

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

# APRIL 18, 2010



## Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2010 by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M

Sharing a meal does more than just nourish our bodies. It helps to forge relationships and create intimacy. And so we take care to make the meals we share with families and friends special, with good food, atmosphere and conversation. It's no wonder then, that today's Gospel—like some of the other Easter stories—shows the risen Lord and his friends sharing a meal. These accounts remind us of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist—with good reason. Christians down through the ages have come to recognize the risen Christ in their midst, as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared. What we are celebrating in this Easter Season, the Paschal sacrifice of Christ—his dying and rising—is present to us in each Mass, with its saving power. Do we take the Sunday Mass for granted? At our Eucharistic gatherings this weekend, let's allow this Easter story to recharge our celebration. Imagine the thrill of encountering Jesus in a new way, marvelling at the wondrous things he can do in our sight, gratefully accepting the forgiveness we need.

### SCHEDULE of MASSES

Monday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Brian Best +++++ Tom & Carmel Glynn
Wednesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Prescott	4:00 - 6:00 P.M. - ADORATION	
	Prescott	* 6:00 P.M.	Respect for Human Life +++++ CWL
Thursday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Susan Morris +++++ Glenn & Betty Morris
Friday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Helen Robichaud +++++ A. J. & Patsy Gillis
Saturday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	Gerry Jansman +++++ His Wife, Toni
Sunday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Intentions of all St. Mark & Sacred Heart Parishioners
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Elaine Cadieux +++++ Roger & Lorraine Duchesne

Sunday Offertory : April 11 - 10 St. Mark - \$1730.65 Sacred Heart - \$ 391.00

Thank you for your Generosity

### PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.



MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:15 - Apr. 24 St. Mark	Norm Fortier, Pat Warren, Anelie Norton	Laura Lee Scott	Bev Currier Sharon Schoemaker	Devin Martin & Family
Sun. 9:00 - Apr. 25 Cardinal	"To be determined on Sunday"	Joan Toupin	Ann Dunlop Joan Toupin (C)	"To be determined on Sunday"
Sunday 11:00 - Apr. 25 St. Mark	Tom Campbell, Paul Girard Need Volunteers	Chris Walasek	Micheline Cook, Rosita MacDonald, Tony Jozefowicz (C)	Kate MacDonald & Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			SUNDAY APRIL 25 <sup>th</sup> - MARGO RAYNER	

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM:** The *Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario* will be hosting a *Special Education Symposium* on **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-8:30 pm at *St. Michael Catholic High School* in *Kemptville*. The evening will start out with dinner and will include breakout sessions and informational carousels. All parents, staff and interested community members are invited to attend. **Tom Jordan, Principal of Special Education, CDSBEO: CALL: 1-800-443-4562 ext. 246 or E - Mail: Tom.Jordan@cdsbeo.on.ca**

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"Forgive all who have offended you, not for them, but for yourself." -- Harriet Nelson \_\_\_\_\_

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Bulletin editor will be unavailable for Bulletin submissions from **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> until Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, due to medical reasons.** I will resume publishing the Bulletin on **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.** **ALL SUBMISSIONS BETWEEN THESE DATES ARE TO BE SENT TO: BRENT LATON AT 613-925-3313 OR E-MAIL: LatonGroup@primus.ca**

Thank you for your understanding and prayers.  
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"Wake up with an attitude of gratitude, tell God thank you and tell someone you love".



**CWL CORNER**

This **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**, the CWL will be hosting a **Pot Luck Dinner & Movie Night** in **St. Mark Parish Centre** following **6:00 p.m.** \*\*

**Mass.** Dewitt Jones, a world-class photo

journalist for the National Geographic created this short – 22 minute documentary where he shares the National Geographic mantra: **“Celebrate What’s Right With The World!”** .... Contrary to the traditional **“common sense”** approach which teaches **“don’t believe it until you see it”**, he adopts the opposite – Believe it and you’ll see it! - approach which defines what his lens finds in this world. An invitation is being extended to all women in the area along with our neighbours in Brockville and Morrisburg. Mark your calendar to attend and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish and your own place setting.

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**2. CWL BAKE SALE:** will take place on the weekend of **April 24/25** at **St. Mark Club House** after each Mass. Your generosity in the past has made our sales very successful. We hope you will continue to support this very worthwhile project once again. **St. Mark Club House** will be open to receive baked goods before each Mass.

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**3. PERENNIAL PLANT SALE/ORDERS FOR FALL BULBS:** On **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** in **St. Mark Church parking lot**, the CWL will be having a plant sale and taking orders for fall flower bulbs. When you split your existing perennials or need to thin out your plants, please drop them off at the club house on **Friday evening (May 21<sup>st</sup>) after 6:00 pm** or between **7:00 & 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday morning, for our Sale. If you need your plant donations to be picked up, or would like more information please contact **Annette Norton at 613-925-5601**

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**K. Of C. - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly** will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, April, 19<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 PM** in **St. Mark Parish Centre (Upstairs)**. **All Sir Knights are invited to attend this special meeting.**

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** - will be celebrated from **May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>**. This year's theme, **Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope**, comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of Peace will be with you." (Phil 4:4,9). During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the Parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be marked by God's hope and joy. As a way of marking Catholic Education Week in our regional coalition of schools, we also invite all members of the community to join us for our annual **Walk Against Poverty**. The Walk will be held on **May 6<sup>th</sup> at Brockville City Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.** This walk is an expression of solidarity for the poor in keeping with Catholic tradition. When Christ says, **“Blessed are the poor,”** he reminds us that God is with them, and we are called to be there too.

**The Pastor's Message**

**April 18, 2010**

We remember the many foreign trips of our beloved late Holy Father John Paul II, but our Holy Father Benedict XVI is truly following in his footsteps, though perhaps not so far and not so long. This weekend, April 17 and 18 he will be traveling to MALTA, the small island nation just South of Italy, perhaps an hour's flight from Rome. Malta is a very special country with a truly ancient and momentous history. Without going in to the political ramifications, we should begin by reading again Chapter 27 and 28 of the Acts of the Apostles. Paul had been condemned, but being a Roman Citizen he had appealed to Caesar, and thus as a prisoner he was transported from Palestine to Rome, by boat, and it was on the Mediterranean that the ship ran into terrible storms and Paul with the crew and other passengers were shipwrecked and wonderfully rescued on the coast of Malta. This was in the year 60. There "the crew and the prisoners were treated with unusual kindness by the inhabitants. They made them welcome. The prefect of the Island by the name of Publius received them and entertained them hospitably". Then after three months they sailed on another ship to Italy on their way to Rome, via Syracuse and Reggio. And as we know, in Rome Paul was kept for a few years under house-arrest and then around the year 67 he was executed, probably in the same year as St. Peter.

The beauty of the whole story is that Malta became in a sense the first European country to receive and accept and hold on to the message of the Catholic Faith, and starting from these very early beginnings, Malta now, for some 2000 years, has remained a truly catholic country. The country is small and has about 410,000 inhabitants. And at this very day some 95% are Roman Catholic. There are some 84 parishes and some 883 priests and some 1100 religious sisters and some 86 seminarians. By the way, when I was pastor at Christ the King's Church in Kampala, Uganda, I had an assisting Jesuit priest from Malta. And as far as I know, Malta, together with Poland is the only country in Europe where abortion is illegal. With so many people in Malta and some smaller neighbouring islands like Gozo and Comino, the country is one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

When Pope Benedict will arrive at Valetta the Capital he will be most graciously welcomed, and the two days spent there will be beautiful memories for the people who also welcomed Pope John Paul II twice. What a wonderful record to be able to say that a country has kept the faith for some 2000 years; compare this to North Africa or think of the original Asia, now Turkey, although the faith was preached there most faithfully, these countries have almost totally turned their back of the Catholic Church. and the Catholic Faith. We ask ourselves of course: Has our country "kept the Faith" or are we sliding into forms of neo-paganism.

Our prayers will accompany our Holy Father on his two day visit to Malta. May his words be well received and may we hear and see much of all this on our TV's. I guess much of this will be live on TV channels like EWTN and Salt and Light. I am sure he will enjoy his stay on the Island and be much encouraged in these days of so much adverse publicity. Please, continue to remember our Holy Father in your daily prayers.

*Father J. Appelman, M. F. M.* Your Pastor

**“SHINE LIKE THE SON” YOUTH CONFERENCE.** On **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Archdiocese of Kingston is sponsoring an **all day youth event** which will be held at **Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Kingston** from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** This will be like a mini **“Journey to the Father”**. The theme of the day is **“Shine like the Son”** The opening liturgy will be with Archbishop Brendan O’Brien. Music will be provided by Joe Zambon, a well known Christian artist from our diocese with close ties to our youth group. Kevin McDonald (seminarian) from Cornwall diocese will be the keynote speaker. There will be workshops, praise and worship, drama and ice breakers. The day ends with the celebration of the Eucharist. This will be the first time such an event has been held in our diocese. The **\$10.00 registration fee** for the event will be assumed by our youth fund for any teen from St. Mark or Sacred Heart Parishes wishing to attend. Please read the **“Focus on Youth”** article in the latest copy of our Journey news paper for more information. Interested youth should contact Tony or Diane Jozefowicz (613 925 5133), **by April 18<sup>th</sup>, for a registration form.**

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**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Just a reminder that we will be holding our monthly Youth Meeting this Sunday evening (Apr 18) at Tony and Diane’s place (101 Sophia St. Prescott, 925-5133). Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and meeting will finish by 8:00 PM. Just bring yourself - everything else will be provided. We will continue with our series “Theology of the Body for Teens” (Discovering God’s Plan for Love and Life). In this 12 part curriculum you will discover the beauty and purpose of your sexuality, and why it is such a major part of our ability to love. You’ll learn that the Church actually teaches and believes that human sexuality is really important, and good, and beautiful. It is actually meant, in a sense, to point us to heaven. Bring a friend.

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**IN MEMORIAM:** Our prayers are with the country of Poland and those of Polish descent living in our Parishes and country, as they learn of the tragic loss of the Polish president, his wife and so many prominent Polish leaders. May the Risen Christ, the victor over death, open the gates of heaven to those who have

died, soothe the pain in the hearts of those who weep for them, and strengthen a country united in pain with His blessing

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**Live a Life That Matters - WHAT WILL MATTER**

**By Michael Josephson**

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame, and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

**It will not matter** what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will

expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. **It won't matter** where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

**It won't matter** whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.

**So what will matter?** How will the value of your days be measured?

**What will matter** is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

**What will matter** is not your success, but your significance.

**What will matter** is not what you learned, but what you taught.

**What will matter** is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

**What will matter** is not your competence, but your character.

**What will matter** is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

**What will matter** is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

**What will matter** is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

**Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.**

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**NOVENA FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI - ( K. of C.)**

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

**V/** Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.

**R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.**

**V/** May your hand be upon your holy servant.

**R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.**

**Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...**