

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS - 2020, Due to COVID – 19 CHURCH CLOSURE

Palm Sunday:

Fr. Shyju and I would 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 to 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 PM on Youtube as well as the Palm Sunday celebrated by Bishop Lepine on [https://www.youtube.com/watch? ygTbG11Y4kA v = & feature =youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygTbG11Y4kA)

For Triduum Pascal:

Holy Thursday:

Archbishop Lepine had 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 Pm in private followed by an hour of adoration. The Benediction will at 8.30 PM.

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

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.

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

Sunday and Holy Week donations to our church: You could make out a cheque with the total monthly donation, indicate your envelope number if you have one and mail out to parish. For other options visit our ebulletin on April 5th, 2020 on the parish website at www.holynameofjesus.ca

Holy Saturday: As a simultaneous gesture parish celebrates the light of Easter. At 8 PM 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 am for 10 minutes. If you have a Bell at home feel free to ring it as well as on Holy Saturday at 8 PM 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 dependence of 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, expressed 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 fixed 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