



Sunday, March 24, 2024

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Readings for Next Weekend

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43
2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4
Gospel: John 20.1-18



Homebound Visit

If you are aware of someone homebound and would appreciate a visit and Communion, please call the office.

SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 365 404 2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm.
Food donations are greatly accepted at any time of the year.



Children's Bulletin

Parents can access this children's weekly bulletin online to learn about our faith in a fun way. <https://thekidsbulletin.com>

Financial Information (March 16/17)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$1,743.50
Initial Offering	5.00
Choir Appeal	2,190.00
Candle \$\$	200.00
Easter Flowers	105.00
Share Lent	442.00
Exercise Group	335.00
Capital Fund	521.50
TOTAL	\$5,542.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions (March 25-31)

Mass of Chrism – Monday, March 25, 2:00 pm
(Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Ptbo)
Tuesday, March 26 – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, March 27 – 9:00 am
Holy Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29
11:00 am – Tamil Service
1:00 – Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm – Communion Service
Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30
8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31
9:00 am – *Mass for the People*
Easter Sunday, March 31 – 11:00 am
For Irene Jaworski (RIP) requested by Jeanette Emslie
Easter Sunday, March 31 – 1:00 pm – Tamil Mass



Easter Message 2024

**“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here but has risen” (Lk 24:5).**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough, The Church embraces the celebrations of this Holy Week, commemorating the passion and death and resurrection of the Lord. Thereafter we advance quickly to the wonderful season of Easter, a time of renewal and hope and a time to see with the eyes of faith the great wonders that God has done and continues to do.

It is said that one of the best ways to get the attention of your audience is to ask a probing question at the start of a talk. So, give full marks to the angels at the Lord's tomb that Easter morning, who asked one of the most probing questions in all of history: “why do you look for the living among the dead?” Part challenge, part correction and part invitation to see things in a new way, it must have taken the faithful women by surprise. But apparently it was a rhetorical question, since the angels did not wait for an answer, but went on to explain, “He is not here, but has risen.” Once they had the attention of their audience, they wasted no time in sharing the good news - good news that the women would also quickly share, as they went to tell the apostles.

Pope Francis has said that the question addressed to the women that Easter morning is posed to each one of us. “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” It's one that should grab our attention and invite us to a new way of seeing things. Do we cling to what is sterile, bleak, and hopeless, just because it is familiar? Do we give in to cynicism and defeatism, supposing that things in the world, the Church, our neighbourhoods, and families can never improve? Easter is a call to reject the malaise that can afflict so much of modern life and to embrace a new way of living with a spirit of hope. As the Holy Father has said, “Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak; it is the word of the resurrection.” The angels' question should snap us to attention this Easter, reminding us that because of the Lord's resurrection, we can always lay claim to hope. May God bless you and yours richly in this season of great joy.

**Yours in Christ, + Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough**

Easter Flowers

Donations in memory of your loved ones will contribute to enhancing the church's ambiance with Easter flowers. A Mass will be offered to honour the departed members during the Easter season.

Kindly include with your donation your name, address, or envelope number, along with the names you wish to be commemorated by March 24/25. We appreciate your participation. *Thank you!*



Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!

Our parish collected \$442.00. This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory.

Birthday Wishes & Prayers

We wish God's Blessings to these parishioners, our loved one's and those who have gone before us celebrating an Anniversary or Birthday or any special occasion in March especially... Rhonda Roberts, Cathy Pandey, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Louis Lalande (RIP), Cindy Pearce, Fr. John, Louise Lalande



Knights News

The Knights 3rd Annual Good Friday Fish Fry will take place after the Good Friday Service, March 29, one piece fish and chips \$10 and two-piece fish and chips \$15. Purchase your dinner in the gathering room after Mass.



St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus continue **“40 Cans for Lent”** food drive. Donations may be dropped off in the gathering room through Easter Sunday.



Good Friday Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.



Life Corner

In addition to the loving support we need to give anyone we know contemplating suicide or assisted suicide, there is a crisis number available: 988.

We are planning a parish get together on May 26 (midway between Mother's and Father's Day) to celebrate the Moms and Dads of our parish. Stay tuned!

Blessings to all. Choose life.

