR. Jacob

C. Bradley

C. Nadine



Flowers for Easter: This year, if you wish, you may donate Mum plants or cut flowers for Easter. You may donate them in memory of someone dear to you if you wish - cards will be available. We will have a table at the back of the church for the flowers. Parishioners are encouraged to bring them up to the altar during the service - we will let you know when. If you would rather not we will find people to do this for you. Please call the office and let us know if you are planning to donate a plant or flowers, so we know if we have enough or not, (if not we have time to buy some on Saturday.)

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

The retreat will be held on **Sunday, April 19th from 2:30 to 5:00pm.**

Confirmation and First Eucharist will take place at 5pm on Tuesday, April 21st. Our final session will be on Sunday, April 26th during mass.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for students in Grade 3 (or older who have not received this sacrament) will take place on Wednesday April 8 at 3:30pm.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

GARAGE SALE

Don't forget us during your Spring cleaning. Grade 7 will be having a Garage Sale in May, items can be dropped off at the school at any time.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL-FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

The carnival is an annual fundraiser to support the Grade 6 and 7 school trips at the end of the year. We invite all the school families to come join the fun on Friday, April 17th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the school gym. There will be lots of fun games and food to enjoy.

50TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping out with the 50th Anniversary plans on Monday, April 6th at 7pm in the library.

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Detta Smith

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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY APRIL 9 NO MASS</p> <p>SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2009 <i>Mass at 11:30am Intention: Sr. Donna Dolan rscj</i></p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Gottlieb Binner 2. Raquel Timms</p> <p>EMCs: Barb Jarvis Corrie Goold</p> <p>SERVERS: + Cole B/C Nate C Nick</p> <p>GREETERS: Bill Goold Tammy Hiebert</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY MARCH 29</p> <table><tr><td>15 envelopes</td><td>\$315.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$11.50</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 17.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (1 envelope)</td><td>\$50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 332.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (March Janitorial)</td><td>\$144.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Change for a Change</td><td>\$41.52</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Development and Peace (to date)</td><td>\$145.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Rice Lunch (Dev. And Peace)</td><td>\$65.70</td></tr></table> <p><i>In order to meet our projected expenses, we need to realize a monthly Sunday Collection of \$3000.00. Last month (March: 5 weeks) we donated \$2132.58</i></p> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00</p> <p>To date we have raised \$93,137.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p>	15 envelopes	\$315.00	Holy Childhood	\$11.50	loose	\$ 17.00	Elevator Fund (1 envelope)	\$50.00	Total	\$ 332.00	Elevator Fund (March Janitorial)	\$144.00			Change for a Change	\$41.52			Development and Peace (to date)	\$145.00			Rice Lunch (Dev. And Peace)	\$65.70
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PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is both a day of glory and a day of Impending tragedy. We recall Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while people welcomed him by waving palm branches, acclaiming him as King, as Son of David. Yet, within just a few days, their cheering and celebration turned to jeering, anger and eventual death. The palms that are blessed today are to be taken home as a reminder that we too are often fickle in our relationship with Jesus. They remind us that we are also on a journey, and help us understand that we too must accept suffering in order to share Christ's glory.

FLOWERS and PLANTS

Anyone wishing to donate Easter Lilies or other plants (white mums) to be used to decorate our Church during the Easter Season is asked to contact either Barb (845-2639) or Raquel (834-3644). Donations of money will also be accepted with which we will refresh and renew the plants/flowers during the 7 weeks of the Easter Season.

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To accommodate Fr. Rector's schedule on Sunday April 19, 2009, Mass will be celebrated at 12:30pm.
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ADULT FAITH SHARING

There will be no AFS on Thursday April 9

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 16, following Mass at 2pm. If you have any additions for the agenda, please contact Tammy (845-2088) before April 8. Your input and involvement is valued and appreciated.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next CWL meeting will be on Thursday April 9 at noon.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

April 24 and 25, 2009

This Annual Diocesan Conference is once again being hosted by ABBA Prayer Group, Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace. The theme is "Called into Light" (1 Peter 2:9). Rev. Gabriel De Chadarevian o.p. (Dominican Friar) is the guest speaker. Registration is on Friday at 7pm. The conference ends on Saturday evening. All are welcome. Info: Anita (250 635 6451). Email: acpage@telus.net. Please see poster and flyer on the bulletin board.

RICE LUNCH

Thank you to all who supported the Solidarity Rice Lunch last Sunday. \$65.70 was donated which will be included with your receipted donation to Development and Peace. Thank you.

Parish Social Justice Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to ALICIA BISHOP, NICOLE HAK and COLE RENNIE who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service last week.

May God bless you as you continue learning to live as Jesus lived.