

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

<b><u>Altar Linens</u></b>	
Colleen Grum	692-7841
<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>	
Daniel Giguere	736-7889
<b><u>Amor Dei</u></b>	
Roxy McCarthy	692-3678
<b><u>Manotick Food Cupboard</u></b>	692-6333
<b><u>Baptism</u></b>	692-7611
Michelle Dixon	
<b><u>Carleton Lodge Visitation</u></b>	
Roxy McCarthy	692-3678
<b><u>Catholic Women's League (CWL)</u></b>	
Suzie Noaro	491-0298
<b><u>Children's Liturgy</u></b>	
Natalie, Abby, Alyssa, Rosie & Elena	
<b><u>Cursillo</u></b>	
Marc & Susan Lamarre	822-2424
<b><u>Confirmation</u></b>	
Stephane McNicholl	822-9535
<b><u>Development &amp; Peace</u></b>	
Carroll Woods	489-0852
Jean Lashley	491-4775
<b><u>Finance Council</u></b>	
Michel Doucet	692-6128
<b><u>First Communion</u></b>	
Elizabeth Murphy	491-3334
<b><u>Knights of Columbus, Council # 11752</u></b>	
Jim Kile	612-3561
<b><u>Ladies' Auxiliary and Funeral Hospitality</u></b>	
Ann O'Neill	491-1751
<b><u>Liturgical Environment</u></b>	
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<b><u>Liturgical Music Ministry</u></b>	
Bob Russell (Sat.)	692-3233
Everard de Souza	692-5080
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>	
Vince Thomson	425-2713
<b><u>Marriage Preparation</u></b>	
Paul & Clare Grant	620-3643
<b><u>Mary in the Morning Sat. 7:30 a.m.</u></b>	
Don & Daisy Langdon	298-9016
<b><u>Mass Ministry Scheduling</u></b>	
Scott Wilson	692-1187
<b><u>Pastoral Care Team</u></b>	
Marc Wood	692-3667
<b><u>Pastoral Council</u></b>	
Charles Slade	692-1936
<b><u>Pro- Life</u></b>	
Andrew & Eileen Brown	692-2216
<b><u>RCIA and Adult Faith Formation</u></b>	
Judy Wood	692-3667
<b><u>Youth</u></b> Colleen Menton	692-1839

## **March 22, 2020** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Psalm 23** The Lord Is My Shepherd

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

### **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Archbishop Prendergast has temporarily suspended all Masses and parish events in the archdiocese of Ottawa. Initially, the suspension of the public celebration of Masses will be from March 18 to April 5. Decisions regarding the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be taken later. This extraordinary step is being taken out of concern especially for the most vulnerable to the deadly coronavirus in our families and our society and in cooperation with the requests made by those responsible for public health in our region, province, and country.

The Archbishop noted that this was a difficult decision not taken lightly because of the central role that the Mass plays in Catholic life. Catholics are encouraged at this time to participate in the holy sacrifice of the Mass via television or the internet. <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>

### **Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

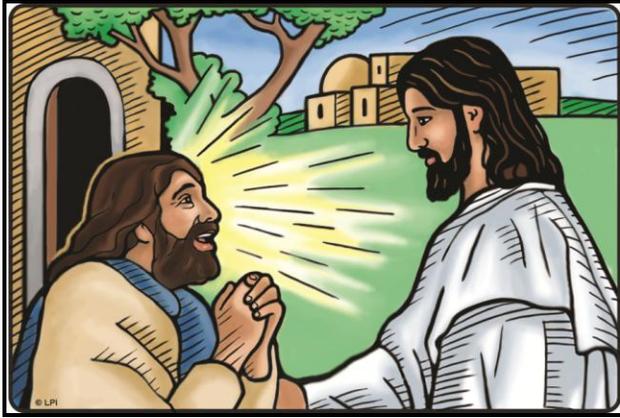
### **Prayers - Fourth Sunday of Lent.**

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. We pray to the Lord.

Healing Jesus, touch our wounds with your healing hands. Help us to see where we need you, and prevent us from restricting the healing work you offer others. Shape us to love your people, sinners and saints. Amen

### **Postponed - Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving**

For those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2020 a new date will be determined and those already registered will be informed. For information and registration, visit [www.catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass)



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

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"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## **Pope Francis tells Italian Newspaper "I asked the Lord to Stop the Epidemic"**

Pope Francis prayed on Sunday afternoon when he walked "on pilgrimage" along a deserted street in the center of Rome: "Lord, stop it with your hand. That's what I prayed for." Pope Francis asked the Virgin Mary to "beg the Lord so that he frees the world from every form of pandemic."



## **Coronavirus Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Help us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent further outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on Earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Lord Jesus Christ heal us!