

Easter 2021

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."— C.S. Lewis



Who does not love miracles? Who doesn't get excited about the most amazing things that we encounter in life? Sometimes we are awed by gadgets and goodies, but at Easter, we might want to refocus on what we can see. During Easter, we experience the miraculous in Jesus rising from the dead and doing what no one has ever done before. Jesus is doing what he said *he would do* and, because of that, making it possible for us one day to do the same.

The Resurrection is a miracle. The disciples did not comprehend what rising from the dead meant. The women going to Jesus' grave were expecting to see Jesus' dead body, not an empty tomb. Even Simon Peter, after hearing the news of the empty tomb, ran to see it for himself. When he got to the tomb, the unbelievable became believable. Truly a miracle!

If we look closely, we see the miraculous happening every day. Anywhere there is healing, reconciliation, commitment, service, ever deepening relationships, greater community, expanding holiness, or generous service—the miraculous is present. It is in these moments we find the Living One we worship, Jesus Christ. So much of this has been apparent over the past year as we have lived under challenging circumstances. Yet the Church goes on!

It is my prayer that this Easter, all of us will ponder the miracle of the Resurrection. As we do so, may we **look** for daily miracles and **make** daily miracles. These miraculous moments will lead us to a deeper relationship with God and one another. They will increase our faith and expand our service to one another in the ways that Jesus showed us.

Please know that you and your family and friends are welcome to join us at any or all of our Holy Week celebrations which will be held at Immaculate Conception. A schedule of other events and liturgies at all three locations is listed on the reverse side of this letter. Enclosed is a special Easter envelope for your gift to your parish. If circumstances allow, please be generous, as we depend on each other to sustain the ministry of the Church, which serves so many.

In Christ, the Risen One, and our true Miracle,

Rev. Jerome R. Gingras, Pastor



Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Schedule 2021

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mass-IC-walk in

9:00 am-Mon/Tues/Wed 6:00 pm Tuesday only

Palm Sunday, March 28

Saturday Masses

4:00 pm-SJ-walk in 5:00 pm-IC-reservation 5:30 pm-OLG-reservation

Sunday Masses

9:00-SJ- walk in 9:00 am-IC-reservation 10:30 am-OLG-reservation



Palms will be distributed as you exit the church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

IC- March 20 9 am-12 Noon in church

IC- March 20 & 27 at 4 pm in the rectory

SJ- March 20 & 27 at 3 pm

OLG- March 21 & 28 after 10:30 am liturgy

Stations of the Cross-IC

in church—walk in March 19 at 7 pm

Mary's Way of the Cross -SJ

March 26 at 7 pm Virtual only, live-streamed from St. Joseph's. Go to YouTube and search St. Joseph's Church, Scotia

Holy Thursday, April 1



Morning Prayer-IC 9:00 am-walk in

Mass of the Lord's Supper-IC 7:00 pm-reservation required

Good Friday, April 2



Morning Prayer-IC 9:00 am-walk in

Stations of the Cross

Noon-OLG-reservation requested 3:00 pm-IC-reservation required

Lord's Passion-IC

7:00 pm reservation required

Holy Saturday, April 3

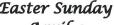


Morning Prayer & Lighting of New Fire-IC 9:00 am-walk in

Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection-IC 8:00 pm-reservation required

Easter Sunday April 4

9:00 am-SJ 9:00 am-IC 10:30 am-OLG 11:15 am-IC



Reservations required

SJ- St. Joseph's

Reservation via website: www.stjosephschurchscotia.net/ or call in 518-346-2316

OLG- Our Lady of Grace

Reservation via email: mayerd@nycap.rr.com or call in 518-384-0109

IC- Immaculate Conception

Reservation via website: www.icglenville.com or call in 518-399-9168

