

#### Pastor:

Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D. Timothy Dunlop P.D.

#### **MASSES**

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon 10:00 am Saturday

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am 11:30 am

**Holy Hour:** 

Friday 11:00 am

**Confessions:** 

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &

11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

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#### **MARRIAGE**

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

### **FAITH COMMUNITY**

Parish Secretary Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm Adele Heins 9:00 am Sunday Adele Heins Sunday 11:30 am Diana Swift

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## Tuesday, April 8th

12:05pm Special Intentions for Marc Gignac Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

## Wednesday, April 9th

12:05pm + Petronia Macainan and Leonora Villajos Requested by Carol & Patrick

## Thursday, April 10th

12:05pm Special Intentions for Zita Robillard Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

## Friday, April 11th

Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr 11:00 am Holy Hour

12:05pm + Raymond & Joan Gignac Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, April 12th

10:00 am + Albert Dorion Requested by Theresa Laurin and family

# Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

## Saturday, April 12th

5:00 pm Mass for the People

## Sunday, April 13th

9:00 am + Peter & Janjo Stefanitz Requested by Kata Macut

11:30 am + Ted and Audrey Percival
Requested by Diane and Nicole Percival

## Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## **Everything as Loss**

Because of St. Paul's surpassing knowledge of Christ, he came to rate all as loss. Paul's personal relationship with Christ changed the ratings of his life. Things he used to rate as high value were re-assessed as worthless and empty.

We all have a "surpassing knowledge": usually our knowledge of, and attraction to pleasure surpasses all else. For many, even Christians, food, entertainment, TV programs, money and lifestyle rate the highest. These surpass everything else.

Eventually we experience a surpassing knowledge of tragedy and/or death. This changes our ratings. In the face of death, we now rate as loss those things for which we formerly lived for. We feel so empty and regret that we have wasted our lives. We feel condemned by the vain and empty promises of our past life.

However, the surpassing knowledge of tragedy and/or death, which surpassed our preoccupation with pleasure, can itself be surpassed by a personal knowledge of Jesus. When we totally give our lives to Jesus, we no longer stand condemned by the empty priorities of our past. These vanities and all regrets all disappear.

We give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead. Life in Christ is not merely meaningless stimulation, but real excitement. Because of our knowledge of Jesus, life is a race, not a drag: live in the light of a surpassing knowledge of Jesus. In two weeks, we will celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead. To share in his resurrection, we must "sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death." (Philippians 3: 10). "The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him." (2 Timothy 2: 11-12a). The cross is the only way of resurrection from the dead.

St. Paul's prayer to know how to share in the sufferings of Christ is rarely prayed. Only those deeply in love with Christ are open to this prayer. To pray for suffering, love must be more important to us than self. We must love Jesus so much we prefer to suffer with him rather than to enjoy ourselves without him. Because of love, we consider Jesus more

important to us than pleasure and we even value suffering insofar as it is in union with Christ.

On Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we will read about the passion and death of Christ. On Good Friday we will venerate the Cross as our salvation. Especially during these last days of Lent, we will contemplate our Lord's love for us in the Stations of the Cross. We pray that, impelled by this love, we are able to take up our daily crosses in suffering with Christ. Dying to ourselves and with Jesus, we hope to rise to live in the Lord's love forever.

We naturally wish a life of maximum pleasure and minimum pain, staying in our comfort zones. As we enter more deeply into our Lord's passion and death, the Lord calls us to lives of maximum holiness and minimum selfishness. The Lord calls us out of our comfort zones of pleasure and sin into the "love zone" at the foot of the cross. By God's grace, let us make the way of the cross our way of life.

Grace and peace, Father R C R A

### C.W.L. News

Our next meeting will Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

## St. Margaret's Parish - Special Event

At 7:00 PM on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Mass for healing celebrated at St. Margaret's. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with Praise and Worship music. Holy Mass is to be followed by individual healing prayers. Come and encounter the physical, emotional and spiritual healing Presence of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you.

## An Evening of Jubilation and Praise St. Michael's Choir School Concert

As part of our 2025 Year of Jubilee Year celebrations, St. Margaret's will have the honour of hosting the St. Michael's Choir School for a concert at 6:30 on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Tickets on sale for \$50 each. Get yours today!** 

## <u>Sharing Our Gifts</u>

Parish Givings Report for Sunday

Offertory \$2,093.80

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## 2025 Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We encourage parishioners to enter fully into the spirit of these sacred days by participating in the church's liturgy.

## **Palm Sunday**

Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Vigil Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am and 11:30 am

## **Holy Week**

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> Mass 12:05pm Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> Mass 12:05pm

## Easter Triduum Holy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9:00 pm

### Good Friday, April 18th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

## Holy Saturday, April 19th

Blessing of the Easter Food 11:00 am in the Church

**Easter Vigil Mass** 8:00 pm

## Easter Sunday, April 20th

Easter Mass 9:00 am and 11:30am

Please Note: **No Confessions** this Weekend

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Lauriane Marshall, Gary Edwards, Glady Robitaille,

Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Stephen Roach, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude, Betty Laurin, John Gunther

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and

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