

Roman Catholic Community of Hudson Falls / Kingsbury St. Mary's / St. Paul's

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's/St. Paul's located in Hudson Falls recognize our Baptismal call to holiness and to participate in the mission of Christ. Though different as individuals, we are one as a parish family - each member vitally important. We accept ownership of our parish and pledge, as the people of God with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to work collaboratively with one another, sharing our time, talents and treasure to help build the Kingdom of God." [Revised: October 2001]

LITURGIES

Weekend

Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:15PM

Sunday Morning - 8:30AM

Livestreaming Mass – Sundays - 10:00AM

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Go onto the site and scroll down on the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

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CEMETERIES

If you need to schedule burials or purchase cemetery plots for St. Mary's or St. Paul's cemeteries please call Patty Fitzgerald at the rectory.

Inquiries for St. Mary's Cemetery,
Burgoyne Avenue, Fort Edward –
email – cemetery.on.burgoyne@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays – 8:30AM to Noon
1:00 to 4:30PM

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Baptism - Parents who wish to have their children baptized should call Patty Fitzgerald.

Reconciliation – Please call 518-747-4823 to schedule for an appointment.

Marriage - Couples should meet with the Pastor at least six months prior to their anticipated marriage date.

HOMEBOUND

If you become homebound or are aware of someone who is, please call Patty Fitzgerald.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME! Please complete a Parish Census Form which may be found in the Church or obtained in the Parish Office.



**EASTER
ALLELUIA
REJOICE**

HE IS RISEN

May your hearts sing with the joy of the Risen Lord on His Resurrection Feast.

“This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice.”

May the Risen Christ bless you and may His resurrection be a source of strength to you and your family.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

EASTER PRAYER

May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health and happiness to you and your loved ones. Amen.

EASTER DINNER PRAYER

Lord, as we gather together as family and friends we invite you once again into our lives.

May the hope of your resurrection color our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives.

May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

May the truth in your word guide our journeys,

And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together underneath the banner of your life, We thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy, And celebrate your glorious resurrection.

Thank you Lord. Amen.

RICE BOWL OFFERINGS

Rice Bowl offerings may be placed in the wooden receptacle containers before or after mass that are located at each of the side entrances of the church. You are also welcome to drop off your offerings at the rectory. Thank you for your offerings.



EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please use the special envelope in your monthly envelope packet to make your donation toward our Easter Flower Fund. You may also place your gift in a plain envelope. Please include the names of your loved ones to be remembered and your name on the envelope. Please mark your intentions clearly so they may be printed in our bulletin. **The deadline for names to be placed in our bulletin will be Monday, April 5.**

Flower envelopes may be placed in the wooden receptacle containers before or after mass that are located at each of the 2 side door entrances of the church. You are also welcome to drop off your envelopes at the rectory at any time by placing them in the mail slot that is located on the inside door of the rectory or by mail.



Please pray for all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Kathy Allen, Karen Anderson, Mark and Kay Babson, Natalie Bazinet, Stephen Davis, Brian DeMell, Mark and Venita Duffany, Grace Fallacaro, Patty Fitzgerald, Rick Karwoski, Elizabeth (Liz) Kennedy, Linda Kennedy, Rev. Joseph Manerowski, Julia Madonna-Morris, Jonathan Palmer, Thomas E. Seymour and Gabrielle Vaughan.



Have you recently noticed that it's so much brighter in our church? We would like to thank John Sheehan and Father Tom for doing a wonderful job of installing all of the new lights in our church. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. A job well done!

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Our “Little White Books” are available. Start your 6-minutes-a-day from **Monday, April 5, 2021 (First week of Easter until May 23, 2021 (Pentecost Sunday))** during these next 50 days of the Easter Season.

The key is the right-hand page. On that page each day (except Sundays) we'll walk through the Sunday Gospels of Cycle B. On Sundays and periodically throughout the week, we will examine the Beatitudes.

The left-hand page is like a buffet table with information about the Easter season, or various traditions and customs, or the saint whose feast is celebrated on that particular day.

The main thing is to spend some quiet time with the Lord using one of our oldest traditions of prayer called *lectio divina* – sacred reading. We take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. But they're not “from nowhere.” They're from God.

**LIVE THE LITURGY –
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: “And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here.” Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

A HAPPY ENDING ISN'T THE WHOLE STORY

“Is there a happy ending?” When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

WHY DO WE DO THAT? – CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: **Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?**

Answer: The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: “A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine” (Canon 919, 1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, “The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour” (Canon 919, 3).

So, if we strictly follow the “letter of the law,” the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

FAST BEFORE COMMUNION?

Question: **Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?**

Answer: How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before Holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the Holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

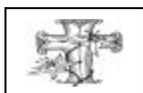
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven.

APRIL 4, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: **(APRIL 4) (EASTER SUNDAY)**

8:30AM **DAN AND PEG LEOMBRUNO** by: Parishioners
NAOMI COSGROVE (B-DAY)
by: Daughter - Elaine Altizio and Family
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children
NORMA A. POTVIN
by: Richard and Michelle Houle
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF CLIFFORD AND
HAZEL MAYOTTE FAMILY**
by: Linda, Paul, John and Clifford, Jr.
AL HAVENS by: Wife - Carol and Family

NEXT SATURDAY: **(APRIL 10)**

5:15PM **KAY NICHOLSON (B-DAY)** by: Nicholson Family
ASHLEY FAZIO by: Nicholson Family
BEVERLY BRENNAN by: Sister - Joyce Massiano
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MONAHAN
FAMILY** by: Patrick and Joan Monahan
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PERKINS
FAMILY** by: Darlene and Doc Pearson
**THOMAS AND CAROL MAILLE AND THOMAS
"TR" REMSEN** by: Remsen and Maille Family
MARY STANTON
by: Gary and Sandra Stanton and Family

NEXT SUNDAY: **(APRIL 11)**

8:30AM **DONNA CHARPENTIER CRONIN**
by: The Hogan Family
NORMA A. POTVIN by: Elaine Altizio and Family
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children
ALL OF THE UNBORN CHILDREN
by: Kay Babson
CARL H. COONEY
by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Usher's Association
**CHARLES (SKIP) GORDON AND
MARK GORDON** by: Family

THE EASTER CANDLE

The lighting of the Easter Candle originated in the ancient daily ritual of Lucernare (lighting of the lamps). The tradition of lighting candles held presently began in Rome in the early centuries. There the dark of night at the Easter Vigil was filled with candles symbolic of the resurrected Christ. Further symbolism was added to the Easter Candle by the Frankish Kingdom. A cross is cut or traced into the candle with the proclamation: "Christ yesterday and today." The beginning and the end," adding the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, "Alpha and Omega." The numbers of the current year are added in the four angles of the crossbars with the proclamation "All time belongs to him and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age forever. Amen." Four grains of incense, sealed with wax red nails, are inserted at the ends of the crossbars and one is inserted where the crossbars meet with the words: "By his holy ...and glorious wounds...may Christ our Lord...guard us...and keep us. Amen".

Taken from Catholic Customs & Traditions by Greg Dues

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

Gospel:

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday, April 6, is Sorry Charlie Day

Friday, April 9, is Unicorn Day

Saturday, April 10, is Siblings Day



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