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TOTAL SURRENDER

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord - our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

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Pastor

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Sunday Masses i

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant

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Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin Elementary School

Phone 905-957-3032

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Responsible Faith Ministry
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March 28, 2021
Liturgical Year -B
HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Mar 29	9:00 am For the health and healing of Andy Lipiec 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	by Joan & Bob Hignett Fr. Christopher
Tues	Mar 30	9:00 am +Darren Mayhew & James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
Wed	Mar 31	9:00 am ****NO MASS HERE TODAY**** 10:30 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 1	Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper 8:30 pm +Deceased Priests of our Diocese	by Father Christopher
Fri	Apr 2	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm	
Sat	Apr 3	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm +Roy & Peggie Newman	by the Newman Family
Sun	Apr 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 10:00 am Fr. Christopher offers this Mass for all parishioners, family and friends.	

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

www.saintcd.com or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am

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Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

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"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

Do you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace? **The "Share Love, Share Lent"** campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! Learn more at devp.org/lent

Please support the good works of Development and Peace. This annual Share Lent collection will remain open for several weeks. A special envelope has been included in your stewardship box. Those envelopes are also available in the main foyer. Thank you.

ATTENTIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For Grade Two - Roman Catholics Only.

Those children who have been baptized outside of the Roman Catholic Church can be welcomed through the Profession of Faith. This can only take place if at least one parent is Roman Catholic, registered as members of the parish and attending Sunday Mass. Those children requiring baptism may have to wait as proper instruction needs to be given.

Group One

Mrs. Catherine Jeffery

Ms. Katia DiPasquale

Group Two

Mrs. Lee-Anne Szabo

Sharlene Hayward

Group One First Reconciliation

Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 am

Group Two First Reconciliation

Saturday, April 24, 11:00 am

Group One First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 8, at 11:00 am.

Group Two First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 15, at 11:00 am

Parent(s) Guardians - are invited to call or email the parish office to obtain the registration which will be emailed to you. Due to the strict Covid-19 protocols we can only allow the student and his or her parents to attend all of these celebrations. We will maintain social distancing, and the wearing of masks. We ask that you honour the group that you belong to.

We ask that you return the registration form promptly (by April 5, 2021) so that we can prepare well for these Sacraments of Initiation. We do thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding in what is unprecedented times. Thank you; and God bless You!

TRIDUUM - HOLY WEEK / EASTER OCTAVE SCHEDULE

Pre-registration required. No Walk-Ins
Deadline Extended to Tuesday, March 30 by
12 Noon. Thank You!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 27-28

Commemoration of the Lord's Procession into Jerusalem

Eucharistic Celebration Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 am.

Monday, March 29, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions

Holy Thursday April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:30 pm.

(No Adoration due to Covid 19.

Adoration Chapel will not be open to the public)

Good Friday April 2

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and

Crucifixion: 3:00 p.m.

(This includes the Passion Account of John,

Solemn Intercessions, Adoration of the Holy Cross,

Holy Communion, a Holy Land collection.

No kissing of the Cross)

Easter Saturday Vigil April 3 8:15 pm

(Sun down at this time for proper darkness.)

(REMEMBER - No Mass at 5:00 pm.)

Easter Sunday Eucharistic

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

Mass 10:00 am.

(Mass includes renewal of baptismal profession of faith).

Easter Octave April 5-9

Weekday Mass Mon through Fri 9:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11

Saturday Vigil Mass April 10 5:00 pm

Sunday April 11 10:00 am

Celebration of Divine Mercy

April 11, 3:00 pm Chaplet