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Newsletter for the week of April 19th 2020

In compliance with the shutdown ordered by Premier Doug Ford, all parish properties, including the church itself, the parish hall and the office will be closed till further notice.

If there is anything you need, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514

The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph as they were previously requested for these dates. If you would prefer to have them celebrated after the churches open, this can be arranged with no extra stipend required.

St. Bartholomew :

Sunday April 19 – For those who have lost their lives to this virus
Sunday April 26 – Alice Besserer by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier :

Sunday April 26 – For the People / Missa pro popula

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

Sunday April 19 – For the People / Missa pro popula
Wednesday April 22 – pour l'âme de Alvarez Gaulin / Marcel & Marie Gaulin
Sunday April 26 – Ray & Cathy Morgan / James Morgan

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations that were made between April 1st and April 15th.

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 2695.00
HOP	\$ 280.00
Renovations	\$ 135.00
Development & Peace	\$ 55.00
Needs of the Holy Land	\$ 130.00
Easter	\$ 390.00
Total Deposit	\$ 3685.00

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Caisse Reconciliation	April 8, 2020	
Balance as of March 31, 2020		+\$52,672.70
Deposits since		+\$ 1,096.05
Outstanding cheques		<u>-\$ 1,646.34</u>
Balance as of April 8, 2020		+\$52,122.41

The Living Faith booklets are in (April/ May/ June). There will be a large tin in the corner of the closed entrance to the basement at St. Bartholomew Church. Please feel free to pick up a copy and place the cover back on the tin. Parishioners at St. Etienne will find a clear container by the door of the Church. Please replace the lid after taking a copy.

Parishioners in Cartier that would like palms or Living Faith booklets, please see Sandy Young.

These booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Chevaliers de Colomb.

Homily for the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Last week we meditated on Christ's death and His wounds borne for our sake. Today, joyful with the news of his resurrection we celebrate our triumph over sin and death.

On this second Sunday, Jesus bestowed important gifts of faith and peace to the disciples and commissioned them as sacramental ministers of penance.

In the light of what we read in the gospel of today, we know that healing does not erase our wounds, as if they never happened. Rather, healing transforms them so that they no longer weigh us down. We rejoice today that the Lord has power to revive our courage and Faith. No locked door, nor even locked hearts could keep him out. Although we cannot go to mass nor receive the sacraments, may we remain open to Christ who is still with us wherever we are. Remember what he said; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe (John 20:29).

May God strengthen our faith and bless us with hope so that we might live a life of love and mercy. Happy Sunday, and remember that the Lord is with us!

La semaine dernière, nous avons médité sur la passion et la mort du Christ. Aujourd'hui, joyeux de la nouvelle de sa résurrection, nous célébrons notre triomphe sur le péché et la mort .

En ce deuxième dimanche après Pâques, Jésus accorde aux disciples les dons importants de la foi et de la paix et les nomme ministres sacramentels de la pénitence.

À la lumière de l'Évangile d'aujourd'hui, nous savons que la guérison n' efface pas nos blessures, mais plutôt les transforme pour qu'elles cessent de nous accabler. Aujourd'hui nous nous réjouissons car le Christ réanime notre courage et notre foi. Même si en ce moment, nous ne pouvons pas assister à la messe, ni recevoir les sacrements, puissions-nous rester ouverts au Christ qui est toujours avec nous. Rappelons-nous de ce qu'il nous a dit: Heureux ceux qui n'ont pas vu, et qui ont cru!(Jean 20:29)

Que Dieu soutienne notre foi et qu'il nous bénisse afin que nous puissions vivre notre vie avec espoir, amour et miséricorde. Bon dimanche et souvenons-nous que Dieu est avec nous!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!.....Fr. Joseph