

St. John of the Cross Catholic Cluster

NOTRE DAME du MONT CARMEL

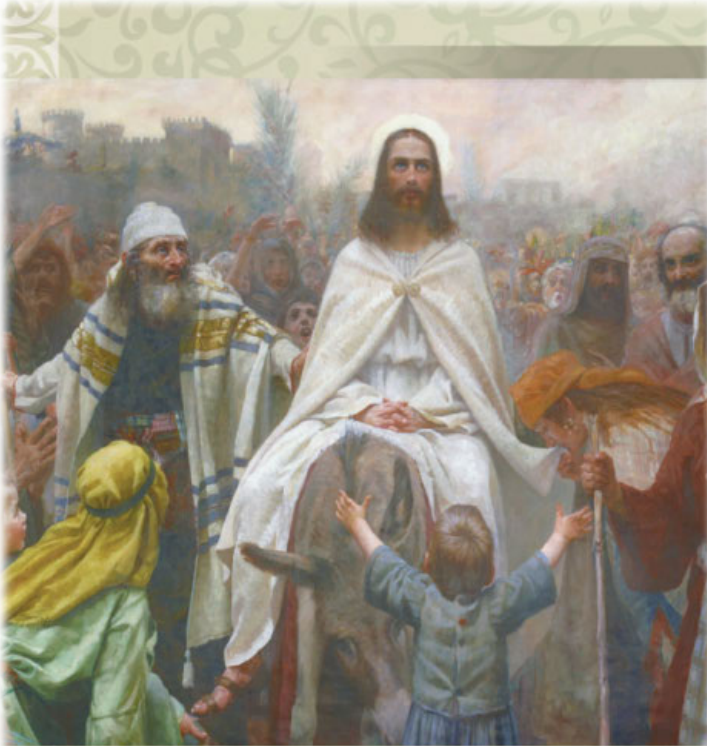
St. David
St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel
St. Thomas Aquinas

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

St. Agatha
St. Luce
St. Joseph (Sinclair)
St. Michael (Summer Months)

ST. PETER CHANEL

St. Bruno - St. Remi
St. Joseph (Hamlin)



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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SACRAMENTAL & PASTORAL CARE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call your parish office for appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday before 4pm Mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call your parish office at least 6 months prior to date.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call your parish office.

FUNERALS

Please contact the Cluster 2 business office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish or have an address or phone number change, please contact your parish office.

APRIL 10, 2022

PASTOR

Fr. Kent Ouellette

PAROCHIAL VICAR

FR. ALEX

DEACONS

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Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 9	St. Mary of Egypt	Thursday, April 14	<u>Holy Thursday</u>
4:00pm ST: (LS) Leo (Gerald) Dufour (1st Ann) by Family		6:00pm ST: (LS) Gil & Rinette Cyr by Harold & Lucille Violette	
6:00pm SG: Deceased Relatives by David & Arlene Grivois		Friday, April 15	<u>Good Friday</u>
Sunday, April 10	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	3:00pm SG: Good Friday Service	
8:30am ST: Nivard Hebert by Family		6:00pm ST: (LS) Good Friday Service	
11:00am SD: Jean Paul & Pierre Martin by Grace & Family		Saturday, April 16	<u>Holy Saturday Vigil</u>
Monday, April 11	NO MASS / St. Stanislaus	8:00pm ST: (LS) For all the People of NDMC, OLV, SPC by the Pastor	
Tuesday, April 12	St. Julius I, Pope	Sunday, April 17	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
6:00pm ST: (LS) Gilles St. Onge by Lee St. Onge		8:30am ST: (LS) Conrad Levesque by wife Grace Levesque	
Wednesday, April 13		9:30am SG: Herman Fortin by Aldrie & Marietta Fortin	
6:30pm ST: (LS) **Distribution of Holy Oils Mass with Bishop Deeley**		11:00am SD: Memorial Mass	

Our Lady of the Valley Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 9	St. Mary of Egypt	Thursday, April 14	<u>Holy Thursday</u>
6:00pm SA: Roger Bosse by Vi & Family		6:00pm SA: Deceased relatives of James & Patricia Morin	
Sunday, April 10	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	Friday, April 15	<u>Good Friday</u>
10:30am SL: Deceased relatives of Michael & Lynda Ouellette		3:00pm SJ: Good Friday Services	
4:00pm SJ: Wayne Dionne (1st Ann) by Emery & Claudette Dionne & Family		6:00pm SL: Good Friday Services	
Monday, April 11	St. Stanislaus	Saturday, April 16	<u>Holy Saturday Vigil</u>
6:00pm SA: Jeanne Chamberland by Roland & Arlene Albert		8:00pm SL: For all the people of NDMC, OLV, & SPC by the Pastor	
Tuesday, April 12	St. Julius I, Pope	Sunday, April 17	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
8:30am SJ: Janet Plourde by SJMC		9:00am SJ: Philip Deschaine by Neal & Elaine Hines	
Wednesday, April 13		10:30am SA: Deceased relatives of Lionel & Jackie Daigle	
***6:30pm <u>SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL</u>			

St. Peter Chanel Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 9	St. Mary of Egypt	Thursday, April 14	<u>Holy Thursday</u>
4:00pm SB/SR: Norman Powers by his sister, Bea & Ralph Dumais		6:00pm SB/SR: Chuck Cyr by John & Noreen Pelletier	
Sunday, April 10	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	Friday, April 15	<u>Good Friday</u>
8:00am SJ: Memere Jeanne Ayotte by Bill & Lisa Parent		3:00pm SJ: Good Friday Service	
9:15am SB/SR: Milton Viel by Jeannine & Family		6:00pm SB/SR: Good Friday Service	
Monday, April 11	St. Stanislaus	Saturday, April 16	<u>Holy Saturday Vigil</u>
6:00pm SB/SR: Beatrice Rossignol by her Family		8:00pm SB/SR: For all the people of SPC, NDMC, & OLV by the Pastor	
Tuesday, April 12	NO MASS / St. Julius I, Pope	Sunday, April 17	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
Wednesday, April 13		8:00am SJ: Shanel Lavoie Jr. by Pat & Larry Zenzius	
***6:30pm <u>SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL</u>		9:15am SB/SR: Deceased Members of the Cormier & Madore Families by Bea Madore	

EUCHARIST ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

	EUCHARIST ADORATION	CONFESSIONS	MASS
ST. BRUNO/ST REMI	MONDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 5:45	6:00PM
ST. AGATHA	MONDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 5:45	6:00PM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	TUESDAY 1:00 TO 5:45	5:00 TO 5:45	6:00PM



Jesus is waiting!



NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL PARISH CORNER

St. David, St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel/Grand Isle, St. Thomas Aquinas/Madawaska

Worship & Spirituality



FOR OUR SICK

Quinn Soucy, Debbra Levesque, Donna Neill, Carol Roy, Kim & Real Pelletier. FMI please call 728-7135. **Please note that after 1 month on the list we will remove the name. You must call back if you want to be put back on. Thank you.

LAMP FOR THE UNBORN BURNS FOR:

St. David - for the Unborn by a Parishioner
St. Gerard - for Sophia by Diane Bell



ST. GERARD SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN APRIL FOR:

Raoul & Jeannette Chasse by Louise

ST. DAVID SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN APRIL FOR:

Msgr Leopold Nicknair by Cecile Ouellette
 Special Intention by Parishioner



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN

APRIL FOR: Adrien 'Bee' Pelletier by sisters-in-law Thelma & Marcie



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, April 12 / 1pm-5:45pm
 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

INTENTION: Vocations to priesthood, religious life & seminaries in our Diocese and for our area businesses and their workforces.



FATIMA ROSARY: Recited every 13th of each month at 12pm (noon) at St. Gerard Church. All are welcomed.

Please Pray for our Military Service Members



"Lord hold our Troops in your loving hands.
 Protect them as they protect us.
 Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need."

**Matt Charette, Alex Sirois, Kyle Blanchette,
 Erica Blanchette, Billy Blanchette, Alyssa Nelson,
 Cody Belanger & Dominic Belanger**

If you would like to have a Service Member listed, contact Charlie at 207-316-3382.



Notre Dame du Monte Carmel has an immediate opening for a **Custodial Associate**. This part time position will be responsible for maintaining sanitation in and around the parish buildings. Inquiries can be made at the cluster Business Office or by calling 728-7531

Finance & Administration

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Financial Update

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to March 27, 2022

Budget: \$257,250 **Actual:** \$260,584 **Over Anticipated:** \$3,334

	Amount given	Weekly goal
St. David	\$1,542	\$1,745
St. Gerard	\$ 826	\$1,032
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$3,299	\$3,819
Weekly Totals	\$5,667	\$6.596

WeShare Online Giving: \$397

Heating: \$1,827

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,696.45

Easter Flowers: \$645

Good Friday Collection

April 15 - Church in the Holy Land

Second Collection Easter Weekend

April 16/17 - Clergy Health & Pension Programs

Parish Life

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers for you or a loved one, the Daughters of Isabella can help through the Prayer Line. This is open to anyone – not only for members. To add a name to the prayer line, call **Lucy Cyr at 436-9673.**

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING: Monday, April 11 rosary at 5pm, meal at 5:15pm followed by meeting. Please help support our baby shower in April. FMI call Rose at 728-6388.

ST. DAVID LADIES OF ST. ANNE MEETING: Tuesday, April 26 at 2:30pm in the St. David Rectory (downstairs).

Community Events

YOUR ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY IS HERE FOR YOU:

If you are struggling and need food in these difficult times, we are here for you. Applications available at Frenchville and Madawaska Town Offices. You can also pick one up when you come pick up a box. Drive by St Thomas Aquinas Church parking lot, wear mask & open trunk of your car. **Food boxes will be available on April 20 from 8-10am. Senior boxes will be available on April 25 from 8-10am.** FMI call pantry at 728-7531.

GRAND ISLE SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, April 14 at the Community Center. Until further notice the meals will be **TAKE OUT ONLY!! MENU: Ham Dinner**

GRAND ISLE SPEGHETTI DINNER & MUSIC: Sunday, April 10, 11am to 12:30pm. Tickets \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets available from Angela 895-6949, George 227-1177 or Rita 895-2215. Eat in or take out available. **Music by Hervin & Ed.** Fund raiser sponsored by Greater Grand Isle Committee for summer events & Sunday music.

CHARLMAGNE CARD PARTY: Thursdays starting May 5, from 12:30-2:30pm at Madawaska Senior Center. Come and meet your friends.

BELATED VALENTINE DINNER

5 Course Dinner & Music by Denis Dube Sr.

When: Friday, April 29

5pm Social & Hors d'oeuvres / 5:30pm Dinner

Where: Grand Isle Community Center

Reservations only at \$25 per person

Tickets & info call Angela 895-6949 or George 227-1177

Call to reserve a table for you & your friends (6-8)



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH CORNER
St. Agatha, St. Joseph/Sinclair, St. Luce/Frenchville, St. Michael Chapel

Worship & Spirituality

PRAYER LINE CONTACTS

St. Joseph: Cecile Ouellette 543-6073

SANCTUARY LAMP: Burns for:

St. Luce: Emile & Joan Belanger by daughter Judy Lavoie & family



Deceased family members of Camille & Bea Bernier

St. Agatha: Robert Collin by Frances & family

St. Joseph: Wayne Dionne by Emery & Claudette & family

Finance & Administration

Our Lady of the Valley Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to March 27, 2022

Budget: \$138,750 **Actual:** \$133,936 **Under Anticipated:** -\$4,814

	Amount Given	Weekly Goal
Weekly Totals	\$3,566	\$4,167
	This Year	Last Year
Average Collections	\$3,434	\$3,352

WeShare Online Giving: \$225

Heating: \$1,073

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,075

Easter Flowers: \$555

Good Friday Collection

April 15 - Church in the Holy Land

Second Collection Easter Weekend

April 16/17 - Clergy Health & Pension Programs



**Divine Mercy Novena
(Nine Days)**

Starts on Good Friday April 15 to April 23

Please join us each day at **3:00pm** to say the chaplet
at **Our Lady of the Valley in St. Agatha.**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday's 5:00-6:00pm with Mass at 6:00pm at St. Agatha



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

April 12 - Officer's meeting - 6:30pm at the basement of the St. Agatha Church. Come in from the back of the church.

All members are encouraged to attend

April 28 - Member's meeting and dinner. St. Agatha Church
Dinner served at 5:30pm - meeting at 6:30pm

Bring your wives, friends, possible candidates, family members



St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life.

Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her

14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

St. Bernadette Soubirous, Pray for us

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY IN SINCLAIR

Serving St. Agatha, Sinclair and Cross Lake

If you are in need of food in these difficult times, we are here for you. If you are a senior you may qualify for a senior box and food box every month.

Food is given every **first Tuesday** of every month also senior box and this is a drive thru pick up, just open trunk and we will load the box of food for you. Pick up time is 1-3pm.

Please wear a mask!

FMI call Cecile Ouellette @ 543-6073 or 543-5057
Monday thru Friday from 1-4pm

Application will be completed over the phone due to COVID-19

ST. PETER CHANEL PARISH CORNER

St. Bruno-St. Remi Church/Van Buren, St. Joseph Church/Hamlin & Borderview Nursing Home

ST. BRUNO-ST. REMI CHURCH SPONSORS

BREAD & WINE SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Alan Martin (15yr Anniversary 4/9) by Mom & Dad

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Kim Beaulieu (Birthday 4/12) by Mom, Dad & Max

Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors:

There are currently available dates for the 2022 new year for Bread & Wine (\$25) and Sanctuary Lamp (\$15) sponsors. Please consider coming into or calling the office to reserve your dates to memorialize a family member while helping to defer Parish costs.

Thank you for your consideration. God Bless.



Bulletin Memorials In Loving Memory of:



Marquis & Cyr Families by Ray & Judy Marquis		Gilman Grandmason by his Family
Madore & Rossignol Families by Carlene & Sheila	Claudette Rossignol by Joan & Richard	Patrick Thibodeau by Yolande & Family
Tardif, Parent & Young Families by Ron & June & Family	Simone Vaillancourt by her Family & Friends	Gerald Morrow by Diane, Dan, Megan & Tiffany
Darold Pelletier by his wife, Gloria & Family	Antoine Levesque by his wife, Irene	Lajoie & Marquis Families by Mike & Marie Lajoie
	St. Pierre & Marquis Families by Paul & Helen St. Pierre	Edmond & Bella Pelletier & boys, David & Darold by Chris & Terry Berube
Kim & Bobbie Pelletier by John & Leslie Beaulieu	Deceased Members of the Chamberland Family by Lorance Chamberland	Leonhard Adam by Ella & Sharon
Martin & Deveau Families by Ron & Della Martin	Normande Rossignol by Yolande	Betty Paradis by her Family
Cyr & Gagnon Families by Joyce & Phil	Joseph Sytulek Love, his wife, Eileen & sons Jeffrey & Gary	Shana Farmer Pelletier B-day 4/6 & Anniv. 4/28 Love Mom & Dad



Come To The Well Woman's Group

When: Monday Evenings @ 6:30

immediately following the 6 pm Mass

Where: Meeting Room downstairs at St Peter Chanel Parish

Cup of Joe Men's Group

When: Saturday morning from 7:15—8:30 a.m.

Where: Meeting room in the Parish Hall
All are welcome!!



Easter Flower Donations

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Fred St. Pierre
Our Deceased Family Members
Deceased Family Members
Noel & Cecile Ouellette
Pat & Hub Pelletier
Martine Pelletier
Deceased Family Members

by Jean St. Pierre & Family
by Don & Marietta Cyr
by Joan Cormier
by Rudy & Nancy
by Nancy & Rudy
by Nancy & Rudy
by Rochelle Laplante



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets



Will be available for purchase for the 2
weekends prior to Mother's Day
April 23/24 & April 30/May 1

There will be ladies in the back of the church to collect the requests
for the Bouquets. This is a fundraiser for fuel for our two Churches
and sponsored by the Van Buren Columbiettes.

Thank you for your support!!

SECOND COLLECTIONS / APRIL 2022

- 15 Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)
- 16/17 Easter Offering: Clergy Health & Pension Program
75% Clergy Health & Pension Plans,
25% Diocesan Emergency Needs
- 23/24 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Finance & Administration

St. Peter Chanel Parish Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to March 27, 2022

Budget: \$105,000 **Actual:** \$106,594 **Over Anticipated:** \$1,594

Amt. Given \$2,737

Weekly Goal \$2,692

This year \$2,733

Last year \$2,708

WeShare: Online Giving: \$77

Heating: \$1,097.50

Catholic Relief Services: \$729.45

Easter Flowers: \$380

St. Peter Chanel Outreach Committee News Food Pantry:

We have just passed our two year mark since changing to curbside distributions so we could stay open during Covid restrictions. Curbside will continue until further notice. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

Next Curbside Distribution Thurs, April 28, 1-3 pm.

We are on call the rest of the month.

**On call for extras and emergencies: Nancy 868-5324,
Norm 498-9570, Bob 868-5623, Harvey 868-5679**

Please do NOT HESITATE to call when you have or see a need.

People Helping People Thrift Store:

Note New Hours on Tuesday

HOURS: Tuesday 12-3:30pm & Wed-Friday 12-4pm.

Clothing is \$8/bag unless specially marked. **NOTE NEW PRICE**

DROP OFF OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE DONE ONLY DURING STORE HOURS. PLEASE. Thank You!!

The Ladies of the People helping People thrift shop would like to invite the community to come in to see the new collection of all occasion dresses for first communion, Easter, mother of the bride, bridesmaids, gala/formal, pageant & proms. There is also a small size wedding dress (ask for private viewing). **SPECIAL on Nurses uniforms buy 2 pieces & get 2 free.**

Come check out our men's 3-piece suits.

**A sincere thanks to the community for all your donations and support...
we could not do this without you!**

Matt 25:40 "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CLUSTER / DIOCESAN CORNER

Pastor's Corner



What would the reaction to Jesus be today if what we see in the Gospel of Luke 19:28-40 were to come about again somewhere? For me it is hard to imagine where and how it would occur. There is one compelling reason why I believe it would not occur - it already happened and there is no need for it to happen again. Even so, the Church in its wisdom, emanating from the Holy Spirit, give us an opportunity to share in that original event as we celebrate Passion Sunday and as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week. This Gospel is read and a procession to the altar takes place immediately, which in itself is a kind of reenactment of the original event. It should be a time for us of waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as Lord. The people who praised Jesus at his entry into Jerusalem had their reasons. Some had witnessed miracles of healing, maybe their own. Some might have witnessed the raising of Lazarus. Some may have had the hope that Jesus would be the one to liberate them from their own burdens. Others may have thought He would be the political figure to wage war against their oppressors. All of this might be valid reasons for that time. It is very likely, in the opinion of many, that at least a few of these later turned against Jesus when he was enduring his passion and death. Will we be like those who later rejected Jesus? Will we, through the reenactments we accept this week, help proclaim Jesus as Lord of our lives, join our sufferings with His, and help carry his cross by accepting our own, so that we will more abundantly share in His Resurrection?

With my prayers,

Fr. Kent

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CLUSTER SCHOLARSHIPS

For high school youth from our parish communities.



St. Thomas/St. David/St. Gerard \$300.00

St. Agatha/St. Luce \$300.00

St. Remi/St. Bruno/St. Joseph \$300.00

Will be awarded to deserving candidates in our different parishes.

Criteria for scholarship: Involvement in parish community.

Applications can be picked up at your guidance office.

Please return completed application and support materials to your guidance office by May 1st.

The strong recommendation for wearing masks has been removed. Those wishing to continue wearing a mask are welcome to do so!!

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

LIGHTS ON PENTENTIAL SERVICE

When: Sunday, April 10

Time: 1-3pm

Where: St. David Church

Confessions also available before all evening Masses.



ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement

HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 3pm & Friday 10am - 3pm
or by appt., Call 728-4346/316-8062 Lee

"All I know about time and space is that it never hurts to give someone a little more of each."

BOOKLET: MY FAVORITE CATHOLIC CHAPLETS: Features a compilation of chaplets honoring Our Lord, Our Lady, the Angels and Saints and other private devotions. Describes the type of beads, color and patronage associated with each chaplet. \$4.95

GREETING CARDS: FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Have them for Son/Daughter, Grandson/Granddaughter, Great Grandson/Great Granddaughter, Nephew/Niece, Godchild, Special Young Man/Woman, plus others. Also have the card for those doing both at same event.

CRUCIFIX: 10" Silver Cross with Silver Corpus. \$9.95

NEW: KEY RING W/CLIP: Can also be used for a zipper pull - St. Michael/Guardian Angel Medal with metal tag which reads: "I am a Catholic, in case of emergency please call a priest". Only \$2.00 (G4232)

NIGHTLIGHTS: ANGEL GABRIEL & MARY: \$12 (HC541)

STATUE: 4" ST. JOSEPH - Bellavista Statue - \$15.95 (PC948)

DVD: "RESTLESS HEART" The Confessions of St. Augustine - Can't read the book? Watch the DVD and learn of this great saint's conversion story. On sale for \$24.95 (Was \$29.95)

BOOKS: MARIAN GEMS: By Fr. Donald Calloway. **Daily Wisdom on Our Lady.** Fr. Donald shares gems or quotes on Mary - one for each day of the year. \$12.95

KIDS: "EASTER A-Z" For Children

A wonderful Activity Book for your child 5-9 yrs old, feature crossword puzzles, word finds, dot-to-dots and many other engaging activities for hours of fun. \$1.95

THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHILD IS READ ALOUD TO HIM/HER!

Also, Gift Certificates are always available!!

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 17- 11:00am Mass - St. David

Scott B. Cyr	by Louise Hebert
Fernande Cyr	by Reginald & Rinette Guerrette
Lorraine Morneault	by Mercy Meal Group
Robert Cyr	by Geneva Albert
Augustine Medeiros & Marie Heffernan	by Don & Rose Michaud
Claude Dube	by Ron & Rolande Gervais
Raoul L. Chasse	by Anne & Charles Dugal
Roland Sirois	by Marie Reine & Lisa Sirois
M/M Robert Corey	by Real Picard
Rose Dionne	by Dayton & Priscilla Cannan
Rosaire & Blanche Blanchette	by Family
Alan Daigle	by Jacques & Luc
Deceased Relatives	of Diane Thibeault
Deceased Relatives	of Daniel & Carol Sirois
Noella Ouellette	by James & Denise Powers

PUBLIC ROSARY GROUP

(America Needs Fatima)

We meet every **Wednesday & Friday at 3:00pm** at the

St. Thomas Church for the winter months & at Joan Ouellette's

house at 11 Green Point Road. We begin with Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. Pray for pandemic situation and for the restoration of our country facing evil forces that is prevalent right now.



April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



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