

Masses - INTENTIONS - Messes

samedi /Saturday, March 21 mars, 2020
to /à
Jeudi/Thursday, April/avril 30, 2020
NO MASSES / PAS DE MESSES



**Pray for... Prions pour
the deceased... les défunts et défuntes**

**Please pray for the sick...
Prions pour les malades...**

Louise Béchard, Alphonse Bellaire, Bill Bulley,
Jeannette Chauvin, Lawrence Comartin,
Loretta Dampousse, Pierrette Derikx, Rose Duquette,
David Holt, Marr Huson, Jean-Guy Langlois,
Florent Laprise, Marcel Lefaive, Jean-Rémi Mailloux,
Shirley Mailloux, Carol Meloche, Mike Martin,
Charlene Parent, Brenda Quick, Randy Reaume,
Mariette Renaud, Sally Repeck, Jeannette Rivest,
Juliette Rivest, Logan Smith, Eugène 'Ted' Sylvestre,
Steven Trepanier, Timothy Trepanier.



4th Sunday of Lent

The Lord of all gives sight to the blind.



Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and a light to follow in the darkness of sin.

4e dimanche du Carême

La foi, quelle aventure!

Croire au Christ, c'est s'engager dans un parcours exigeant, mais qui conduit à la demeure de Dieu.

The Readings / les lectures

March 29 mars, 2020

Ezekiel / Ézékiel 37:12-14
Romans / Romains 8:8-11
John / Jean 11:1-45



CEREAL Sat/Sun

will be rescheduled at a later date

sam/dim des CÉRÉALES
sera reporté à une date future.



Bill C-7 - Medical Assistance in Dying

The federal government has tabled Bill C-7, which would amend the Criminal Code to expand the eligibility criteria for medical assistance in dying (assisted suicide and euthanasia) and weaken protections for the most vulnerable among us. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement opposing the Bill that you can read on their website, www.cccb.ca. Parishioners can go to <https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/> to send a pre-written letter to their Member of Parliament expressing their opposition to this legislation.

Réunions... Meetings...
All meetings and/or gatherings at the church or in the Parish Hall have been cancelled up until April 30th, 2020
Toutes les réunions et/ou rassemblements à l'église ou dans la salle paroissiale ont été annulés jusqu'au 30 avril 2020

****Please note that although there is no access to the church and office at this time, you can still reach us by phone or email during regular office hours. ****

****Veillez noter que bien qu'il n'y ait pas d'accès à l'église et au bureau pour le moment, vous pouvez toujours nous joindre par téléphone ou par courriel pendant les heures régulières du bureau.****

Our Collections

March 15, 2020

Envelopes (25 donors) \$573.00
Pre-auth. debit (44 donors) \$1142.60
Other donation \$500.00
+ loose \$11.30
\$2226.90



Average Weekly Operating Costs

(based on 2019 expenses)
**** \$7482.12 ****

Building Fund

Donations.....\$915.00
Pre-Auth. Debit (37 donors).....\$567.47

Loan Fund Payable

\$1,640,000.00

Fonds d'emprunt à rembourser

1 640 000,00 \$

IMPORTANT NOTICE - REMOVAL OF ITEMS

Catholic Cemeteries of Visitation Parish

**Annunciation, Our Lady of Lourdes,
Holy Redeemer, St. Joachim**

We would like to remind everyone that all items on gravesites, as well as items on, around or under trees, benches and statue areas **MUST BE REMOVED BY: APRIL 12th 2020** Spring has arrived and care and lawn maintenance will soon begin. Any items not removed by the above date will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery. Thank you for your co-operation



Un rappel que toutes les décorations, statues, fleurs, autour ou sous les arbres et les bancs **DOIVENT ÊTRE ENLEVÉS D'ICI LE 12 AVRIL**. Le printemps est arrivé et les soins et entretien des pelouses commencera bientôt. Tous les objets non retirés avant la date indiquée seront enlevés et éliminés par le cimetière. Merci de votre collaboration.



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Office Hours / Heures du bureau:

Monday/lundi — Thursday/jeudi
9:30 am to 12:00 noon.....1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Pastoral Team / Équipe de pastorale

Rev. Eugène Roy, Pastor/curé
Jamie Soullière,
Pastoral Minister/Ministre de la pastorale

Parish Staff / Personnel de la paroisse

Rachelle Moison, Financial Secretary
Annette Rondot, Secretary/Receptionist
Randy Barrette, Maintenance
Mariette Comartin, Housekeeper
Yvonne Quinn-Chittle, Director of Music

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm (E)
dimanche 9h (F)
Sunday 11 am (E)

Baptism

Celebrated once a month during weekend masses. Preparation is mandatory.

Reconciliation

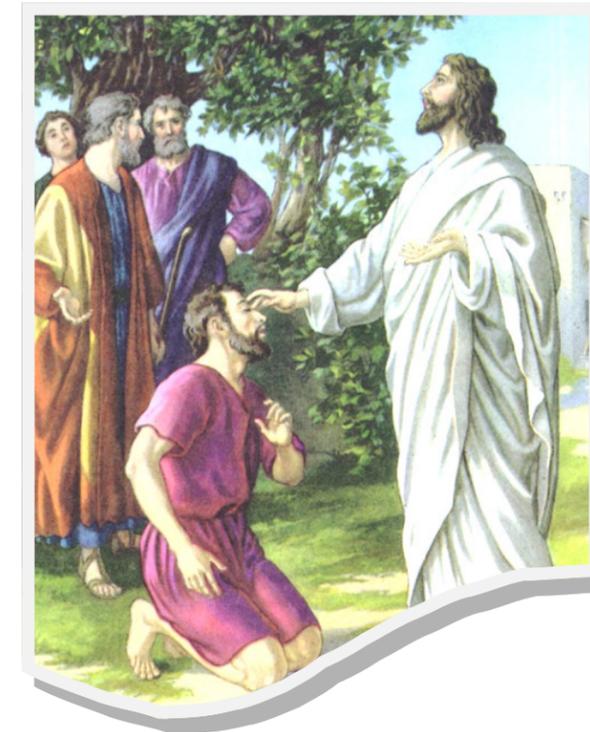
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

Marriage

At least one party must be a registered member of the parish.
Minimum 6 months notification.
Mandatory marriage preparation course.

Ministry to the Sick

Communion to shut-ins every first Friday.
Hospital visits upon request.
Sacrament of the Sick upon request.



4th Sunday of Lent

4e dimanche du Carême

March 22 mars, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The following directives, which include the temporary suspension of all public Masses in our diocese and restrictions on the celebration of the other sacraments, will be hard on all of us. The Eucharist and the sacraments are the very heart of our Catholic faith. After consulting with public health officials, however, we decided that it is our responsibility as citizens to work together with others in our communities to take measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to care for those who are sick and most vulnerable as a result of this virus.

We are making these sacrifices out of charity and for the sake of the common good.

I encourage all our faithful to be to be vigilant about personal cleanliness and keeping appropriate distances from others.

Our priests, deacons, lay pastoral ministers, and our faithful are reaching out to those in need at this difficult time, especially those who are elderly, vulnerable and isolated. I am very grateful to all of you.

This Lenten season, we are united in prayer for those who are suffering from COVID-19 and for those who are caring for them.

May God have mercy on us! May Mary, Help of Christians, intercede for us!

1. The Celebration of Mass

- a) All Masses and services, including missions and devotions, will be suspended at least until April 30. All churches are to be closed.
- b) Priests are encouraged to celebrate Mass privately each day for the intentions of their parishioners, for the medical personnel assisting the sick, and for an end to the outbreak. In this time of fasting from the Eucharist, parishioners should be encouraged to pray for other parishioners and all those affected by the virus.
- c) Funeral Masses and luncheons are not permitted. The Rite of Committal may be celebrated at the cemetery with immediate family members present. Funeral Masses may be celebrated at a later date.
- d) It is recommended that any weddings already scheduled be delayed. If they proceed, they are to be limited to immediate family members only, up to the number of people allowed at a gathering as determined by the local health officials.
- e) Baptisms are to be postponed until further notice.
- f) The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated privately by me, with Bishop Dabrowski and some members of the Episcopal Council. The oils for the celebrations of the sacraments will be made available at the deanery level following that Mass, at a date to be determined.

2. Confessions

- a) All Confessions are cancelled, except in the case of danger of death.
- b) The Day of Confessions is cancelled.

3. Care of the Sick and the Dying

- a) Priests are to be mindful of the sick, especially those in danger of death.
- b) Priests, deacons, and pastoral workers are to follow visiting restrictions set by the individual hospitals and healthcare facilities.
- c) The Eucharist will not be taken to parishioners who are homebound. Instead, parish teams are encouraged to ask volunteers to keep in contact with these people through telephone calls or other electronic means. Such calls could be a simple chat or praying a decade of the Rosary with the person.

4. Parish Offices and Activities

1. Parish offices should be closed to the public. Where possible, staff can work from home, while some staff will report to work and deal with parishioners' needs by phone or electronic means. This applies also to our Diocesan Centre, the Marriage Tribunal, and the Refugee Office.
2. Appointments in parish offices should be limited to essential matters. Where possible, meetings should be held by electronic means.
3. All regular meetings and social activities in parishes are cancelled. This includes cessation of all meetings for sacramental preparation. Parents are to be encouraged to continue such preparation in the home. Celebrations of First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation will proceed only when the danger of the virus is passed. No child should be denied the sacraments due to the cessation of these preparation meetings.
4. Meetings for 12-Step programs may be exempt from this, depending on the direction of local health officials.
5. It is highly recommended, with this lull in activities, that parish staff could reach out by telephone or electronic means to connect with all parishioners to offer prayers and support.

5. Resources

a) An Outreach page is being continually updated on the diocesan website and has a link on the homepage. The page contains resources for the faithful including online Masses, articles, links to Catholic publishers and activities for children, youth and families. Please promote this Outreach page as widely as possible: <https://dol.ca/outreach>.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Dear Members of Visitation Parish:

It has been since the 2nd Sunday of Lent that we gathered as a community of faith. On the 3rd Sunday, the news received by our Bishop Most Rev. R.P. Fabbro, under short notice, of suspending Masses for that weekend reached a great number of you and I thank you for your charity in this regard. We were very small in number and so we prayed with the scriptures of the day, and a short time of adoration of Jesus in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Now, due to the severity of the contagious outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, our Bishop has asked that each of the Churches be closed to public accessibility at least until April 30, 2020. This will mean a tremendous adjustment to the rest of the Lenten Season, Holy Week, Easter and a short period of time afterwards.

While we may not gather as the assembly of the local church we are nonetheless each of us a member of a family of faith, the "Domestic Church". In our own homes we can certainly continue to pray for each other, through the readings of the day, devotions to our Blessed Virgin Mary or even through social media available by visiting the parish website (www.visitationcomber.ca) (www.facebook.com/VisitationParish) and the Diocesan website's homepage (www.dol.ca) under "Outreach". It is for us a time that we "Fast" from the reception of the Eucharist, and join in a "Spiritual Communion" of prayer and intercession.

Please rest assured of my daily prayers for you and as I, in private, offer daily Mass, you and your family remain in my prayer intentions. Please know that I will attend to you as best as I can in the event of an emergency.

Yours in God's great mercy,
Fr. Eugène Roy, Administrator

Chers membres de la paroisse de la Visitation:

C'est depuis le 2^e dimanche du Carême que nous nous sommes réunis en communauté de foi. Le 3^{ème} dimanche, la nouvelle reçue dans un bref délai, par notre évêque Mgr R.P. Fabbro, de la suspension des messes pour cette fin de semaine, a atteint un grand nombre d'entre vous et je vous remercie de votre charité à cet égard. Nous étions très peu nombreux et nous avons donc prié avec les écritures du jour, et un court temps d'adoration de Jésus dans l'exposition du Saint Sacrement. Maintenant, en raison de la gravité de l'épidémie contagieuse du virus Covid-19, notre évêque a demandé que chacune des églises soit fermée à l'accès du public au moins jusqu'au 30 avril 2020. Cela signifiera un ajustement considérable pour le reste du Carême, la Semaine Sainte, Pâques et une courte période de temps par la suite.

Bien que nous ne nous réunissions pas en tant qu'assemblée de l'église locale, nous sommes néanmoins chacun d'entre nous un membre d'une famille de foi, "l'Église domestique". Dans nos propres maisons, nous pouvons certainement continuer à prier les uns pour les autres, à travers les lectures du jour, les dévotions à notre Sainte Vierge Marie ou même à travers les médias sociaux disponibles en visitant le site web de la paroisse (www.visitationcomber.ca), (www.facebook.com/VisitationParish) et la page d'accueil du site web du diocèse (www.dol.ca) sous "Outreach". C'est pour nous un temps où nous "jeûnons" de la réception de l'Eucharistie, et où nous nous joignons à une "communion spirituelle" de prière et d'intercession. Soyez assurés de mes prières quotidiennes pour vous et lorsque j'offre en privé la Messe quotidienne, vous et votre famille restez dans mes intentions de prière. Sachez que je m'occuperai de vous du mieux que je peux en cas d'urgence.

Bien à vous dans la grande miséricorde de Dieu,
P. Eugène Roy, administrateur