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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Once again this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 4

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Josephine Kobe †
Special Intention for Isadore & Kathy Masse
9:00 a.m. - Rosary with CWL
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Tuesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Francis Kim †

Wednesday, April 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Lent Mass John & Margaret Doodeman † 9:45 a.m. - Denis Morris Lent Mass John & Margaret Doodeman †

Thursday, April 7 - No Mass

Friday, April 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Maria Szeideman† 9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9 - The Passion of the Lord 5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Memorial Mass Suganth Satyanadhan † | Shea Kenny † Special Intention for Jennifer & Edward Murphy

Sunday, April 10 -The Passion of the Lord 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Special Intention Joseph Harb † | David Schimmelpenninck †

Ukraine Emergency Relief

Church Donation	\$ 25,000.00
Week of 3/13/22	3,529.00
Week of 3/20/22	14,055.00
Week of 3/27/22	3,549.10

Total to date \$46,133.10



Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session

"The Meaning of Holy Week

at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 4th in our Divinity Hall.

Are You Being Called?

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people?

Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Solidarity Sunday - This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.



Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.



Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada



"Lent is a season in which we especially focus on examining our hearts, confessing our sins, and reflecting on the significance of Christ's death."

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