



"THEN THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AT THE 'BREAKING OF THE BREAD'."

April 23, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mon., April 24th 7:00 pm Euthanasia Prevention Talk *(in Cath. Auditorium)*
 Tues., April 25th 9:00 am Feastday Mass of St. Mark
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Social *(in Rectory Meeting Room)*
 Wed., April 26th 9:00 am Feastday Mass of Our Lady of Good Counsel
 7:00 pm Grief Support Session *(in Rectory Meeting Room)*
 Thurs., April 27th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Fri., April 28th 9:00 am Weekday Mass *(Sts. Peter Chanel/Louis Montfort)*
 6:00 pm CWL Conv. Opening Mass *(St. Dominic Church)*
 7:00 pm Cathedral Marriage Course Begins *(Auditorium)*
 Sat., April 29th 11:00 am First Communion Children's Cathedral Tour
 5:00 pm VIGIL MASS OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Sun., April 30th MASSES OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

M.A.I.D. Presentation: MONDAY



Monday, April 24, 2023: 7:00 pm
 Presentation in our Auditorium
 Presenter: Alex Schadenberg,
Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
 This event is free and is being hosted by the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League and The Knights of Columbus. The speaker will provide the very latest information about M.A.I.D. including the recent pause in Federal legislation.
ALL ARE WELCOME!


*** PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ***



In mid May, we will be electing new members to our Parish Council. Nomination Forms will be printed in next week's Bulletin. Will you run?

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our in-person **W e e k e n d** Course has resumed for this year. It begins at 7 pm on Friday, April 28 in our Cathedral Auditorium.

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
APRIL 30th: CONFIRMATIONS
ST. ELIZABETH/TH. BAY

WORK BEGINS ON MAY 1st
 Our 'Roof' project has been awarded to RML Contracting Ltd. for the main Cathedral Roof. Now that the documents have been signed, the work is scheduled to begin at the start of next month. Our regular Mass Schedule will continue as usual during the duration of the Project.



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,174.60
Online Donations	280.00
Share Lent Collection <i>(more)</i> ...	100.00
Good Friday <i>(more)</i>	50.00
Easter Collection <i>(more)</i>	115.00
Easter Flowers/Missals	20.00
Votive Candles	351.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	84.10

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS LAST WEEK

Free-will Donations	\$ 260.00
Online Roof Donations	70.00
In Memory of Emil Gresko	10,000.00
Pledged /collected this week	\$ 10,330.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE
***** \$ 650,815.00 *****

Donations & 50/50 Raffle: on-line:
www.stpatshat.ca or call: 630-8761



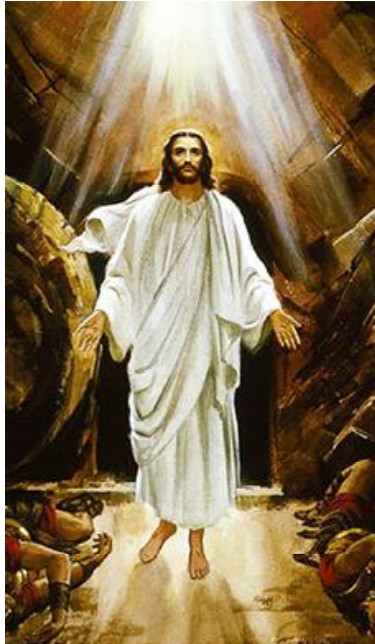



Q. At each morning Mass after Easter, you mentioned that we were observing the Easter Feast for eight days. Why do we do this?

A. As you know, the eight days are called the 'Octave' of a special celebration. In many cultures throughout the world, significant events like weddings and other happy occasions are not just celebrated for one day but for a full week after their actual date.

Religious Events

The Church also encouraged its people to use this culturally oriented custom for our religious festivities. In fact, our history records that for centuries, a very great number of religious events



were each celebrated for eight days after the day of their observance. These weeks were all called *the 'Octaves of the Feastday'*.

Eight Days of Reflection

These Octaves were meant to encourage Catholics to continue to celebrate all major Christian events for a full week in order to reflect on their spiritual significance and to discern ways in which to better apply their message to their daily lives.

Recent Historical Changes

◆ In 1955, Pope Pius XII radically reduced the number of these religious Octaves to only three, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

◆ Then, in 1969, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced them to the two that we now still observe today namely, the Octaves of Easter and Christmas. Since both of these special Solemnities mark the two most important events in the life of Christ, we continue to celebrate them and to discern how they can best be reflected in our own lives.

Misguided Preparation

In North America and now, also in western Europe, it has unfortunately become customary to prepare to celebrate Christmas and now also, Easter for almost two months before the actual days. Of course this is done more to boost the sale of merchandise than to help

people reflect on the true meaning of the birth of Christ. The result is that for many, Christmas and Easter are considered over and promptly forgotten on the very day after the events and very little thought is given to their spiritual significance.

Lent and Advent

Of course, we too prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter and Christmas with the Seasons of Lent and Advent but the celebrations do not end on the actual days of their celebration but continue for at least eight days.



MEETING POSTPONED

Our April Gathering scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to May 7th after the 10:30 am Mass and 'Cookie Walk'. It will include a Reflection on Mary by Msgr. Pat.

OUR PATRONESS

This coming week, on April 26th we celebrate our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

OPENING MASS

This year's annual Diocesan Convention will be held in St. Dominic's Church hall from Friday, April 28th to Saturday, April 29th. It begins with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Colli at St. Dominic's Church at 6 pm on Friday. All are welcome!

FIRST EVER COOKIE WALK

This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th in the Church entrance after each of the Weekend Masses.

PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST

Those who may have "Canadian Tire paper money" and wish to donate it (for fundraising events) are asked to place it in the Sunday Collection in the next few weeks.



Because of our Canadian Catholic Organization's presence in Afghanistan, girls and boys in rural areas have access to sustainable and equitable primary education through community schools.