



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 12, 2020



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Watch online liturgies at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

Sat Apr 11	LIVE AT 8:00 p.m.	Matthew Wilson † EASTER VIGIL
Sun Apr 12	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	For parishioners (int) EASTER SUNDAY
Mon Apr 13		Adeline Zimmer Hemphill †
Tues Apr 14		Hank Giefing †
Wed Apr 15		Diana Froh (int)
Thu Apr 16		Timothy Harrington †
Fri Apr 17		Neil Smith †
Sat Apr 18		Jack Madden †
Sun Apr 19	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	For parishioners (int) <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</i>



It's Easy to Give!

Well, it may *not* be that easy to give when many of us are feeling the serious financial consequences of the current crisis. But at least it does not need to be difficult to continue your support for your parish community, at whatever level you are currently able to sustain.

We've appreciated the many parishioners who've taken the trouble to drop off their envelopes at the rectory—and you're welcome to continue. However, there is a simple and easy way to make your weekly gift and your Easter offering: the Archdiocese has setup a 'digital offertory basket' collection for our parish! You make your contribution (one-time, weekly, or monthly) just by clicking [here](#) or rebrand.ly/ctroffering.

The new online offering page for our parish also now allows you to make donations to Archdiocesan second collections. Take note that the Share Lent collection has been postponed for now, and the collection normally taken up on Good Friday for the needs of the Holy Land will be taken up in churches in the fall.

Of course, we're always happy to help you out by phone if you would prefer. Please call Catherine Davidson at [604-922-1371](tel:604-922-1371).

Thank you all so much for your sacrificial support at this difficult time.



EASTER LIVE

Our parish will gather with joy to celebrate Easter live-streamed from the church. Join us at **8 p.m. on Saturday for the Easter Vigil** and at **10 a.m. on Sunday for the Easter Mass**. Both Masses will be enhanced by the beautiful music of our family choir.

To access the live-stream, connect your computer, tablet, or smartphone to the Internet and click [here](#). If you have any trouble, copy rebrand.ly/ctrmass and paste into your browser. Select the "Live" video to enter the stream. The Live video will not be accessible until the scheduled time, so continue to "refresh" the page if you are early.

Each liturgy will be recorded and can be played back at the same link later in the day, and will remain posted on our YouTube page.

We will also be live-streaming Mass next Sunday, **April 19 at 10 a.m.** with special prayers for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Thank you to the many parishioners who called, emailed, and texted to express their appreciation for the Palm Sunday celebration—and to all who made the live-stream possible.



Confession Schedule

Holy Saturday: Beginning 9:30 a.m. Priests will remain as long as there are penitents.

Easter Sunday: 4:15—4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15: 8:45—9:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 18: 9:30—10:00 a.m.

To ensure adequate distance, do not approach our **outdoor** confessional screens until the area is completely clear—and please stand well back from the screen. We ask you to leave immediately as soon as you've made your confession and not to visit in the parking lot.

Please Pray For

Ken Beesley

Ron Buziol

Noel Callahan

Peggy McCormick

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

&

*Helen Bush, Stephanie Cameron-Ancil, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank,
Mireille Farwagi, Marilyn Goulet, Germaine Guay,
Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Mary Menescardi,
Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale,
Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask,
Molly Waechter, Ed Wild, and Terry Zweng*



Discovery Faith Studies

The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus at Easter is for *you*—rediscover the joy of the Gospel and Jesus' personal love for you through a Discovery faith study! We'll be running small-group faith studies virtually via video conferencing. If you are interested in joining us for one of these studies, please email discovery@ctrwestvan.ca.

The parish is also offering virtual Discovery studies to St. Thomas Aquinas High School parents during this time. If you are an STA parent and would like to join and grow in your faith with other parents, please contact Krista at kgreig@ctrwestvan.ca.



Lectio Divina

We will continue praying together using the ancient tradition of *lectio divina* ('sacred reading') on **Wednesday, April 15. At 10:30 a.m.**, our live streamed *lectio* will reflect on Psalm 77, in which the psalmist recalls God's works in a time of affliction. At **7:30 p.m.** we will pray with the text of **Luke 24:13-35**, where Jesus meets the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The link for both of these times of prayer is rebrand.ly/lectiodivina.



Men's Hostel

Our Men's Hostel outreach team has worked out a safe way to continue to provide meals once a month to the Men's Hostel. Their next meal will be **Thursday, April 16**. For more information on how to get involved with the ministry, please email Claudia Fraga at cfragai@gmail.com.

Staying Connected One-on-One

Our 'Virtual Office'



The parish staff are working from home to meet your needs and committed to respond to you in a timely fashion—although the office is physically closed.

If you don't have internet access, use the priests' cell phones.

- Email: office@ctrwestvan.ca
- Website: www.ctrwestvan.ca
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwestvan
- Msgr. Smith's Cell Phone: 604-657-3715
- Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone: 1-416-882-0310

For emergencies, always call the priests' phones directly.



Pastor's Message

When Jewish pilgrims arrived in Jerusalem, they found in Psalm 122 the perfect words to express what was in their hearts: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem."

Delighted to be so near to the divine presence, the pilgrims cried out, "For love of my family and friends, I say: 'Peace upon you.'"

I felt something of that joy and enthusiasm when we gathered together in God's house on Palm Sunday. Although we could not physically assemble, we stood as a pilgrim people at the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem to celebrate the sacred liturgy.

It's been a long, hard Lent. But there is something about the anxiety and hardship we've been experiencing that has brought us closer together, and—dare I say—closer to God.

I'm so grateful to those parishioners who have shared with Fr. Jeff and me their stories of faith amidst suffering. It's a reminder that God is at work in all this, and that "all will be well, and all manner of things will be well" (Juliana of Norwich).

We've listened attentively to the Word of God proclaimed abundantly these past few days, so I hope you won't mind if Fr. Jeff and I turn to a verse attributed (not exactly!) to Shakespeare as our Easter prayer for you. We found it on Jean McCarron's beautiful Easter card, reproduced below: "Health, peace, and sweet content be yours."

Fr. Jeff and I greet you this Easter with the promise that we will pray for each of you, every day, as we wait for this long Lent to be completely overpowered by the joy of the Risen Lord.

—GNS



Socially Distanced Parish Life

Here are some scenes from the parish and parishioners over the past few weeks! #ChurchNeverStops



CTR Parishioners delivering meals to the Door is Open.



Adoration and lectio divina led by Msgr. Smith live on Facebook.



Knitting for Charity group during their weekly meet on Zoom.



Waiting for penitents at one of our outdoor confessionals.



Food donations for the Door is Open provided by STA families.



Palms being delivered into the trunks of parishioners on Palm Sunday.



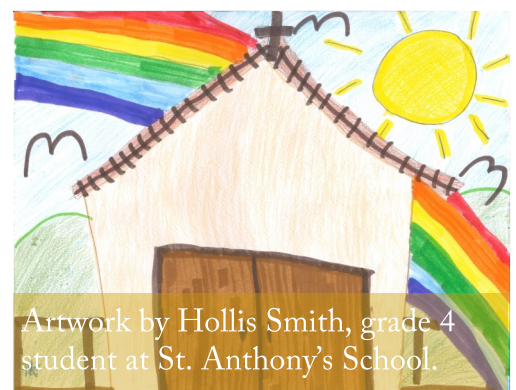
Mass on TV!



Disinfecting the office and church in a hazmat suit!



Palm Sunday Mass live on YouTube.



Artwork by Hollis Smith, grade 4 student at St. Anthony's School.



Digital Offertory

As explained elsewhere in this bulletin, we're passing the collection basket online, on our parish donation page on the secure Archdiocesan website. You can use your credit card, or direct debit to your bank. Just click here: rebrand.ly/ctroffering. If you have any problems, don't hesitate to give Catherine Davidson a call at 604-922-1371.



Our Facebook Community

Our new Facebook Group is a place for parishioners and friends of CTR to find community, fellowship, and share resources in their discipleship journey. You can join by heading to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrwestvan>.



Flocknote

Sign up for news and instant updates from the parish at www.flocknote.com/CTRrcav.



This Week's Online Ideas

At a time when we cannot receive the Eucharist, the prayer known as a "Spiritual Communion" is very important. Here is the link to [making a Spiritual Communion](#).

- ["A Faith Response to the Coronavirus" \(En español\)](#)
- We will be offering you online resources to help you pray daily, and weekly, during this time. Here are two for this week: daily meditations and Mass readings offered by Living with Christ: <https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions>, and for youth, find resources on our Instagram [@ctrwvyouth](#).
- You can also download the Liturgy of the Hours and other prayers on your phone with the iBreviary app, on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

We continue to remind you that it is a Christian duty to follow the [directives of the health authorities](#) to protect yourself, and others from illness.

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Some Suggestions for Watching Mass from Home

With thanks to the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls

Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.

Open your bible to the Gospel of the day and place it on your “home altar” to remind you that the Word of God is among you.

Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.

Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the Mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.

Get dressed as you normally would when attending Mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.

If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the Mass.

Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the Mass.

Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting, and responding according to the rubrics of the Mass.

Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after Mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.