

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Mar 16 Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM + Rita Johnston from family.

Sun., Mar 17 5th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Mon., Mar 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
St J 8:00 AM For the health of Paul Jalsevac from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.

Tue., Mar 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Principal patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church
SH 11:00 AM + Theresa Cox.

Wed., Mar 20 Ferial Weekday
St J 8:00 AM For the health of Joseph Jalsevac from Stephen and Bonnie Jalsevac.

Thu., Mar 21 Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM + Sr. Mater Mundi Salvatoris, SSV.M.

Fri., Mar 22 Ferial Weekday
SH 8:00 AM + A.D. MacLellan from Bill and Geraldine Simons.

Sat., Mar 23 Vigil Palm Sunday
4:00 PM For Leo Gaboury and family.

Sun., Mar 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Weekly Collection Will be posted next week.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This upcoming Tuesday, March 19th the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. St. Joseph is considered the patron of many things, therefore we can also say there are many reasons to honor his Feast Day. He is the Chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin, the foster father of Jesus, a Model to Men, the Patron of a Holy Death, the Patron of the Universal Church (in 1870 by Pope Pius IX), and the Patron of the country of Canada (in 1625). Among all these, I would like to focus on His role as the patron of a Happy and Holy Death.

There is a very strong tradition that states that Saint Joseph would have died in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Although there is no Gospel passage that narrates or supports this claim, there is also no strong argument to would indicate that Mary and Jesus would have abandoned St. Joseph in his final moments. Therefore, Saint Joseph inspires us to want to die in a similar fashion – in the company of Jesus and Mary. We can only imagine, there is no

better way to die than in the company of Jesus and Mary.

There is a very beautiful prayer in a devotion '30-day prayer to Saint Joseph' that reads, "I ask it by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary." St. Joseph knew how to resign himself to the Will of God; open to accepting the moment in which God would call him from this life to the next. Nowadays, with constant medical inventiveness, we are sometimes tempted to play the role of God; of choosing life or death when we want, thus going against Divine Providence. To choose death (*euthanasia*) would deprive a person of the opportunities that God wishes to bestow on that person to continue to receive graces for heaven or to offer up their struggles and pains for the atonement of their sins.

Saint Joseph is an amazing patron to recourse to either for ourselves (preparing ourselves for our own death) or to pray to him for a loved one that they too may die in the Company of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Mass of St. Joseph, Tuesday March 19

Please note there has been a mistake in the March Calendar. On Tuesday March 19 there will be no 8AM Mass but everyone is invited to the 11AM Mass at Sacred Heart with potluck after Mass.

Parish Mass Intentions We have free space for weekday Mass intentions. Remember the Catholic Mass is the most powerful form of prayer, it is a common practice to have it offered for a living person, a deceased person, in thanksgiving, for a celebration or for a special intention. Having a Mass said for someone is a powerful way to intercede or pray for them on their behalf.

Lenten confessions At Sacred Heart Friday March 22 from 1:30–6:30PM.

The Way of the Cross (The Stations of the Cross) Saint John at 11:30 AM and at Sacred Heart at 6:30 PM. Way of the Cross pamphlets will also be available for those who would like to come at another convenient time.

Holy Week Schedule

CHRISM MASS: March 25 • Mass at Cathedral 2PM

HOLY THURSDAY: March 28 • Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart 7:00PM followed by a Eucharistic procession and Adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 • Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St John the Baptist 3:00PM with Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY: March 30 • Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart 8:00PM. Please note there will be no 4:00PM Mass at St. John and 5:30PM Mass at Sacred H.

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31 • Sacred Heart 9:00AM & Latin Mass 11:00AM • St. John the Baptist 10:30AM

Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner Come and enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner on Sat, April 13th after the 5:30 PM Holy Mass. Tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses, they can also be purchased at the Office at Saint John the Baptist (300 Wilson St. 705 745 7631). \$10 for Adults and \$5 donation for Kids.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

The annual Way of the Cross will be taking place on Good Friday (March 29th), beginning at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10AM. Young people will re-enact the Stations of the Cross finishing at Immaculate Conception Parish. All are welcome to join. Shuttle services will be made available for those with mobility concerns.

Gala Dinner-Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting a gala dinner for Fr. Joseph Devereaux on the occasion of his 25th year of priesthood. Sat. April 6, 5:30 pm, at Dreamland Resort. Dinner, silent auction, and guest speaker will be held in support of his studies at Pope Leo XIII Institute. Tickets are \$100 before March 20; \$125 after March 20. For tickets: Jennifer 1-647-261-2230; office@ladyofmountcarmelastings.ca

Novena to St. Joseph Sunday March 7 to March 18

Prayer of the Holy Cloak

O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, you who were chosen by God above all men to be the earthly head of the most holy of families, we beseech you to accept us within the folds of your holy cloak, that you may become the guardian and custodian of our souls.

From this moment on, we choose you as our father, our protector, our counselor, our patron;

and we beseech you to place in your custody our bodies, our souls, all that we are, all that we possess, our lives and our deaths.

Look upon us as your children; defend us from the treachery of our enemies, invisible or otherwise; assist us at all times in all our necessities; console us in the bitterness of our lives, and especially at the hour of our deaths. Say but one word for us to the Divine Redeemer whom you were deemed worthy to hold in your arms, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your most chaste spouse. Request for us those blessings that will lead us to salvation. Include us among those who are most dear to you and we shall set forth to prove ourselves worthy of your special patronage. Amen.

GOSPEL John 12.20-33 of Sunday March 17

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. The person who loves their life loses it, and the person who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An Angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.