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Do we still need to declare where we stand with these instances of undeserved shame and restored honour? Yes, more now than ever. The media often disparage believers and Christianity's reputation. By casting doubt on past events, they transform the honourable status of Christian institutions into mere historical "events" soon destined to disappear. Even Jesus is disparaged, sometimes dishonoured and relegated to the status of a religious person, just one among many others.

Are we again condemning Christ to solitude? Christ had suffered abandonment on the threshold of his last night. We experienced his death and through Baptism are integrated in the Resurrection of God's Son. Are we going to contribute to his dishonour by our silence? Or, instead, will we continue to participate in ensuring his reputation and glory? By proclaiming the passage of his death, we relate to the Centurion who saw beyond Christ's death on the cross and grasped the significance of who he was. May our Christian community experience a prideful renewal! Pride in the crucified Divine Lord, pride in Christ's message and accomplishments! Pride also to continue the work of generations of believers! Pride in belonging to the immense family of God's children that is spread throughout the world! May this Holy Week bring precious moments of humility, reality and pride! *Humiliation* will never be the last word associated with Our Lord!

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Passion Sunday

Do you remember the entire passage of Christ's Passion according to St. Mark? Reader alert: The Evangelist's version that we read this year has several original elements which associate Christ with humiliation or honour. Here are some examples. An unknown woman anointed Christ's head with expensive perfume brought in an alabaster vase. This act caused certain disciples to complain, but Jesus commented that it foretold his burial preparations. The unknown woman, who according to some had squandered the perfume, had no prior knowledge of the shame that the crucified and criminalized Christ would suffer on his anointing before burial. This unknown woman's actions predicted the honour that would be given to Christ, despite the traumatic events of his death on the cross.

Clothes also are symbols of shame or honour. The young man whose garments were ripped off by those pursuing him exemplifies the risks experienced by people who follow Jesus. Christ as a prisoner had a shameful experience. Though the issue with clothes started out negatively, it became a positive symbol when a crimson robe, an imperial symbol, spared Jesus the shame of being naked. Another example: the messenger who brought the news of the Resurrection was clothed in white, a sign of royalty and restored honour. The episode involving the young, unknown fugitive exemplifies the futility of any escape from death and the shroud. Jesus' death pointed to the renewal of life with honour. A Roman Centurion confirmed Jesus' status with words of praise.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Mar 24 5:00pm (Note time change) Mass in ZP **Yvan Potie**
 Sun Mar 25 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Special Intention**
 Mon Mar 26 *Fr Travis' day off*
 Tues Mar 27 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Sr Therese St. Pierre**
 Wed Mar 28 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Pauline Moyen**
 Thurs Mar 29 5:15pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Lawrence Weldon**
 7:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Yvan Potie**
 9:00pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Jack Lalonde**
 1 hour Adoration following each mass
 Fri Mar 30 3:00pm Mass in Arborfield
 3:00pm Mass in Zenon with Deacon Michel Dion
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River
 Sat Mar 31 7:00pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Pete Potie**
 10:00pm Mass in Carrot River
 Sun Apr 1 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**

Mass Times for March/April

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park
Sun 9:00am – Arborfield
 Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

2018 Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday - Carrot River - 5:15 pm
 - Zenon Park - 7:00 pm
 - **Arborfield - 9:00 pm**
 Good Friday - **Arborfield - 3:00 pm**
 - Zenon Park - 3:00 pm
 - Carrot River - 7:00 pm
 Easter Vigil - **Arborfield - 7:00 pm**
 - Carrot River - 10:00 pm
 Easter Sunday - Zenon Park - 11:00 am

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>March 25</u>	<u>Mar 29</u>
Commentator	Joann	Marie
Reader	Lisa	Jeanne
Cup	Neil, Sue	Beatrice, James
Hospitality	Louis, Jean	Bob, Lisa
Offerings	Gabe, Mary	Brian, Pam
Sacristan	Joann	Jeanne

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>March 30</u>	<u>Mar 31</u>
Commentator	Liz	Neil
Reader	Mary	Lisa, Pam, Mary
Cup	-	James, Guy
Hospitality	Brian, Pam	Neil, Lorraine
Offerings	Louis, Jean	Bob, Lisa
Sacristan	Pam	Mary

Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar 26 - Apr 1, 2018	Guy & Liz Hudon
Apr 2-8, 2018	Joann Rusk

Last week's collection total: **\$ 684.00**

Special collection - Development & Peace: **\$115.00**

Thank You

There will be a **Deanery Religious Vocations Appreciation Celebration** on Monday May 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Melfort 5:30 pm Mass and supper to follow. Tickets are \$25 and available from the parish office.

Our three parishes now have a website!

<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**