Bulletin - April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

Easter is the answer to all the tears that we shed at the graves of our loved ones because it reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare believe in, provided we open our hearts to the grace that Jesus won for us. The best way we can give thanks to God for the gift of his life within us this Easter, is by opening our hearts to the risen Jesus and by allowing ourselves to be sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ's love. **–Desmond Knowles-**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns

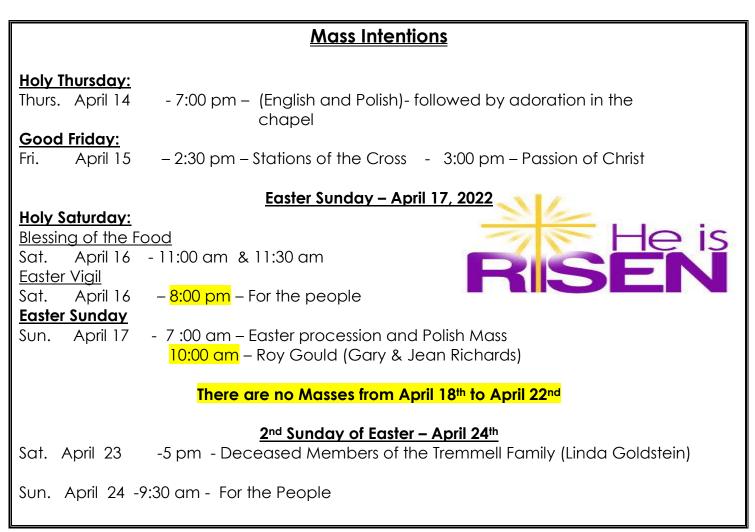
FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Churches are now open at full capacity. Masking is voluntary but <u>encouraged</u>.

After two years of living with pandemic restrictions it may take time before all of our parishioners will feel comfortable about returning to Mass in person. For this reason, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in suspension at this time.

Please do not attend any Mass if you are experiencing any symptoms such as a stuffy or runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, pink eye, decreased appetite etc...



A Message from Archbishop Michael Mulhall to the People of the Archdiocese of Kingston Archdiocesan Second Collection for the Ukraine

My Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese:

In recent weeks, the world has seen and heard the devastating news of the war in Ukraine and read the reports of the suffering of her people. We have all been moved to support Ukrainians in prayer, solidarity and humanitarian aid.

I invite you to make a financial contribution to Ukrainians locally and abroad by contributing to a special Archdiocesan second collection on *Sunday, 1 May.* Please place your donation in an envelope, marked "Ukrainian Collection". You are asked to include your name and address on the envelope so that your contribution can be recorded, and an income tax receipt can be issued by the parish. Cheques are to be made payable to the parish. All donations from parishioners will be forwarded to the Chancery Office and donated to three organizations assisting with

humanitarian support and aid:

1. The Mayor's Fund for Students from Ukraine - The Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston, with the support of the mayor, is raising money to support Ukrainian international students who are studying in Kingston but are unable to return home.

2. Catholic Near East Welfare Association - They are providing humanitarian aid directly into Ukraine and to Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries.

3. Ukrainian Canadian Congress - They also are providing humanitarian aid directly into Ukraine.

If you have Ukrainian or Russian neighbours and friends, I encourage you to check in with them, drop off a meal or card letting them know we are thinking of them and holding them in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, Fr Roman Rytsar of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish of St Michael the Archangel, Kingston, has been invited to preach and concelebrate at the Sunday Masses at St Mary's Cathedral on 23 and 24 April. You are welcome to attend one of the Masses or follow the Mass online.

Sincerely yours in Christ, +Michael Mulhall Archbishop of Kingston

New Life Support Group Meetings

Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? We invite you to join our New Life Support Group Meetings, a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced. Every other Tuesday evening 7:30 – 9:00 pm, alternating between in-person and Zoom. Pre-registration for in-person meetings is recommended to ensure there is enough room for social distancing. For more information, to register for in-person meetings, or obtain the Zoom link, email newlife@romancatholic.kingston.on.co

The next upcoming meeting is:

April 19 (In-person and Zoom): Family Law – Lindsay McFadden (from Cunningham, Swan)

The Year of the Family Speaker Series - A Free Monthly Virtual Event from the Diocese of Hamilton

- The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows: April 26, 2022, 7-8:30pm
- Aging With Wisdom and Grace: May 18, 2022, 7-8:30pm

For more information, resources, and to register online please visit: https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/

<u>Holy Hour for Ukraine</u> Friday, April 29th, 7:00 pm; St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Young adults (18 years+), the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office welcomes you to join us for a Holy Hour of adoration, prayer and reflection for peace in the Ukraine. Friday, April 29th at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Saint-François d'Assise) - 512 Frontenac Street, Kingston. Fr. Jan Kusyk will offer a brief reflection during the Holy Hour and Benediction. You're welcome to bring a rosary, your bible, or spiritual reading if you wish. Following the Holy Hour there will be some refreshments and time to socialize in the parish hall so young adults can get to know each other! It's so great to be able to offer something in person like this again! Hope to see you there! Invite a friend to join you! For more information contact Nadia Gundert at <u>youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca</u>





New Date Thursday May 5, 2022

Celebrating 50 years of loving them both

Special Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson, Author and Culture of Life Speaker

Save The Date: Thursday May 5, 2022 Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall 588 Division St. Kingston, Ontario

5:00 - Silent auction preview 6:30 - Dinner

Live music, cash bar

Tickets \$75 - adults | \$40 - students DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS, ABBY'S APPEARANCE MIGHT BE VIRTUAL

Find the latest event updates at: <u>https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/calendar</u>

Pray for Ukraine:

Prayer of Invocation to Our Lady of All Nations

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations

that they may be preserved from degeneration, disasters, and the ravages of war.

May Our Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our advocate.

Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine.

Amen.

