

# The Parish Community of St. Kevin

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## Lent and Easter 2019

Dear Members of the St. Kevin's Parish Community,

We are once again grateful for the occasion to connect with you during this Sacred Season of Lent, as we journey towards Easter, the most solemn feast of the Church Year. The idea of *journey* is a rich and very beautiful symbol of our Christian tradition. It is often said that we are on a spiritual *journey*, that we are companions on the *journey* united in our faith as Christians, and we tend to describe some of our liturgical seasons as *journeys*.

When we consider our 40 day *Lenten journey*, Easter always seems like such a wonderful destination to reach or a perfect endpoint that we have been looking forward to with great anticipation. Although Easter is the most significant moment within our liturgical year, we must view it as just that – a moment. Easter is a moment in time, albeit an incredibly joyous one, on our own unique journey. Just as the season of Lent leads us down a challenging path that is necessary to truly experience the wonder and magnitude of the Resurrection, Easter also leads us towards something much greater. Easter and the renewal of our baptismal commitment direct each of us as the Christian community to continue the journey as Jesus' disciples ready to embrace Jesus' mission in our time and in our place.

We must always find comfort in knowing that our *Lenten and Easter journey* is not a journey traveled in solitude. The fact is we are always together. We are united as part of both our parish community and the larger Christian faith community. It is together that we travel through life.

This year, Development and Peace is adding its voice to that of Pope Francis by inviting Canadians to **Share the Journey** with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world today and to raise awareness on the *forced migration issue*. The *Share the Journey* campaign invites us to ask that more be done to address the root causes of forced migration, and to express our solidarity and support in our Share Lent collection. Continuing our Lenten journey and looking forward to renewing our journey as Jesus' disciples at Easter, we take the time to pray for the millions of refugees and forced migrants in our world. We walk with them in spirit as they make their way in hope to new beginnings, either in returning in peace to their own homelands or beginning a new home elsewhere in our world.

The Parish's annual *Share Lent* collection for Development and Peace is a powerful symbol of hope and an important expression of almsgiving. You will find the *Share Lent* envelope in this mailing. Please use it and **be as generous as you can**. As usual, the *Share Lent* collection will take place **Palm Sunday weekend— April 13/14**. You may also bring your Share Lent contribution to any Sunday Mass during the Easter Season. We thank you for your continued support of Development and Peace.

As we always highlight in our letters, St. Kevin's is your spiritual home of love and of hope. Please *journey with us* for our Easter celebrations. Included with this letter is the schedule of our services for Holy Week and Easter. May you and your loved ones have a very gratifying Lenten journey and a blessed Easter Season.

Yours in the peace of Christ and as companions on the journey,

Father Vijai Amirtharaj, CSC

Father James T. Mulligan, CSC

## **SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2019**

- ❖ **Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday - April 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12 Noon; 5:00 p.m.**  
Palms will be distributed to each person as they enter the Church and blessed during the Liturgy.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Penance: Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Communal Celebration at 7:00 p.m.**  
Communal Preparation with several priests for confessions.

### **Sacred Triduum**

- ❖ **Holy Thursday - April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.**  
Reception of Oils; Washing of Feet; Commissioning of Ministries - all parishioners involved in any ministry are encouraged to participate in this beautiful liturgy.  
**Hours of Adoration: 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Good Friday - April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12 Noon and 3:00 p.m.**  
**Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Holy Saturday - April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.** Blessing of the new fire and Paschal Candle  
and Initiation of Catechumens/Candidates **[NO 5:00 p.m. Mass today]**
- ❖ **Easter Sunday - April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Masses at 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12 Noon** **[NO 5:00 p.m. Mass today]**