

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

7<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Year C/1



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Special Intention

**SUNDAY**

8:30am

Special Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday**      8:00am      5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

**Tuesday**    8:00am      5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Special Intention

**Wednesday** 8:00am      4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

**Thursday**    8.00am      St Stanislaus

Special Intention

**Friday**        8.00am      5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

**Saturday**    8.30am      5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Special Intention

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Holy Thursday at 7pm and then Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

### EASTER LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday – Lord's Day Meal – 7.00pm**

Waiting Prayer until Midnight  
No Morning Mass

Rehearsals for Servers for Holy Thursday & Good Friday at 10am

**Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 11.00am**  
**Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm**

**Holy Saturday – Mass at 7.00pm**  
**No Morning Mass**

Rehearsals for Servers for Holy Saturday at 10am

**Easter Sunday Masses – 8.30am & 10.00am**

**Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.00am to 12 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis.

**SICK LIST:** If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

### POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last Saturday and Sunday I undertook an Apostolic Journey to Morocco, invited by His Majesty King Mohammed VI. To him and to the other Moroccan Authorities I renew my gratitude for the warm reception and for all the collaboration, especially to the King: he was so brotherly, so friendly, so close.

Above all I thank the Lord, who permitted me to take another step on the path of dialogue and encounter with Muslim brothers and sisters, to be — as the motto of the Journey stated — “Servant of Hope” in today’s world. My pilgrimage followed in the footsteps of two Saints: Francis of Assisi and John Paul II. 800 years ago, Francis took the message of peace and fraternity to Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil; in 1985, Pope Wojtyla carried out his memorable visit to Morocco, after having received in the Vatican — first among the Muslim Heads of State — King Hassan II. However, some might ask: why does the Pope go to the Muslims and not just to Catholics? Why are there so many religions, and why ever are there so many religions? With the Muslims we are descendants of the same Father, Abraham: why does God permit so many religions? God willed to permit this. He willed to permit this reality: there are so many religions; some are born of the culture, but always looking to Heaven, looking at God. However, what God wills is fraternity among us in a special way — with our brothers, children of Abraham like us, the Muslims. We must not be scared by the difference: God has permitted this. We must be scared if we don’t act with fraternity, to walk together in life.

To serve hope, at a time like ours, means first of all to build bridges between the civilizations. And it was a joy and an honour for me to be able to do so with the noble Kingdom of Morocco, meeting its people and its rulers. Remembering some important international summits that in the last years have been held in that country; with King Mohammed VI we confirmed the essential role of religions in defending human dignity and promoting peace, justice, the care of Creation, that is, our common home. In this perspective, we also signed together with the King an Appeal for Jerusalem, so that the Holy City is preserved as patrimony of humanity and place of peaceful encounter, especially for the faithful of the three monotheist religions.

I dedicated particular attention to the migratory question, either speaking with the Authorities or attending the meeting dedicated specifically to migrants. Some of them witnessed that the life of one who emigrates changes and becomes human again when he finds a community that receives him as person. This is

essential. As Holy See, we offered our contribution, which is summarized in four verbs: receive the migrants, protect the migrants, promote the migrants and integrate the migrants. It’s not about planning welfare programs from the top, but about undertaking together a path through these four actions, to build cities and countries that, although keeping their respective cultural and religious identity are open to the differences and are able to appreciate them in the sign of human fraternity. The Church in Morocco is very committed in her closeness to the migrants, and, therefore, I wished to thank and encourage all those that render service to them with generosity, fulfilling Christ’s word: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (*Matthew 25:35*).

Sunday was dedicated to the Christian community. First of all, I visited the Rural Centre of Social Services, run by the Sisters Daughters of Charity, the same that do here the dispensary and clinic for children, here at Saint Martha’s, and these Sisters work with the collaboration of numerous volunteers; they offer various services to the population.

In the Cathedral of Rabat, I met with priests, consecrated persons and the Ecumenical Council of Churches. It’s a small flock in Morocco, and so I remembered the evangelical images of salt, of light and of leaven (*Cf. Matthew 13-16*) 13:33), which we read at the beginning of this Audience. What matters isn’t the quantity but that the salt has flavour, that the light shine, and that the leaven have the force to make the whole dough ferment. And this doesn’t come from us, but from God, from the Holy Spirit who makes us witnesses of Christ where we are, in a style of dialogue and friendship, to be lived first of all among us, Christians, because — Jesus says — “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (*John 13:35*). And the joy of ecclesial communion found its foundation and full expression in the Sunday Eucharist, celebrated in a sports complex of the capital. There were thousands of people of some 60 different nationalities! — a singular epiphany of the People of God in the heart of a Muslim country. The parable of the merciful Father made the beauty of God’s plan shine in our midst, who wants all His children to take part in His joy, in the feast of forgiveness and reconciliation. Entering this feast are those that acknowledge themselves needy of the Father’s mercy and who are able to rejoice with Him when a brother or a sister returns home. It’s no accident that there, where the Muslims invoke every day the Clement and Merciful One, the great parable of the Father’s mercy resounded. It’s so: only one who is reborn and lives in this Father’s embrace, only those that feel themselves brothers, can be servants of hope in the world.