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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

PALM SUNDAY, March 28th - THE PASSION OF THE LORD, – 8:30 AM <-- (NOTICE)

- in Haywood + Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (*Léo & Jacqueline Bazin*)

Tuesday, March 30th – CHRISM MASS – 7:30 PM - at the St. Boniface Cathedral.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 8:00 PM

- in St. Claude + for all deceased Priests who served in our parishes.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd – CELEBRATIONS OF THE LORD'S PASSION &

STATIONS OF THE HOLY CROSS – in Haywood at 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd – EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 PM in St. Claude +Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th – 10:00 AM in Haywood + For all parishioners (*Fr. Peter*)

Friday, April 9th – 9:00 AM – Eucharistic Adoration and confessions

-Mass at 10:00 AM + Roméo Morisseau (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, April 11th – 9:00 AM + Denis Pilloud (*Anonymous*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Janice Souque

God's Share: March 21st - \$375.00 (16) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$410.00**

Development & Peace: YTD - March 21st - **\$180.00** (9).

Ministries:

Readers: March 28th
Simone Lambert

Counters: Denise & ptrnr.

April 4th - Easter

Judith Robidoux

Raymond & ptrnr.

April 11th

Simone Lambert

Dorothée & ptrnr.

Palm Sunday (B)

March 28, 2021

Prayer Intention for April, 2021

Fundamental Rights: *We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*

Let us pray:

- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his priestly ministry among us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.

***As of March 20, the English Mass on Saturday evenings will be celebrated at 8 PM.**

COVID-19 Update for Religious Services

On Friday, March 26, the provincial government extended its Code Red Alert for all of Manitoba until at least April 15, but with a lifting of some restrictions.

***Masses and religious gatherings can be held at 25% of the usual capacity of the premises or 100 persons, whichever is lower.** Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms of sickness should remain home. Attendees must write their name on a contact tracing form upon arrival at the church and confirm that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19, nor does anyone in their household.

Funerals, prayer vigils for the deceased, weddings, and baptisms: *Gathering limits increase to 25 people from the previous 10-person limit.

This is still a low capacity compared to regular religious services. Why? Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin points out that those attending these celebrations often converge from different locations across the province, and even from outside Manitoba. Moreover, given the strong emotions that accompany these celebrations, it is difficult to discourage hugs, kisses on the cheeks and handshakes, which all increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

Please note that the celebrant, as well as other persons assigned by the parish, such as a cantor or lector, or persons responsible for the livestreaming of the event, are NOT to be counted among 25 persons attending. In the case of funerals, staff from a funeral home are NOT to be counted.

Wearing Mask:

- The Province has indicated to the Archdiocese that masks must be worn on entering and leaving the church, as well as when anyone leaves their pew to move around. This includes people **processing for Communion**, but also lectors and cantors or leaders of song walking to the ambo, extraordinary ministers of communion, people bringing up the offerings, those participating in the Procession and Recessions.

- **It is recommended to wear a mask when seated. However, it is permitted to remove one's mask once seated, provided physical distancing is maintained.**

Schedule for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum

***Note: March 27: No Saturday Evening Mass in St. Claude**

March 28: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- Haywood: 8:30 am
- St. Claude: 11:00 am

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 1: Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper: 8:00pm in St. Claude

April 2: Good Friday: Day of fasting and Abstinence from meat

3:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion + Stations of the Holy Cross- In Haywood

April 3: Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm in St. Claude

April 4: Easter Sunday: 10:00 am in Haywood

NO BULLETIN IN HOLY WEEK

THE ST. CLAUDE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED HOLY WEEK TO PREPARE CELEBRATIONS

COVID-19 Vaccines – an FAQ on Catholic Bioethics

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March of last year, Health Canada has approved four vaccines with which to combat the spread of COVID-19.

As more and more Manitobans have the possibility of being vaccinated against COVID19, Catholics may be asking themselves questions regarding the ethics and social justice issues surrounding vaccination, beyond the medical question of the effectiveness of the vaccines on offer. For instance, were the vaccines now available developed and made in a manner that is consistent with Catholic moral teaching? In other words, are they morally irreproachable? In literature and the news, you may see the term “morally irreproachable”, which means ethically acceptable.

Of the four vaccines being distributed in Canada, two (Pfizer-bioNTech and Moderna) were created in an ethically acceptable manner, since they were not created using fetal cell lines. Two vaccines however (AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson), are problematic from a Catholic ethical standpoint, as the source of the original cell lines from which the vaccines were created and developed are fetal cell lines.

However, Catholics are not necessarily prohibited from taking these vaccines. Questions of conscience, of our intent in getting vaccinated and the moral proximity or distance from ethically questionable acts that contributed to the creation and development of some vaccines must be taken into consideration.

Therefore, the questions of conscience of ethical decision making are the following:

1. Source, production and testing of vaccines where cell material of aborted fetuses or embryos is used.
2. The common good, i.e., protecting all people in the world, especially the vulnerable, from disease and death.
3. The safe, rapid, and affordable provision of vaccines to the developing world and other populations at risk.

We ought, therefore, in considering the moral aspects of vaccines, reflect on how to oppose the evil of abortion and promote respect for all life, and on how to best make sure all of us are as healthy as possible, both for ourselves and our families, but also for other people. As Catholics, we should strive towards the common good, within our archdiocese, province and in Canada, as well other less developed countries that may have little or no access to the benefits of vaccination. (Source: Archdiocese of St. Boniface)

Palm Sunday (B)

March 28, 2021

Brothers and sisters,

We are living in unprecedented times; times that have created significant challenges and difficulties for us all. We are uncertain about when this pandemic is over. However, as Christians, one thing we know for certain is that, with the eyes of faith, the Lord is with us always, to the end of the age, as he promised (Mt 28:19). As we approach the Holy Week, we experience in a deeper way the love of God for us. The dying in humiliation of Jesus on the cross is the most powerful evidence of his unconditional love for humanity. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3:16). Yes, Jesus died for us. He died for you and for me, sinners. He died and resurrected so that we may have life and have it abundantly. “O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1).

I would like to take this precious opportunity to share with you the meaning of the liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK is the most important time in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. During the Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth. We recall the events that led to His death and Resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY: On the Sunday before Easter, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds cheered for Jesus by waving palm branches and laying them along his path. At Church, we receive palms to remind us of this.

The climax of the Holy Week is the **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**. Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Paschal Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year.

HOLY THURSDAY: We remember the night Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. He had set an example of serving and loving to the end by washing the feet of his disciples. He invited us to do the same: “wash one another's feet”.

GOOD FRIDAY: We commemorate the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus. We have the meditation on the Ways of the Cross, and veneration of the Cross to express our reverence and gratitude for Christ's sacrifice for our sins. “We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world”. This is the only day of the year that in the universal Church, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, and the Communion we receive is from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The Church invites us to fast and spend more time in silent prayer to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection.

HOLY SATURDAY: On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in prayer and fasting at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his sufferings, death, and descent to the dead. Throughout this day, the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior.

In the evening, we celebrate solemnly the Vigil Service, a night of prayer which looks forward to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection; mourning will give way to the joys of Eastertide. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

Have a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week and Happy Easter to all of you! + Fr. Peter Le