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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent "Laetare"

## Communion Reflection



### Loved in our sins...

The prodigal son came home empty-handed. He had no trophies to show his father, no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love. He was a failure. Worse – he was a sinner. He deserved to be punished – and he knew it. Yet punishment was the last thing he needed. To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire. What happened? When the father saw his lost son coming towards him, his heart went out to him, and the next minute they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched ground. Those who have experienced this kind of love, know something about the heart of God.

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of  
Matteo Difolco*

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of  
Paul Honeyford*

### Masses of Intentions

**Monday** – Matteo DiFolco (INT) / Linda Potter +  
**Tuesday** – John K. Wilson + / Robert Armstrong +  
**Wednesday** – John K. Wilson + / Bill Henry +  
**Thursday** – Marlene Boza + / Arci Boza +  
**Friday** – John Ophelders + / Ted Ophelders + / Micheline Savoie +  
**Saturday** – Rose Novaco +

### Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Matteo Di Folco, George Hallan,  
Paul Honeyford, Jim Matthews, Vince Pelletier

### **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates**

First Communion will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm

### **First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes**

Sunday's 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5.~~ Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9 & May 7.~~

### **First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 9, 2019**

First Communion on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

### **Confirmation Classes**

Classes are ~~Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm.~~ Classes are held in the parish hall. Classes are: ~~Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 3 & Apr. 10. A mandatory teaching Mass will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 11:00 am.~~

Parents, along with their child, must attend a prayer and information night on ~~Wednesday, October 17, 2018~~ at 7:00 pm in the church.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.  
Confirmation Rehearsal date is Monday, April 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the church.  
Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.  
Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

**Blessed Sacrament Card Group** - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

**WOMENS Group** – Next general meeting is on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Loretto Room. Everyone is welcome. The knitting group will be meeting on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Loretto Room.

**January to March – Baptisms** – Hugo Cavalluzzo, Olivia Etherington, Kylei Tayag, Holden Randall, Finnely Koenig, Owen Murphy, Benjamin Strachan, Nicole Iaboni & Mattia Wiseberg.

**Deaths** – Gerald Diver, Annabel Diver, Penelope Rai, Charles Kelly, Mary McDonald, Joan Sinclair, Dale Herceg, William Williams, Bill Henry & Eleanor Murphy

**Weddings** – Matthew Orlando & Laura Milane

**Scripture : Joshua 5.9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5.17-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11-32**

March 31, 2019

*I declare that your steadfast love is established forever. (Psalm 89.2)*

**Living the Gospel locally and around the world** - "It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**" — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

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**Building Bridges to Reconciliation - April 27 - Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha - 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Blessed Sacrament parishioners are invited to participate in this event at St. Ann's Church (corner of Gerrard St. East and Degrassi St.), which begins with Mass, followed by a Session on "The Relevance of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Healing and Fostering Relationships with Indigenous Peoples and the Earth" and closes with a Festive Dinner. The Session presenter, Tom Dearhouse, is a traditional support counsellor who works with former residential school students and their families, uses his gifts to spread the message of healing and reconciliation and shares what it's like to be a First Nations individual in today's world. Tickets for the Festive Dinner (\$20) are on sale in the Loretto Room or at the parish office.

**EDGE** — contact the parish office for more info. For grades 5 to 8. **NEXT MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

**National Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** - If you are one of the many who volunteer in one of our Ministries (Choir, Lector, Eucharist Minister, Sacristan, etc.) please join us so that we may say "thank you" for all you do for our parish community. **Please join us Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Mass followed by a breakfast in our parish hall.**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Schedule**

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm  
& Saturday Morning Mass  
at 9:30 am during Lent

**Lenten Day of Confession**

Thursday, April 11  
9:00 am – 11:00 am & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm please come to  
the parish office

**Holy Week 2019**

Palm Sunday, April 13/14- Blessed Palms will be  
available at all Masses  
Chrism Mass at St. Michaels Cathedral Basilica  
Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Easter Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass will be at 10:00 am.  
Parish Office is Closed on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
and Easter Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>



**The Great Triduum**

Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 pm (No 8:30 am Mass)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight  
(prayer service at 11:45 pm)*

Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Holy Liturgy:  
11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am,  
11:30 am & 1:00 pm

At our 1:00 pm Mass we will welcome our candidates  
for Rite of Christian Initiation for Children  
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