

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound

AS WE PREPARE FOR  
**VISION 20/20...**  
Let us all pray and call  
on the Holy Spirit to guide  
us and open our minds,  
lips and hearts to the  
Gospel.



April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday - What Have We Learned

Celebrate  
**PALM**  
Sunday

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Phillipians 4:11-13

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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Please contact Parish Office  
to schedule a baptism.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
Marriage Preparation at least  
90 days prior to your wedding  
date. Please contact Parish  
Office.

**Pastoral Care**  
Contact Parish Office for  
Home visits, Anointing of the  
Sick, Holy Communion

**Sacrament Reconciliation**  
Before Mass or call Parish Of-  
fice for arrangement with  
Priest.

Grace and peace of the Lord be with you!

Father Francis Lil'O Corner  
Together With Jesus At His Hour

Holy week is here... it gives us a renewed opportunity to journey along with the Lord Jesus Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is the highest moment of our worship. That will explain why the Church asks us to spend 40 days to prepare for it. The several days of preparation helps us to accord it the place it deserves and to be spiritually ready to benefit from them. As a cluster, we have taken part in the usual Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We prayed the Stations of the Cross from Wednesday through Friday. In addition, we continued our Holy Hour on Sunday evenings. We also participated in the rice bowls campaign to feed the poor. Our communal penance with Bishop Zinkula remains the highest event of our Lenten journey 2019 (Attendance was great!). All of those exercises and efforts, both personal and communal, have brought us to this point where we are now ready to begin the holy week with lots of expectation.

How would you evaluate your effort this Lenten season? Did anything change for you? No matter what your experiences have been, I invite you to approach this holy week in a different way. On Palm Sunday, *redefine your life's vision*. Trust that you'll be victorious with Jesus. The palm is a symbol of victory. On Holy Thursday *remember to renew your commitment to the Holy Eucharist. Accept the invitation to spend one hour in prayer with the Jesus*.

On Good Friday, think about the cross you are carrying and ask for God's grace. On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, let us rise with him and accept his gift of newness, to make all things new. Ideally, every Catholic needs to make all rounds of Masses in the Triduum so please plan towards it. Have a wonderful Easter.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

*Father Francis*



**What Have We Learned?** The Palm Sunday Gospel from Luke covers the entire story of Jesus' last Supper, trial, crucifixion and death. On the night before his death, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane and asked his disciples to pray with him. Jesus struggled to find strength to face his death and suffered intense fear and felt completely alone, he was only "a stone's throw away" from them.

On Palm Sunday no one truly understood Jesus or appreciated that he was sacrificing his life to forgive sins of humanity. The crowds praised him because they wanted him to be their military and political king to lead Israel to overthrow the Roman empire.

How far is a stone's throw? It's distance enough to leave you in a place where no one can reach you. Jesus also faced his death knowing that he was loved by others but also knowing that in the face of death he was entering a place where he was deeply and utterly alone. This emphasis on aloneness is in fact one of the major points within the Passion scriptures.

Jesus was "Liked" by lots of people on that first Palm Sunday. If they'd had Face book, they would have given him the thumbs-up. But by Friday, they'd lost interest and for many, it was just that they were for Jesus one minute following the herd, and then... Well, they didn't want to be bothered with him. Sound familiar? Jesus was exactly the same Palm Sunday, among the adoring crowd, as later that week, suffering alone on Thursday night in the Garden of Gethsemane, then hanging on a cross Friday afternoon, jeered, mocked, crucified. They joined in the shouts of the mob to "Crucify him!"

It wasn't Jesus who had changed; it was the people - **it was us** - who changed, turned their backs, lost interest, changed adoration into indifference. At times, it takes too much trouble and time to follow Jesus; as in our world today, Mass and Confession are way too long and all these extra prayers, rosaries, chaplets, well, we just don't have time.

Today in church there are blessed palm branches. We encourage you to take one, but please don't leave it here on the floor or on your pew; take one and place it in your home so that every time you see it, you will remember the wonderful phrase in the Bible- "**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**" Ask yourself, what does this palm branch mean to me? (Read What Have We Learned Prayer on Page 4). Think about it.

We say we love and know Jesus; but do we truly love and know him? When we let Jesus start to change us, we find we are more faithful, compassionate, a little wiser even when things around us go wrong, whatever other people are saying, whatever they are doing.

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## PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**Please note: Bulletin information deadlines due to Easter week are:**

- April 21st bulletin due April 14

### SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

#### **Income & Expense Past Three Quarters**

Income	\$90,721.56
Expense	<u>\$77,843.14</u>
Surplus	\$12,878.42

Building fund	\$ 4,370.00
Building fund (Roof)	\$ 1,150.00

On Easter Sunday, Eucharistic Adoration will not be scheduled at 5:00 pm in Grand Mound.

2019 Graduates and 2019 First Communicants of our parish will be honored at the May 5, 2019 parish coffee hour after 8:00 a.m. Mass. All graduates, 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants and their families are welcome to join us at this coffee hour! A "sign-up" sheet in the church vestibule for all parishioners and families to determine how many people to expect.



#### APRIL/MAY Schedule

- Wednesday, April 17: Class 6-7pm
- Wednesday, April 24: Class 6-7pm
- Saturday, April 27: 1st Communion Retreat 9-11:30am (2nd Grade)
- Wednesday, May 1: 6pm Practice 1st Communion. All Students Refreshments & End of Year celebration
- Sunday, May 5, 8:00am Mass 1st Communion, May Crowning, & HS Graduation
- Wednesday, May 8, 6:00pm Teacher Appreciation Dinner
- Youth Group and Bible Study continues through Wednesday May 1.

We'd like to thank all of the CCD Teachers for their hard work and dedication to the children of our parish. We will be honoring our CCD teachers at a "working" dinner on May 8, 2019 at the church.

Lenten Baby Bassinet is found with the Holy Family statues in the church. We encourage donations of baby items that are needed: baby bottles, clothing, blankets, pacifiers, diapers, toys. Items will be delivered to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton after Easter.

#### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

Sunday May 5-please stay for breakfast after 9:30 Mass to honor our graduating seniors, Lexie Schroeder and Alyssa Koch.

Sunday Aug. 25, "From Farm to Table" fun and fundraiser. Serving pork and pie! 4:00-7:00pm. All parishioners will be asked to help. Watch for details in June!

Three new council members will be needed in June. Please contact Jim Schroeder or any council member for details.

#### Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

On Holy Thursday there will be Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, in the Chapel at Sacred Heart in Oxford Junction. Adoration will begin about 8:30 pm when Father Francis places the Monstrance and consecrated host.

Please consider this devotion at any of our cluster parishes as part of your Lenten journey. Grand Mound and Toronto will also have Adoration on Holy Thursday at the same time and everyone is welcome.

Sign-up sheets for Adoration will be placed in the hallway at church. It would be good if there would be at least 2 people or more at each time. Suggestions for adoration could be praying the Rosary, reading the stations of the cross, reading from the Missal, reading any one or more of the booklets in the hallway, or

reading from your Bible, praying and talking with God, or sitting, reflecting and being with God for an hour.

The Parish Council and Choir are asking for donations to change all the sanctuary light bulbs (35) to LED bulbs. Choir members would be extremely grateful, as it is very dark in the Choir area at times! Donation boxes are located in the hallway.

Please consider a donation of Spring/Easter flowers to help decorate our altar for Easter. If you have transportation problems to purchase flowers, please contact Doris at 319-480-6963 or Karen at 563-452-3209, and they'll be happy to purchase for you. If you want the flowers in memory of a loved one, please let Doris or Karen know. Decorating will be done on Saturday, April 20.

Mid April is here and Karen will be working on the May schedule. If you have a particular weekend you wish to serve, please sign up, otherwise Karen will assign as she has in the past. We appreciate all of you for volunteering and remind you that if you're not able to serve at your assigned time to trade with someone or find a replacement. We have a GREAT group of volunteers and invite everyone to participate in our various ministries.

A big thank you to all who were able to participate in Stations and Mass during our Lenten journey!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Communal Penance Service Sunday, April 14 - 4:00 pm St. Joseph Church, DeWitt

If you missed Communal Penance. Fr. Page will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for us on the eve of Holy Week. During this season of Lent, here is another opportunity for us to heal. On Sunday, April 14, there will be three to four priests present to hear confessions at St. Joseph's in DeWitt.

Please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:



**Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek

**SS Philip & James Church:** Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret

**Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, John and Marilyn Stevenson

### What Have We Learned?

They shouted with praises, reaching the sky,  
Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by.  
Crying, 'Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!  
He comes to us today, great joy He doth bring.'

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way  
Clearing the way for His entrance that day.  
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,  
The day had come, God answered their prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant,  
From joyful noise, to a mob's hate-filled rant.  
From Hosanna, Hosanna, as when He was praised  
To crucify Him! Crucify Him,  
as their anger blazed

In disbelief we might question why they turned  
But maybe the question is,  
'What have we learned  
*Written by Loyd C Taylor, SR.*



## MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday	04/13/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Mass/Albert Bouchaute
Sunday	04/14/19/ <b>Palm Sunday Passion</b>
08:00am	Grand Mound/Howard & Gerard Green
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
Monday	04/15/19 No Mass/Holy Week
Tuesday	04/16/19/Holy Week
08:00am	Grand Mound/Altar & Rosary
Wednesday	04/17/19/Holy Week
04:30pm	Grand Mound/ <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
05:00pm	Mass/David & Andrea Meza
Thursday	04/18/19/ <b>Holy Thursday</b>
07:00pm	Mass/Toronto/Kathy Van Waes
07:00pm	Mass/Grand Mound/Kathaleen Whitman
Friday	04/19/19/ <b>Good Friday</b>
06:00pm	Grand Mound
06:00pm	Oxford Junction
Saturday	04/20/19/ <b>Easter Vigil</b>
08:30pm	Lost Nation/Vigil & Marcella Gustafson
Sunday	04/21/19/ <b>Resurrection of The Lord</b>
	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
08:00am	Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Mary Kleineck



### Readings for the week of April 14, 2019

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56/23:1-49
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 /Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,15-17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,1113 Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35