

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2018

Pope Francis shared that “The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus’ Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.”

You are invited to watch the National Catholic Mission 2018, *The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation*, with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada:

- VisionTV: Part 1 on Monday March 26 and part 2 on Tuesday, March 27, both at 8 p.m.
- Salt + Light: Part 1 Tuesday, March 27 and part 2 on Wednesday, March 28 both at 8 p.m.

The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast on

- VisionTV: Part 1 on Good Friday and part 2 on Holy Saturday, at 8 a.m. and noon
- Slat + Light: Part 1 on Good Friday and part 2 on Holy Saturday, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY: Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, Friday, March 30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO reservations – first come, first served. Haddock with fresh hand-cut fries served with coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 or 2-piece dinner available. Dessert, bar & refreshments also available. Cash only. Phone 519-648-2939.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY: Friday, March 30, Knights of Columbus 5135, 145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo. 1-piece dinner \$12.00, 2-piece dinner \$14.00 tax included. Seatings at 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, and 7:30 p.m. Dinner includes fish, chips, tartar sauce, roll, coleslaw, coffee and dessert. Tickets available at the club. No reservations.

SPRING CARD PARTY: St. Clement’s Parish, St. Clements will be hosting a spring card party at the St. Clement’s Parish Hall, 3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements, on Wednesday, April 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission is \$10.00. Wheelchair accessible. This event is sponsored by the St. Clement’s Christian Mothers’ Society. Everyone is welcome!



300 SHAWLS COMPLETED! These beautiful shawls can be given to anyone who is ill physically or emotionally or in difficult circumstances at any walk of life and can be used for events such as births, marriages, bereavements, etc. All shawls have a medal depicting Our Lady of Lourdes and are accompanied by a bookmark prayer. We have been very blessed with donations to cover the cost of our yarn

and thank our parishioners from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make this ministry a prayerful and loving part of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community. If any parishioner would like a shawl for a loved one, please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847.



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Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community

Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses

or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for March 26 to April 1, 2018

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Anna Granic – Peter & Angela Granic

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Doris Groce – Sheldon Groce & Family

LENT ENDS - SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS

Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday..... 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Liturgy

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 18, 2018: \$5,068.00

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]



HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET

Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed.

This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and

hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). *Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.*

*More volunteers needed!
Call today!*

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS) are still needed for the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. Start your day at sunrise and volunteer for this early Mass. An added benefit – no crowds! Please contact the parish office.

HOLY WEEK – THE TRIDUUM

The liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the liturgy of Good Friday and the great Easter Vigil are really different parts of one continuous celebration of the drama of salvation. They are among the outstanding spiritual riches of the Church. The Easter Vigil is the most magnificent liturgy of the whole liturgical year! You are invited to participate in and prayerfully celebrate this enriching liturgy. The full Holy Week schedule is shown below.

Holy Thursday, March 29: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

The church will be open until 10:00 p.m. as we keep watch in prayer in the spirit of Gethsemane. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends at 10:00 p.m. with Night Prayer.

Good Friday, March 30

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31

12:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Foods

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1: Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SHARE LENT – TOGETHER FOR PEACE: Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including April 22. If you are not using parish offering envelopes, please use one of your own, marking it as Share Lent. To learn more about the important work of Development and Peace around the world please visit www.dev.p.org.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MASS OF CHRISM at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Crosby will bless the oils of Chrism, of the sick and of the catechumens, which will be used in the sacramental ministry in the parishes of our diocese during the coming year.

GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 P.M. PARKING: Each Friday afternoon members of the local mosque gather for their weekly service. Since our Good Friday afternoon service coincides with the time of Muslim prayer, please note that parking even around the church will be at a premium. Perhaps you might consider walking, car-pooling or deliberately parking further away from the church on that day.

EASTER SUGGESTION: Because of the large crowds on Easter Sunday, you are encouraged to leave home earlier than usual to assure yourself a parking space and a seat in the church. *Please be extra cautious on neighbouring residential streets which are affected by the extra traffic coming to Lourdes – a good idea at any time of the year!* Remember that there is a parking lot at the corner of Alexandra and Roslin for your use. In addition, you might consider coming to the 7:30 a.m. Easter liturgy.

FROM THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The manufacturing and installation of the sanctuary railing is proceeding. We are anticipating completion by the end of May.

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Pontifical Collection on March 30, 2018 for the benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday, March 30. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude,
Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Save the Date



The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a mother/daughter breakfast on April 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters are all welcome (8 years and older). Tickets are \$15 (first come, first served). More information to follow but please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847 if interested.