

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS - 2020, DUE TO COVID – 19 CHURCH CLOSURE

Palm Sunday:

Fr. Shyju and I will celebrate the Passion of the Lord and Palm Sunday in private and pray for all your intentions and offer the Holy Mass, but there will not be any blessing and distribution of palms. However, by the decree of our Archbishop, all the families are invited to place a representation of Jesus (image, statue) prominently on the windows to mark the entry into Holy Week. Also join with all the young people as they celebrate the virtual World Youth Day on April 4 at 5 p.m. on Youtube as well as the Palm Sunday celebrated by Bishop Lépine on ***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygTbG11Y4kA> v = & feature =youtu.be***

For Triduum Pascal:

Holy Thursday:

Archbishop Lépine has granted the permission to the priests to celebrate Mass in memory of the Lord's Supper without the presence of the people and also omitted the washing of feet. Therefore, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 6.30 p.m. in private followed by an hour of adoration. The Benediction will at 8.30 p.m.

At Home: all the families are encouraged to join in spirit in the worship by placing a lighted candle in your window, mainly from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Good Friday:

At Home the faithful can worship a crucifix and place a cross on your windows as a sign of faith in Christ's sacrifice for us and in the victory of love over evil, suffering and death. A reminder that it is a day of abstinence.

Good Friday collection for the Holy Land was postponed to the weekend of September 13, 2020.

Holy Saturday: As a simultaneous gesture the parish celebrates the light of Easter. At 8 p.m. we will light the Pascal Candle in the church and celebrate the liturgy in private.

At Home: the faithful are invited to place a candle in the window as a proclamation of our faith in the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday: All the churches in Montreal will ring the bell at 11 a.m. for 10 minutes. If you have a bell at home feel free to ring it as well as on Holy Saturday at 8 p.m. and sing or say the Gloria and the Alleluia, a sign of the joy of Easter. Also everyone is invited to share the Easter family meal together either virtually or depending on your convenience.

Sacrament of Confession:

It is not currently possible to celebrate in its fullness the sacrament of forgiveness, confession, even through the means of telephone and internet. However, you are invited to have a **perfect contrition, express a sincere apology, accompanied by the desire for confession**, that is to say a firm resolution recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible, get the forgiveness of sins, even deadly. (cf.CCC.n.1452.)

Watching Holy Mass:

You are invited to watch the Mass of the day on the internet or on TV. The **Salt and Light** television is currently **free** on the major Canadian cable companies. You may also download the free application on your smart phone-**living with Christ**- and follow the readings of the day.

Sunday Mass options:

Mass at St.Ignatius of Loyola -Montreal NDG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5AJFqxOIRS&feature=youtu.be>

Mass at St.Monica's - Montreal NDG

<https://www.kanefetterly.qc.ca/en/stmonica-mass.php?fbclid=IwAR21allzWsSjKUYwwEFJbY772Nc3f0NQjqrAVC3Y4ileziWYW13Xs5lpLCw>

Mass from Bishop Barron's chapel:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax:

<https://livestream.com/saintbenedictparish>

Since it is not possible to receive sacramental communion, you are called to receive spiritual communion.

Spiritual Communion: Say this prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Spiritual Support:

You see it everywhere, the pandemic causes many situations of moral and spiritual distress. Therefore, I encourage you to give me a call in the church if you would like to talk and share or even for a spiritual sharing. Feel free to reach me at **450 688 3887 Ext. 4**. Don't hesitate to leave a voice message if I am unable to pick up your call. I will certainly call you back.

In this challenging time of our faith and hope, I encourage you to fix your eyes on Jesus Christ and hear Him tell us again: Courage! I have overcome the World" (John 16.33)

May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Fr. Joy Abraham

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

April 2nd, 2020

Holy Week, also known as Passion Week, was the last week of Jesus' earthly Ministry, and a busy week it was for Him.

Palm Sunday: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while the crowd put down their cloaks and palm leaves for Him. They sang "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." (*Matthew 21:1-11*)

Monday: Jesus drove the moneychangers out the temple for making it a den of thieves instead of a house of prayer. (*Matthew 21:12-17*) Also, Jesus cursed a barren fig tree for having leaves but no figs. (*Matthew 21:18-22*)

Tuesday: Jesus taught from dawn to dusk; especially the parables. He pronounced 'woes' on the Pharisees. (*Matthew 21:28-25:46*)

Wednesday: This day is known as "Spy Wednesday" because Judas agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the going rate for a slave at that time. Also on this day, a woman anoints Jesus with expensive perfume from her alabaster jar. This was symbolic of His burial. (*Matthew 26:6-13*)

Thursday: This day is known as "Maundy Thursday" because Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples and commanded that this be done until His return. That's why we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Holy Eucharist, at our churches. (*Matthew 26:17-75*) During supper, He washed His disciples' feet. (*John 13:1-20*)

Friday: This day is known as "**Good Friday**" because on this day Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world. His trial, death, and burial all took place on this day. (*Matthew 27:26*) **Jesus spoke His seven last words from the cross.**

Saturday: Jesus descended into hell and set the captives free. (*The Apostles' Creed, Ephesians 4:8*) Death was put to death while soldiers were guarding His tomb. (*Matthew 27:62-66*)

Sunday: Most Christians now call this "Resurrection Day" while it is commonly known as Easter Sunday. God raised Jesus from the dead early in the morning. That's why we can say, "He is risen!" (*Matthew 28:11-15*)

WAYS TO OFFER YOUR SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK DONATIONS

We are getting calls regarding how to offer the Sunday and the Holy Week donations.

Here are some ways you could choose:

1. Mail out: You could make out a cheque with the total monthly donation, indicate your envelope number if you have one and mail out to the parish.

2. Donate through: www.canadahelps.org

Type Holy Name of Jesus Parish and click on SEARCH. A few parishes in different cities will show up Select our Parish and then follow the steps given. Please donate a bit more than you normally do because they will charge us 3.9% for their service.

3. Donate through the automatic debit system: follow the steps: Email or mail to parish:

Your full name (printed), your envelope number, your bank's name, transit number and account number, the amount of monthly contribution.

If you can, attach an image of your voided cheque to your email The deduction will be made on the 15th of each month. Email to office@hnoj.ca

Mailing address: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 899 Boul. Chomedey, Laval, QC, H7V 2X1.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 6	<i>Isaiah 42.1-7</i>	<i>John 12.1-11</i>
April 7	<i>Isaiah 49.1-6</i>	<i>John 13.21-33,36-38</i>
April 8	<i>Isaiah 50.4-9a</i>	<i>Matthew 26.14-26</i>
April 9	<i>Exodus 12.1-8,11-14</i> <i>1 Cor. 11.23-26</i>	<i>John 13.1-15</i>
April 10	<i>Isaiah 52.13-53.12</i> <i>Hebrews 4.14-16;5.7-9</i>	<i>John 18.1-19.42</i>
April 11	<i>Genesis 1.1-2.2</i> <i>Genesis 22.1-18</i> <i>Exodus 14.15-31;15.20,1</i> <i>Isaiah 54.5-14</i> <i>Isaiah 55.1-11</i> <i>Baruch 3.9-15,32-4.4</i> <i>Ezekiel 36.16-17,18-28</i>	<i>Matthew 28.1-10</i>

April 12

Acts 10.34a,37-43
Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18



Sanctuary Lamp: Fernande Tait by Mary Stone

Saturday, April 4

5:00 Alessandro Vinci by the family

Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 Andrew Wilson by Ann & Richard
11:00 Parishioners

Monday, April 6

9:00 Andrew Wilson by the Hanna family
Guy Ouellet by Diane & Régis
7:30 Fernande Tait by Sylvia & Sara

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 Giuseppe Lima by the family
Lourdes Raposo by her granddaughter

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 Enza & Antonio Pilato by the family
Special Intention for Roxane by the family

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday)

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10 (Good Friday)

3:00 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 11 (Holy Saturday)

8:00 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12 (Resurrection of the Lord)

8:00 Jose Manuel Da Costa by his wife
Peter Noonan by his wife Sylvia
10:00 Proulx, Lane & Amesse families
Pierina Giaccari by Connie & Sergio Giaccari
12:00 Parishioners

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

Universal: *Freedom from Addiction* – We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.