

Mass Intentions (March 25 - 31, 2023)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Sat. Mar 25/4:30 p.m. Robert Hayes - Norma Hayes

Sun. Mar 26/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
 Christe Abeyratne - Kahawita family
 Coral Henriques - Ian & Leila Henriques
 Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
 Jon Pinto - Daphne, Darryl, Donovan & Yohan
 Deceased members of Chung family - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung

Wed. Mar 29/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni – Elisabetta Nardi

Thu. Mar 30/10:00 a.m. Giuseppe Colafabio - Rosaria Colafabio

Fri. Mar 31/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)
“Unbind him, let him go free.”

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Only the Lord can raise the dead to life.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11)

The Spirit of God - the Spirit of life - had made a home in us.

Gospel (John 11:1-45)

Jesus tells us that whoever believes in him will never die.

Reflection:

The last Three Sunday Gospels have presented us with various images of what coming to faith in Christ is like: having a spring of water inside us, welling up into eternal life (woman of Samaria); moving from blindness to sight, from darkness to light (the blind man); and today, in the story of Lazarus, it is described as being a movement from lying down to being lifted up, from being bound to being free, from death to life.

Raising the dead to life is a sure sign of the presence and action of GOD. In Ezekiel, the Lord says: “you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people... and I shall resettle you on your own soil”. Here in Bethany, we see Jesus exercising that divine power, fulfilling GOD’s promise. This is the difference believing in Christ makes to our lives – weather we are new to faith in Christ or old hands.

Faith in Jesus Christ empowers us to live in true freedom: freedom from fear, freedom from the power of death, freedom to live by the Spirit which GOD has placed in us - the Spirit of the risen Christ.

Jesus is waiting for us to say the words which Martha spoke:

“Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of GOD – He Who is to come into the world.”

May you keep your eyes focused on where the Lord Jesus is calling you to be and may you realize that Jesus is offering you a fuller life than what you are experiencing now.



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

The Gospel is God’s “love letter” to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Exposition and Holy Hour Every Friday - 9:00 to 10:00 am

**Meditations on the Stations of the Cross
Every Friday after the 10:00 am mass.**

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Our Father

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all.

Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.

Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do.

Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more.

Amen.

Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation, so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek to follow your way more faithfully.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week For the wellbeing of the Hayes family.

By- Norma Hayes.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church’s holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7 2023. **Envelope for this special collection is in your box.** Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY

02 April - 10:00 am Mass at the Parish

HOLY THURSDAY

06 April - 6:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper (Washing of the Feet)

GOOD FRIDAY

07 April - 2:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
4:00 pm Meditations on the Way of the Cross

08 April - 6:30 pm **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY

09 April - 9:00 am Mass at the St. Patrick’s Square
10:00 am Mass at the Parish

F aithful to God in all areas of our lives.

U se all our gifts and talents to make a difference.

L ove what Jesus loves, & hate what Jesus hates.

L ive as if every day is the last day.

E ncourage others along the way to pursue their personal excellence in God.

R emember what the Lord will say:
“Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21)