

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES SUSPENDED MARCH 18-APRIL 5, 2020

With increasing concerns about the spreading of COVID19 and for the good of the faithful the Archdiocese has suspended all weekday and weekend Masses from March 18-April 5, 2020.

Mass intentions which were scheduled during that time will be rescheduled at a later date. You will be asked to contact the Parish Office when we are ready to reschedule.

Please check our website at www.fatimaparish.ca for the latest updated information. We will also provide updates on our voicemail message at 613-722-7661.

All meetings and events in the parish are cancelled until further notice.

The Parish Office will remain open for the time being, Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Our Maintenance Team have been working tirelessly to disinfect surfaces as we all take precautions such as frequent hand washing and distancing.

However, if you have any office-related needs we encourage you to communicate by phone or e-mail rather than presenting in person. You may contact the Office at 613-722-7661x2 or info@fatimaparish.ca

For any pastoral needs, please feel free to contact Fr. Bosco Wong at boscoc.wong@gmail.com or 613-722-7661x3

The Archbishop requests continuing prayers for those who have been afflicted by the virus, their families, and caregivers as well as those who are fearful at this critical time. *"We need also to keep in our prayers the medical professionals – the doctors, nurses, public health and civil authorities striving to assist those who are ill and to contain the outbreak."*

Catholics are encouraged to participate in the holy sacrifice of the Mass via Mass shown on television or the internet. We are invited to continue to pray at home with our families and join with the virtual Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. (see details posted on our website at www.fatimaparish.ca)

Here are a few options for daily Mass: Vision TV – Sunday 8am, Monday-Friday 8am and noon, Saturday 8am and 9:30am. Salt+Light – Sunday – 11am and 10:30pm, Monday-Saturday 6:30am, 11am, 3pm, 10:30pm, yesTV – Sunday – 10:30am, Monday-Saturday 1pm.

Decisions regarding the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be taken later.

2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Please let us know if you would like to

have your receipt mailed to you. Thank you for your continued support!

SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE: The regular Wednesday morning sandwich pick-up is CANCELLED until further notice. due to concerns over the coronavirus. Please do not leave perishable food items in the lobby – we will advise when pick up resumes. Thank you for your continued support!



Deacon Cuddihy, Sofie, Frank, Shelly Firth, James Marquardt, Edith Wright, Theresa Veaudry-Abbott, Toni Kramar, Peter, Catherine & Steve Offierski, Michael Anderson, Sandra & Ken

Kraglund, Bill & Carol Fitzpatrick, Catherine Levasseur, Etta McKeown, Redge Doyle, Cynthia Hyduk, Maria Henriksen, Bridget Cyr, John, Brian, Paul McDonell, Marion Rodrigues, Sue Smith, Theresa Ziebell, Sr. Essie Kofie, Elizabeth Muldoon, Marian Teevens, Claudette McSorley, Remedios Balgos, Claude, Liam McGee, Patricia & Victor Tolgyesy, Damian, Brian, Richard Weber, Vincent Quinn, Rowena Cruzado, Mike, Mary, Peter McAllister, Gerry Comba, Alex Mask, Duane Clark, John Dawes, Kristina Robinson, Charlie Laderoute, Danilo Gomez, Flavio & Amelia Gomez, Rosalina Flores, Joan Comba, Chris Jarrett, Rick Allan, Russ Grant, Jacob Dawes, Mike & Jacque McMullen, Jo Ann, Renata, Mary Carmody, Stan, Emilie Kamo, Tammy Bushnik, Lorraine Small.

Please note that at the end of each month this list will be deleted. If you would like to re-list a name, please contact the office at 613-722-7661 or info@fatimaparish.ca

FOOD COLLECTION DURING LENT: A blue food donation bin is located in the Lobby with access Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Please remember those who are less fortunate and bring non-perishable food items which will go to the Britannia Woods Food Pantry.



FIRST COMMUNION

Please mark the following important dates in your calendar:

1st Reconciliation: Thurs., April 2, 2020, 6:30pm Church - **CANCELLED**

1st Communion: your choice of Mass weekend of May 2/3, or May 23/24, 2020.

DECISIONS ON RE-SCHEDULED DATES FOR 1st RECONCILIATION AND POSSIBLY 1ST COMMUNION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN OUR BULLETIN. PARENTS WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED DIRECTLY.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Every Wednesday during Lent at 8am, led by the Knights of Columbus and the CWL – **CANCELLED**.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm, led by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien. Individual confessions to follow. - **CANCELLED**

PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 5: Please take a palm as you enter the Church; it will be blessed at the beginning of Mass. The congregation is invited to listen attentively throughout the entire Passion Narrative. While it is customary to stand during this time, please feel free to sit if you have problems standing for a long time. **MASSES ON APRIL 4 AND APRIL 5 ARE CANCELLED**

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED. Did you know our parish depends exclusively on the on-going generosity of donations to maintain our operations? As we do our part to help prevent the spreading of COVID19, please consider how you can continue your financial support. Donations

by credit card can be made by phone or e-mail, cheques can be mailed to the parish. Monthly donation by credit card or through your bank is also an option – donation forms may be found on our website at www.fatimaparish.ca. Your continued prayerful and financial support is much appreciated – thank you!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun. May 3, 2:30pm. **For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60+ years of marriage in 2020.** Families and friends are most welcome. See bulletin board at main church entrance for registration details. Deadline to register: April 22, 2020.

INFORMATION REGARDING HOLY WEEK, IN THE EVENT THAT MASSES WILL RESUME AT THAT TIME:



WASHING OF FEET, HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Parishioners interested in participating in the Washing of Feet at this Mass are asked to contact the Parish Office at 613-722-7661 or info@fatimaparish.ca

DO YOU HAVE BELLS AT HOME? Please bring your bells to ring during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday, April 9: Morning Prayers 9am (no Mass), **Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm.**

Good Friday, April 10: Morning Prayers 9am (no Mass), **The Lord's Passion, 3pm – Way of the Cross, 7pm.**

Holy Saturday, April 11: Morning Prayers 9am (no Mass), **Resurrection of the Lord 8pm** followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall. There will be incensing and sprinkling. The congregation are welcome to stay for silent prayer and adoration until 10pm.

Easter Sunday, April 12: **Mass 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am.** There will be incensing and sprinkling at all Masses, except the 8:30am Mass, which will be incense free.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT is a confidential healing retreat for women and men hurting after abortion. The retreat will be available in the Ottawa area May 1-3, 2020. Please contact Lynda or Terry for details at 613-806-5522 or rvottawa@yahoo.ca or <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our warmest regards to all who worship with us today. Whether you are long-time parishioners or newly arrived to our community, you can register your family information here.

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
P. CODE:	
TEL #:	
E-MAIL:	
INTERESTED MINISTRY:	

1) Lenten Reflection:

Today's gospel (John 9:1-41) records the encounter between Jesus and the man born blind. Jesus said to the man, "Go and wash yourself in the pool of Siloam." The man did as he was instructed and came back able to see. Here is another image of baptism. Through our baptism, we became children of light; we were enabled to see in a new and marvelous way. This week is a good time for us to reflect on our journey as people who live in the light of Christ. Do we recognize the presence of God, who walks with us from day to day? Do we recognize our community as the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit? Do we recognize our common destiny, which is to live in God forever? Do we live our lives in the light of Christ? (National Bulletin of Liturgy, vol. 33 #165)



2) We still have copies of the pamphlet for the Lent-Easter Liturgical Schedule available at the entrances of the church. This can also be found on our website. Please keep it for your reference. Copies of the Archbishop's Lenten Message are available at the main entrance of the church, as well as the parish website. You can also pick up a copy of a booklet ***Lent with the Saints: Wisdom from the Church's Holy Ones*** for personal prayer and medication.

3) Please note that our Lenten Reconciliation Service has been cancelled with lock down of the church until after Palm Sunday on April 5th. Further notice will be given with advice from the archdiocese.

4) The recent widespread of coronavirus and flu season compel us to be prudent in frequent hand-washing. We have discontinued the practice of communion in the cup and hand-shake at the sign of peace until Easter Monday. Should the situation change, we shall adjust accordingly.

5) We shall keep the church open for those who want to pray and for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during weekend Mass times. The Church will be open on Sat at 4:15pm, and on Sun from 8:15am-11:45am. During the week please report to the Office if you would like entry to the Church.

6) **Prayers for vocations for 4th Sunday of Lent:** That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECTION UPDATE – WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

Collection	\$0
Year to Date Collection	\$70,615.24
Year to Date Disbursements	\$85,500.08

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, dedicated to the Mother of God, seeks to fulfill the call of Jesus to "come follow me," to be true worshippers of the Father through the power of the Holy spirit, and to love one another as Christ has loved us.