Welcome to Our Parish



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Sacraments

Weekday Masses Please refer to the schedule in the bulletin Weekend Masses Saturday – 4:30 PM (Highland Grove) Sunday 9:00 AM (Chandos/Apsley).. 11:00 AM (Cardiff) Baptism by appointment Reconciliation 30 minutes before weekend Masses Anointing of the Sick & Communion for Shut-Ins Please call the office 613-339-2852

Marriages

First appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation session

Devotions Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Wednesday 11:00 AM (Cardiff) Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary / Benediction First Fridays 11:30 AM (Cardiff) First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) MARCH 26, 2023 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 25	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	+Doug Bowen	Gary & Joanne Burroughs
Sun 26	Chandos	9:00 AM	Deceased members Whelan family	Darla-Marie & Jim Whelan
Cardiff 11:00 AM For the People of the pa		For the People of the parish		
Mon.27			OFF	
Tue. 28	Highland Grove	7:00 PM	+Masha Amini	Peter McEnery
Wed.29	Cardiff	11:00 PM	+ Chris McCargar	Peter McEnery
Thu. 30	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Deceased members Sweeney family	Peter McEnery
Fri. 31 Cardiff 11:00 AM Deceased membes		Deceased membes McEnery family	Peter McEnery	
		11:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	
Sat. 01	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	Deceased membes George family	Peter McEnery
Sun. 03 Chandos 9:00 AM Souls in purgato		Souls in purgatory		
		11:00 AM	For the People of the parish	

Weekly Financial Report						
	March 19, 2023	March 12, 2023				
Highland Grove	\$490.00	\$271.00				
Chandos /Apsley	\$210.00	\$75.00				
Cardiff	\$60.00	\$410.00				
Total (Offertory)	\$760.00	\$756.00				
Donation						
Mass Stipend	\$480.00	\$40.00				
POP January 30		\$1490.00				
POP February 15	\$1,070.00					

Lectors							
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff				
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM				
Apr. 1/2	Mackenzie B.	Pat C.	Peter Mc.				
Apr. 8/9	Katie B.	Sharon C.	Gary B.				
Apr. 15/16	Gary B.	Pat C.	Theresa P				
Mar.18/19							
Mar.25/26	Melissa B.	Sharon C.	Charlene F				

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Readings Next Week (APRIL 02, 2023) PALM SUNDAY LENT (A)

Isaiah 50:4-7 (The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted).

Philippians 2:6-11 (Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.)

Matthew 26:14—27:66 (Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. (shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we

will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us. (Loyola Press)

Pray for those in need of healing and health

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Rhys Telka, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Eileen Carr, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Pierre Longevin, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Sally Rayes, George Chennette, Shannon Reid, Megan Connelly, Regina Gedge, Dan, Claudette Wilkinson, Patricia Weston, Eley Wisniewski, Al & Laura Quinn, Patricia Weston, Josie Recto, Sr. Naty Noblezada, Theresa Yaskolski, Even Marshall, Danny Wanless, Fr. Ron Meyer

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS! 11. DOES THE CHURCH MAKE IT TOO EASY OR TOO HARD FOR PEOPLE TO MARRY?

While some couples delay marriage too long, others rush into marriage too soon. As a result, they often bring to their marriage unresolved issues in their lives. Given the full significance of Christian marriage, some argue that the Church should be more restrictive in its approach to the witnessing of marriage; others complain when the Church puts any strictures on marriage at all. Priests properly try to ensure that couples are ready, willing and able to make a marital commitment, by helping them discern their vocation and offering them instruction on the nature, duties and rites of marriage. Sometimes priests refer couples to others for such marriage preparation. People should not enter marriage without careful thought and preparation, including spiritual preparation through prayer and participation in the sacramental life of the Church. But in all but the most obviously ill-considered cases, the Church, is reluctant to deny its blessing to those who are legally free to marry. (Catholic Organization for Life and Family) (to be continued) ****

PANCAKE BREAKFAST....Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held APRIL 1st from 8-12PM. Adults \$12. children \$8 at the HIGH-LAND GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER. Please consider helping us to offset the cost of the groceries by donating food or making monetary contribution. Please contact Melissa at 613-318-9075 for further information. Thank you in advance and we hope to see and your friends there.

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"Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you." St. Augustine

LAUGHTER....Hurrying to finish her shopping, a young woman slipped on the wet pavement and fell to the ground. A passing vicar helped her to her feet, saying, "This is the first time I have picked up a fallen woman!" To which she replied, "And this is the first time I have been picked up by a man of the cloth."

