

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: "SOW MUCH LOVE TO GIVE!"

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:26)

With these words, Jesus alludes to his coming sacrifice as one that will also give new life. The great mystery of Christian life is that our sacrifices are not in vain, but lead to new life. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is honoured to support courageous women and men in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who make sacrifices each and every day. We offer our support so that their families, loved ones and communities can live another day. Sometimes the sacrifice they make is their own life.

While there has been progress in reducing hunger in the world, more than 800 million people still go without the daily food they need. The sacrifices we make here, today, on behalf of the poor will bear fruit through the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners. Fighting hunger is not only a matter of helping after disasters but also getting to the root causes of the problem. Poor farmers should be able to support themselves and their communities through their own efforts on their own land. But many are lured away to work on large plantations for meagre wages. Too many find themselves working in slave-like conditions on plantations for literally nothing.

What is unique about DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, what makes us different from our secular counterparts, is the Gospel spirit that animates us. *"If development were concerned with merely technical aspects of human life ... then the Church would not be entitled to speak on it,"* Benedict XVI says in **Caritas in Veritate**. In today's readings, the prophet Jeremiah says *"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."* Our approach to development is not found in textbooks but is written on our very hearts. It recognizes that people are not objects to be developed, but subjects who are called to take control of their own lives and their own development.

The gifts of Canadian Catholics like yourselves – your sacrifices – allow that to happen. They allow us all to become not patrons of the poor, but their partners in the search for human dignity. In this way we can truly become, as Pope Francis calls us to be, a church that is both poor and for the poor. Today, on Solidarity Sunday, Catholics across Canada are showing their solidarity with those in our human family who need it most. We do this by giving generously – sacrificially – to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. Saint John Paul II called solidarity the *"firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good ... the good of all."*

Our Lenten sacrifices, inspired by the sacrifice of our Lord, help bring about the common good in the world today. On behalf of all those who benefit year after year from your generosity, and with whom we are all on a journey to a better world, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE thanks you!

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY (MARCH 21/22) DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Pope Francis ends his Joy of the Gospel with this prayer to Mary: *Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the Earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

Today, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we join the Holy Father in praying that we may all be radiant witnesses and that through our support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, the joy of the Gospel may indeed illuminate even the darkest corners of our world!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR
"SHARE LENT – DEVELOPMENT & PEACE" March 21 & 22, 2015****"Holy Week Schedule"**

April 2	Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 p.m.
April 3	Good Friday:	Confessions	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
		The Passion of Our Lord	3:00 p.m.
		The Way of the Cross	8:00 p.m.
April 4	Holy Saturday:	The Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m. (No 4:00 p.m. Mass)
April 5	Easter Sunday:	Morning Masses	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FORM MARCH 21 TO 29, 2015

Saturday, March 21: Our Lady's Mass

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Antonio Bei By Gabriella Bei & Family

Sunday, March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Deceased members of the Cullen Family

11:00 Mr. & Mrs. Giambattista Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family
Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family

Monday, March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 1st Death Anniversary of Matteo Palumbi By the Family

Tuesday, March 24: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Dr. Robert Brodrick By the Glover Family

Wednesday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By the Piccolino Family
Julia P. de Trevino By Family

Thursday, March 26: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Logue McDonald By Audrey Chartier

Friday, March 27: Lenten Weekday Mass

8:00 Richard Clarke By the Family

Saturday, March 28: Our Lady's Mass

4:00 Antonietta, Vincenzo & Stephen Iorio By Eliza Iorio
Leonardo Ricciardi By Maria Carmela Ricciardi

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 Doreen Pagnuelo By the Family
Velma Valleau By Cara Silvestri
Vincenzo & Marianne La Posta By Concetta La Posta
11:00 Odelie McIntyre By Louise & Valentino & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of March 14/15, 2015 totalled \$3,452.70.

PALM CROSS FUNDRAISER

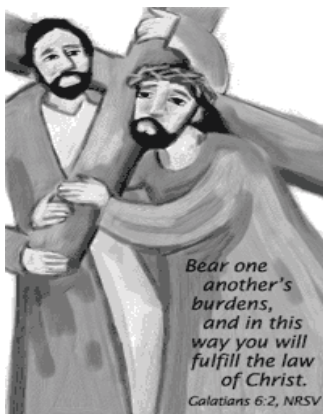
Next weekend, March 28/29, we will have our annual Palm Cross Fundraiser in support of the Jason Fund. All donations welcome. The Jason Fund is a non-profit organization which was established in 2006 to help young adults battling cancer and promote the advancement of treatments for them.

You are invited to bring from home "BELLS" to ring during the Easter Vigil Celebration on Saturday, April 4, and also on Easter Sunday at both morning masses.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 3, at 8 p.m.

Come join your fellow parishioners as they express Christ's last moments through drama, dance, and contemporary music in the "Way of the Cross". All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults to attend this prayerful and creative liturgy.



Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming events

Coffee and Conversation

In this, our last session of NOOMA for the season, we will view "SHE - Why do we overlook the feminine characteristics of God?" Join us on **Sunday, March 29, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room. Babysitting is available upon request.

"Come and See" Introductory Evening to the Marriage Course

Please join **The Marriage Course** leaders, **Nathalie & John Bondyra** on **Wednesday, April 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the parish hall to learn about key elements that must be nurtured in a committed relationship in order for it grow in love, appreciation and understanding. With the help of a DVD featuring the creators of the program, Nicky and Sila Lee, they will introduce us to the course and to concepts such as "The Five Love Languages". Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **April 6**. The 7-week **Marriage Course** will begin on Wednesday, April 22. More details about the course to follow in the coming weeks.

Video Divina

Fr. Raymond's movie series "Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments" continues with the sacrament of Holy Orders /Consecrated Life. We will view two episodes of the **Nothing Sacred** series on **Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.