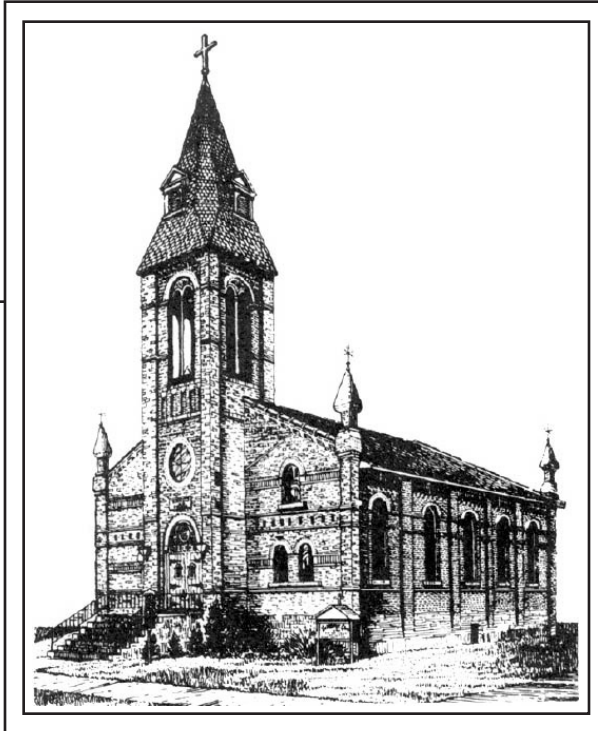


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IN APPRECIATION

During Holy Week and the Triduum there was much work to be done in setting up the church for the respective liturgies as well as decorating and taking down and re-decorating again throughout Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. A faithful family's three sons accepted to assist with altar serving were Mateusz, Janek, Lukasz Lassek trained for and served Holy Thursday, with Bishop John Boissonneau presiding, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Each of these liturgies are so different from one another yet they came each day to rehearse for each liturgy then returned again that evening or afternoon for the liturgy itself. On top of that, they served so well and with great reverence. So, I am so grateful for their devout service and on behalf of the parish of St. Mary's express our appreciation for their time and sacrifice to serve the Lord at this most sacred time in the entire Church year.

As well, there were several others who helped with set up, flower arrangements, chairs, hall set up for Holy Thursday and many other fine details that make these liturgy surroundings possible and I would like to acknowledge Chuck Bastyr, Genevieve Carson and Greg Wilson who were tireless in their help to prepare the church and hall for Holy Week and several others who contributed as well. God bless you all for your care for Christ and your parish.

"IT IS RIGHT AND JUST!"

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all time to acclaim you, O Lord,
but in this time above all to laud you yet more
gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For with the old order destroyed,
a universe cast down is renewed,
and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

The above preface is taken from several options of prefaces for the Easter season of fifty days. The priest reads this part called the preface following the *Sersum Corda* (when the priest says, The Lord be with you... Lift up your hearts... Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, which is where all the people respond to this last invitation with "It is right and just". Following that, the priest prays the preface which always recalls the truly magnificent and awesome things Jesus has done as the paschal Lamb. In the above example is recalled the fact that in Jesus' death and resurrection destruction of the old order has been accomplished and life is restored in Christ.

While I have addressed this topic before of the need for us to see that going to Mass isn't us doing God a favour, but is the just

response to all that God is, deserves and is necessary it bears repeating here again.

The one thing God expects, the one thing that God even 'demands', is Worship. It's not an option suggested by a nice god who, shucks, loves us no matter what we do, hold to, profess or devolve into because he's just such a darn right nice guy. No, it's a command from God who not only deserves all our praise and worship but in fact demands that we do it. The above preface states both by the people and by the priest himself that it is *right and just* to worship God – it's what God has coming to Him. Justice pertains to doing the right things that God expects and deserves, like the Third Commandment which calls us to *Keep Holy the Sabbath Day*. With the high numbers of fallen away or non-practicing Catholics around the world most would likely not even know that "going to church" is demanded by God. We might tend to think of the Church as merely a human institution that demands of its adherent's blind obedience, but we'd be wrong. We are the beneficiaries of the many gifts and blessings in life that come to us from the God of love in Jesus Christ; sacred communion, divine teaching, benevolent blessing and the guiding light that is God's Word 'churchy words' to be sure, but words with meaning that pack a punch containing real power for our lives and mission. God does it all for us and chooses to reveal these great graces through His Holy Church until Jesus comes again.

I am amazed at the speech and language of so many which doesn't reflect that of the Church. If we are to embrace the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ that means that we are not permitted to take and accept only those parts that we like. Take, for example, the Ten Commandments. These commands of God that bear the full weight of "you must" for the good of our own lives are sometimes viewed as demands of a throwback age which the modern world has moved beyond. "We have Jesus now and He's all about love and forgiveness", might be their attitude until we remember that Jesus told us that He did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it – those Old Testament commandments still hold.

The Third Commandment states that we must "Keep Holy the Sabbath Day" which, you will remember, is not a very popular thing to say or print in Collingwood, Ontario these days. Presented with the Ten Commandments wherein all our various human sins can be found, Catholics can sometimes react in a manner that is quite un-Christian. The reason: disagreement and a lack of teaching. Many of the central teachings of the Catholic Church today are not adhered to, even by those who may go to church every Sunday. We might present ourselves with an image of Jesus who encompasses all the good stuff we want to believe about our God – that He is merciful, kind, loving, forgiving, always there, and not so willing to see Jesus as one who makes real demands of us: "*If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them take up their cross daily and follow me*" (Matt. 16:24) and "*The world will hate you because of me.*"

No one really wants to stand out by themselves or carry a cross much less be hated, yet living with Jesus and for Jesus will form us more and more into being like Him. Yet the world hated Him because He was too divine for the secular and too secular for the religious and so they killed Him, hung the Lord of glory on a tree.

Yet He rose, as He had said, and is still among us, calling us, guiding us, pleading with us, dying for us to come to our senses and come back to Him. Therefore, because He is God who is truly with us, "it is right and just" to give Him thanks and praise! (Fr. C.)



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| Tuesday May 2 nd | |
| 8:30am | +Lori Tasca Requested by Ken Wright |
| Wednesday May 3 rd | |
| 7:00pm | +Michael Barcellos Requested by The Barcellos Family Intentions of Ricardo Zuliani Requested by the Lassak Family |
| Thursday May 4 | |
| 8:30am | +Josef Jaekl Requested by Rosalia Jaekl & Family |
| Friday May 5 | |
| 7:30pm | Holy Hour |
| 8:30am | For the Ordinandi Intentions of Stefano Idel Medico Requested by the Lassak Family |
| Saturday May 6 | |
| 3:30pm | Confessions |
| 4:30pm | +Rosemarie Scattergood Requested by the Cudney Family |
| Sunday May 7 | |
| 9:00am | For the People |
| 11:00am | Intentions of the Guerrero & Andaya Families |

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Emilie Gosselin, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family.

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**4th Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**



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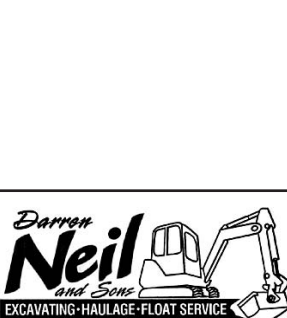

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