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For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

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A rendezvous with history

“The crowds precede the bishop. They sing hymns and antiphons and the response is: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” All the children of the land, even the young ones who cannot yet walk and are carried on their parents’ shoulders hold either palm or olive branches; and thus they escort the bishop just as those escorted the Lord.” (Free translation)

This passage describing a solemn Palm Sunday procession, as happens today, is not a contemporary text. It dates from the beginning of 380 A.D. and is found in a fascinating journal of a pilgrim who left from the south of France and made the voyage to Jerusalem.

Her pilgrimage spanned more than three years. This religious woman, *Ēgérie* was her name, described the prayer habits of the early Christians with astonishing precision. She was particularly impressed by the liturgical practices that took place in Jerusalem and precisely those that were inspired in places where Christ experienced his passion and resurrection. The Mount of Olives, the Upper Room, the Garden, Golgotha, and Christ’s tomb had become holy places with their own liturgical celebrations which were not commonly known.

These celebrations that *Ēgérie* described in detail during Holy Week took place in Jerusalem, a week during which we have much to commemorate. Her article on Palm Sunday has the precision of a ritual, one that we use today. Though *Ēgérie* travelled thousands of kilometers on her journey, she was not the only one to practice these rituals. Pilgrims brought these liturgical traditions back home in their backpacks along with their souvenirs. Through these sharing of experiences, our liturgies developed.

We still honor traditions that have existed for millennia. The great celebrations of Holy Week connect us to the Christians of the first centuries and provide a rendezvous with history. These early Christians learned that these meaningful ceremonies involved signs and language. These signs are an anchoring presence in our impressionable world and an open door onto what is invisible. Walk, carry a palm, wash feet, break bread, share a cup, venerate the wood of the cross, join fellow parishioners during a vigil, light the Pascal Candle, share its flame, celebrate God’s Word, dip your fingers into the holy water, and make the sign of the cross....

Many rituals are passed on from the early Christian communities.

Many rituals help us to incorporate what is inexpressible.

Many rituals make our Holy Week celebrations memorable.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 9, 2017

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Gerald Van Der Wee
George Di Binga
Palmina Di Fruscia
Nicola Petti
Richard Bedard
Andrew Durso
Candice Zappavigna
Maria Saputo Monticciolo
Vincenzo Cianci

Requested by:

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Daponte Family
Donovan Family
Family
Linda & Keith Glashan
Olga Palazzo
Family
Family

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates & times for Easter celebrations:

Holy Thursday – April 13 - 8pm Good Friday – April 14 - 8pm Easter Sunday – April 16 - 10:30am
Please note that there is no mass on Holy Saturday.

Additional Parking: Please note that we now have additional parking available on Sunday mornings during mass time only in the Diamond Taxi parking lot on the west side of Lajeunesse just south of de Castelneau.

Eyeglasses recycling for the poor: Please bring your old eyeglasses to Church and deposit them in the box at the rear of the Church. They will be sent to the third world. For more information, please visit <http://www.twecs.ca/>.

To those wishing to donate computers to be shipped to Africa, please ensure that your computers are **functional**. Several donated computers were found to be either non-functional or missing internal components.

C.A.P.P. and Loyola High School invite you to "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' Call for a Change of Heart – a presentation on the care of our common home. Pope Francis calls on the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges. Keynote Speaker: Christopher J. Tompson, Associate Professor of Moral Theology and Director of the Center for Theological Formation, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas. Join us on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Loyola High School Atrium 2477 West Broadway, Montreal H4B 2A4. RSVP: president@loyola.ca

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima - 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We can be departing your Airport and at the all-inclusive cost of \$2149.00 in twin accommodations (single accommodations also available). Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem Portugal, Lourdes France and Barcelona Spain. For further information please call Mr. James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or simply email jimadair@thecatholictour.com

Last Sunday's Collection was \$2135. Thank you!

