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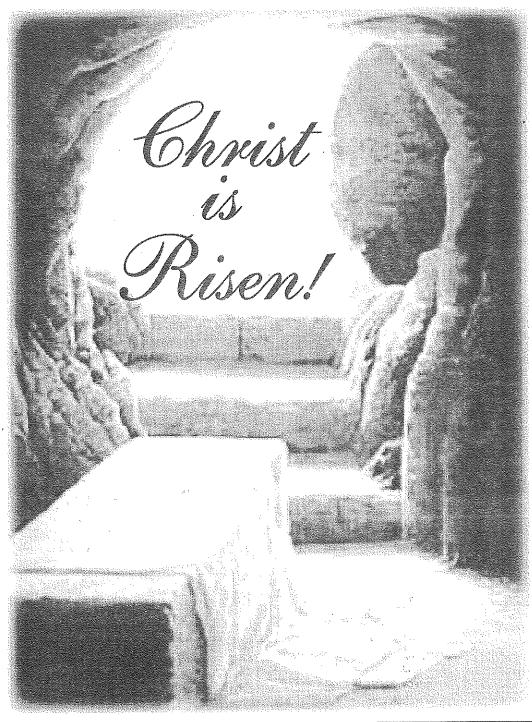
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Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 13

8:00 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo req. by John DiPaul Giovanna Maulucci req. by John DiPaul

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by their Son: Joe

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 Herb Ogilvie req. by Molly Ogilvie & Family

Thursday, April 16

8:00 Anna & Palmiro Goegan req. by Louise Goegan

Friday, April 17

8:00 Betty Sargeson req. by Wayne Cyndi Carroll req. by the Family

Saturday, April 18

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sunday, April 19

8:00 Domenic & Lucietta Marchese *req. by the Family* For the Healing of John Corfield *req. by Dan Moody*

9:30 M/M Lazzarin req. by Louise Marcon & Family Maria Gulla req. by the Family

11:30 People of the Parish

7:00 Giovanni & Sergio Simonetti req. by Amina & Family Trudy & Frank Bombicino req. by Niece: Clara & Family

Monday, April 20

8:00 Josephine Mastrandrea req. by the Family Wilf Manuel req. by the Family

Tuesday, April 21 St Anselm

8:00 Sam Di Carlo req. by the Family

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 Jill Leronowich req. by the Family

Thursday, April 23 St George & St Adalbert

8:00 Frank Certo reg. by the Family

Friday, April 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 Angela Theresa Catone req. by Vince Catone Gus & Zorka Wach req. by the Family

Saturday, April 25 St Mark

5:00 Vincent Audibert req. by Fred & Betty

Dec'd mem. of the Cole & Cadman Families req. by the Family

Sunday, April 26

8:00 Iolanda DeProphetis *req. by Guilio DeProphetis*Dec'd mem. of the Besaw Family *req. by the Family*

9:30 Luigi Marcon req. by Louise Marcon

Leona Thibodeau req. by Danielle, Vic & Children

11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Family

Dec'd mem. of the Senese, Mancuso, Shugg & Ganter Fam req. by Cecilia

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 27

8:00 Anita Archambault req. by her sister: Irene Huot & Family

Tuesday, April 28 St Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:00 John F Power req. by the Family Angus Lafford req. by the Family

Wednesday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 Cyndi Carroll req. by the Family

Thursday, April 30 St Marie de L'Incarnation

8:00 Antonietta Radice req. by the Family

Lucrezia Rizzo reg. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families

Friday, May 1 St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V

8:00 William Hockton req. by the Family Wilf & Ola Manuel req. by the Family

Saturday, May 2 St Athanasius

5:00 Sandra & Marilyn Brideau *req. by Guy & Family* Pelligreno Camelia *req. by the Family*

Sunday, May 3 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Pauline Ellis req. by George Ellis Robbie Loro req. by the Family

11:30 Ralph Greco req. by his Wife: Ida & Family Jackie Cavasin req. by the Cavasin Family

7:00 Mercedes & Oscar Bonaguro req. by the Family Sergio Simonetti req. by Daniel Covelli

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Wilf Manuel, Jill Leronowich, Giuseppina Mastrandrea, Cyndi Carroll, Sam DiCarlo, Frank Certo and Fr. Patrick Power. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Leroy Collee

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, John Corfield, Rosanna Ricci, Carmine Astorino, Andy Scotnicki, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Leo Martin, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Frank Sica, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Emily Hanover, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Francesco Albanese, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Shirley Machulla, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Pepper Martin Jr. Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.



Dear Friends!

Alleluia He lis Risen

As I write this Bulletin Letter on Spy Wednesday night, I write it with a heavy heart. It's hard to shout *Alleluia*! Never in my life did I think we would ever have to go through a crisis like this. Never did I think that the Easter Triduum Liturgies would be canceled, that churches would be closed.

It's beyond words. I love Holy Thursday Mass and the Procession, and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I love Good Friday with all its starkness, with the reminder of God's deep love, the Proclamation of the Passion! I love the Easter Vigil with the new Candle, the water, the hymns, the Alleluias! I love Easter Sunday! The flowers, the colours. The joy. I love celebrating it every year.

Thank God for our faith. Let's not forget, Easter is not canceled! Never! "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song", as Pope John Paul II reminded us during his papacy. Easter is our hope. Christ is Risen. Victory over defeat! Permanent GOOD NEWS when all else seems to be falling down around us.

My dear friends, the entire world is affected. Our world is turned upside down and inside out. So many people are ill, so many have died, so many are dying, so many are grieving, so many are in pain, so many feeling a terrible loss with jobs and the economy. We need to hold tight to our faith and trust that this pandemic will be over soon. We have to hang in there and do our part to help this end. Keep praying. Pray without ceasing! Stay home. Stay safe. I put a banner on the garage this past week with three words, FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE. That's my message for all of us, Keep the FAITH, Don't lose HOPE, and share God's LOVE!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!! As tough as times are, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very *Happy and Blessed Easter!* This is the most joyful part of our faith. Christ is Risen from the dead! Alleluia! We can't help but try to feel uplifted, try to feel hopeful and try to feel a little joyful! And then look outside at Mother Nature, and see the new life bursting forth after the sleep of winter! May the Risen Christ raise us from our loneliness, weakness, despair, anxiety and fear! May he help us rise from this pandemic storm... this bitter tomb... to a new and better life. Alleluia! Happy Easter! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard

Collections

March 29: \$1,670.00
April 5: \$2,195.12
Easter (to date): \$1,165.00
Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,935.00
Ryan's Bowl: \$7,209.65 (to date)
Holy Thursday: \$230.00 (to date)
Good Friday: \$60.00 (to date)
Holy Land: \$210.00 (to date)
Development & Peace: \$300.00 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Parish Website and Diocesan Website

During this Covid-19 Pandemic we encourage you to keep informed by visiting our parish website, http://www.stpatricknf.ca and our diocesan website, http://www.saintcd.com. All updates have been posted for your convenience. Please reach out to your family or other parishioners who are not online and share the updates. Our parish office will remain open for telephone business from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Monday to Friday. Call ahead and we will gladly place things in the mailbox for you, or you can call ahead and drop things off in the mailbox for us. If you know of anyone who needs anything, let us know, and we'll get the help for them. May God bless and protect all of us during this time of crisis.

Spiritual Communion

For those times you cannot attend Mass, such as during this Covid-19 pandemic, you can still reach out to Christ by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer! This is strongly encouraged. If we watch Mass on TV during this crisis, make a Spiritual Communion! It's a powerful act of devotion!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

Or

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the Holy Tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Psalm 46: 1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Lord, we pray for an end to this Covid-19 pandemic. Be a healing strength for all who are suffering from this virus; welcome into your heavenly home all who have lost their battle; be a blessed comfort for all who grieving. Bless our government leaders with wisdom and strength and compassion. We place all nurses, doctors, and all health care workers in your capable hands; all our First Responders; all who are working to ensure we have access to what we need. Protect all of them, and bless them, and strengthen them. Keep their families strong, and keep all our families united in love, peace and harmony, as we weather this storm. Amen.

Check out our website: http://www.stpatricknf.ca

God, Where Are You? (Fr. Gerard)

And the grieving cry out.

The dying cry out.

The ill cry out.

The frightened cry out.

The skeptics cry out.

The faithless cry out.

Even the faith-filled cry out.

And they all cry out the same question,

GOD WHERE ARE YOU?

And God said, I am right here! Always have been. Always will be.

Yesterday, today and forever.

The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End!

Did I not send my only Son to save you. He went through torture.

He died a slow, humiliating death of suffocation on a cross, all for you.

And He Rose from the Dead!

And the Risen Christ is with you always, never far from you. Even now. Especially now.

And my Spirit is moving in and through my people.

Yes, I know all that, but WHERE ARE YOU NOW? How can we know?

And He said:

I am in that frightened young nurse who just swabbed your dad's throat.

I am in that doctor at the HSC who just had to give your mom the bad news.

I am in that cleaning lady who is sanitizing your tray table.

I am in that janitor who is ringing out the mop in the GNGH corridor, with two pairs of gloves on.

I am in that stock boy, trying his best to fill the shelves, as you impatiently tell him to hurry up!

I am in that police officer who just broke up your covidiot gathering at the closed playground.

I am in that Toronto paramedic, covered with many protective layers, just to get you safely to the ER.

I am in that cashier at No Frills, whom you just yelled at, and she is scared to death for her children. Worried sick.

I am in that lady who just dropped off food for her elderly neighbour on Park Street

I am in that man who just checked in with his pastor to see if he needed anything.

I am in that Regional Nurse who just took your call, trying to keep you calm with her reassuring voice.

I am in the moms and dads trying to be a comfort to their children, who want answers.

I am in that woman who just dropped off cookies at your door.

And I am with you this night as you go to bed. Trust me. I know you're still afraid of the unknown. Just love one another, as I have loved you!

May our Ever-Loving God fill each of us this night with the warmth of his Presence.

"Do not be afraid for I am with you always." Amen.

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In the comment section or message section, please enter your church envelope number. If you do not remember it, enter your address.

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