

## **LET US SUPPORT THEM IN PRAYER**

**The Easter Vigil** is a night unlike any other. In the stillness of darkness, the Church gathers, waiting for light to break forth. It is on this sacred night that the RCIA journey reaches its fulfillment. Those who have been searching, learning, and preparing are received into the life of the Church—not as outsiders, but as members of a living family.

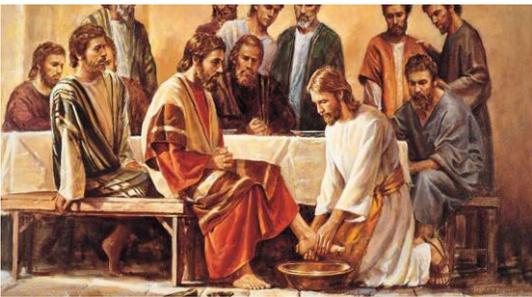
What makes this moment even more profound is that it is not isolated. On this same night, in churches throughout the world, countless men and women step forward in faith. They are baptized, confirmed, and welcomed into full communion, becoming part of the one universal Church. It is a powerful sign that the faith continues to grow, that God is still calling people by name, and that hearts continue to respond.

Here in our own Diocese of Montreal, this reality becomes very tangible. We are witnessing a significant number of catechumens and candidates coming forward this year. Each of them carries a unique story—a journey marked by grace, questions, and a sincere longing for truth. Their presence among us is not only a blessing for them, but also a quiet invitation for us to reflect on our own faith.

In a special way, our parish rejoices as we accompany seven candidates who will be fully received into the Church. This is not simply their celebration; it belongs to all of us. The Church grows not only in numbers, but in spirit, in vitality, and in witness.

Welcoming them, however, goes beyond a single night. It calls us to be a community that embraces, supports, and walks with them. Through prayer, friendship, and genuine care, we help them find their place within the Body of Christ. Their “yes” is a reminder to each of us—to rediscover the beauty of our own faith, and to live it with renewed conviction and joy.

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## **THE SACRED TRIDUUM: ENTERING THE MYSTERY OF LOVE**

The Sacred Triduum is the most intense and transformative time in the life of the Church. It is not merely about recalling past events; it is about being drawn into the very movement of Christ’s love—a love that pours itself out completely and rises again in glory. These days reveal the deepest truth of Christian living: that life is found not in holding on, but in giving oneself away.

Holy Thursday opens this mystery in a quiet yet powerful way. At the Last Supper, Jesus does something unexpected—He gives Himself as food. In the Eucharist, He does not leave us a symbol, but His real presence. At the same time, He kneels to wash the feet of His disciples, showing that authority in God’s kingdom is expressed through humble service. This day invites us to examine our own lives: Do we allow ourselves to be broken and given for others? Do we serve without seeking recognition? Christian life begins here, at the table of self-giving love.

**Good Friday** brings us face to face with the cost of that love. The Cross is not simply an instrument of suffering; it is the place where love refuses to give up. Jesus embraces rejection, betrayal, and pain, yet responds with forgiveness. This challenges our natural instincts. We often resist suffering and avoid sacrifice, but the Cross teaches that love matures through sacrifice. It asks us to trust that even our wounds, when united with Christ, can become places of grace for ourselves and others.

**Holy Saturday** is perhaps the most difficult day to understand. Nothing seems to happen. There is silence, uncertainty, and waiting. Yet this is a deeply human experience. There are moments in life when prayers seem unanswered and hope feels distant. Holy Saturday teaches us to remain faithful in those in-between moments, to trust that God is still working even when we cannot see it.

**The Easter Vigil** then breaks into this silence with overwhelming light. The Resurrection is not just Christ's victory; it is the promise of our own renewal. Darkness does not have the final word. Every fear, every failure, every form of death can be transformed by the power of God. The Triduum, therefore, is a journey that shapes our entire way of living. It calls us to become people who give like Christ, endure with faith, wait with hope, and rise with renewed purpose.

We warmly invite you to take part in these sacred celebrations with a spirit of prayer and devotion:

- **Holy Thursday, April 02 – 7:30 PM**
- **Good Friday, April 03 – 3:00 PM**
- **Easter Vigil, April 04 – 7:00 PM**
- **Easter Sunday, April 05 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 28 - APRIL 1, 2026**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – March 28, 2026 – PASSION (PALM SUNDAY)**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 9:00am – March 29, 2026 – PASSION (PALM SUNDAY)**

*Michael Giangaspero*

*Family*

**Sunday, 11:00am – March 29, 2026 – PASSION (PALM SUNDAY)**

*Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli*

*Gino & Family*

*Roger Picard & Antonio Gammad*

*Esther Pelayo*

*Olga Santini Matta*

*Matta Family*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – March 31, 2026 – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – April 1, 2026 – WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

*Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella*

*Family*

*Claire Rolland Wilkinson*

*John Wilkinson & Family*