

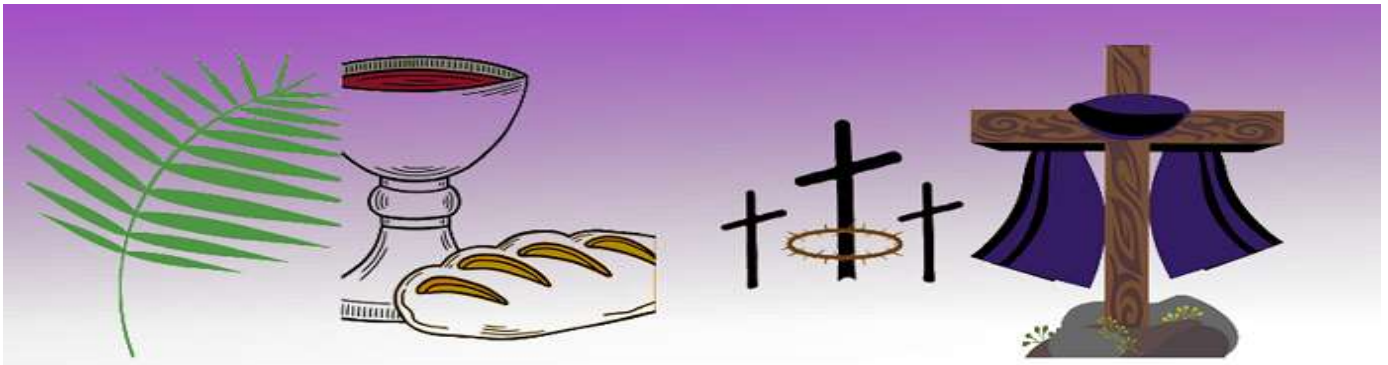


ARCHDIOCESE OF
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NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN SERVICES - March 23, 2021 [\(PDF here\)](#)

As of January 11, 2021, the Diocesan Services team has been working from home. You can still reach diocesan services by email or by leaving a telephone message. For any emergency, please dial 819-771-8391, followed by zero.

Office of the Archbishop



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR LITURGICAL ADAPTATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF A PANDEMIC NEW CLARIFICATIONS FROM QUÉBEC'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear parish leaders :

The pandemic's evolution in Quebec causes rules for worship spaces to continuously be adjusted. The diocesan team tries to keep you abreast of these adjustments and to help you put them into effect. It's tiring for everyone, but it's essential that we follow all of these precious directives: the health of the members of our communities, particularly the most vulnerable, depend on this. Until we have reached a certain level of mass vaccination (70%, more or less), the pandemic will continue to thrive. This is why we must be doubly careful, especially during Holy Week.

You will find two documents attached to this message. First, the general diocesan protocol: it was updated last week according to the information we had at that time. However, last evening, the AÉCQ sent us new details. These are indicated in the second document. We ask you to read both documents carefully, to study them and to implement them in your communities.

Spring is making itself felt. It's giving us a bit of courage. However, it can also tempt us to relax our vigilance. Let's welcome its promise and warmth, but let's resist its temptations by caring above all for the well-being of others. May your Easter journey be blessed.

+ Paul-André Durocher

[SUGGESTIONS](#)

[DETAILS](#)

Pastoral services

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS



Archbishop Paul-André Durocher invites the faithful of the archdiocese to participate in the online Chrismal Mass that will take place on Wednesday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. During this celebration, he will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and consecrate the Holy Chrism. The oils will then be distributed to parishes.

Here is the link to the Chrismal Mass: https://youtu.be/-Y61xG_xwg0. To access, you must first subscribe to the page and activate the notification bell. Here's how:

- 1) Click on https://youtu.be/-Y61xG_xwg0
- 2) Click "Subscribe"
- 3) Click on the little bell next to "Subscribe"

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is pleased to inform us that [a webpage dedicated to Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph](#) is now available on their website. This webpage contains various resources, including Prayers, Litanies, and Devotions, Consecration to Saint Joseph, Church Documents, and Catechetical Resources for children, youth, and adults.

Office of the diocesan bursar

MASKS: the diocese still has some boxes



As announced March 8, masks must be worn at all times in churches, even when people are in their seats (except during communion). That is why the diocese has purchased 5,000 of them for free distribution in parishes to help you manage this time of transition. For those parishes that have not yet picked up masks or for those that still need them, it is possible to come to the Diocesan Center during opening hours. The diocese still has 850 masks.

REMINDER: 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Thank you to the parishes that have already sent in their financial statements for the year 2020, as required by the Loi des fabriques. Parishes that have not yet had the opportunity to do so are invited to send in their document within the next few weeks at the latest. This document will be of great importance in assessing the full extent of the impact of the Covid-19 health crisis on the finances of the parishes and the diocese. The form for the presentation of the financial statements for the year 2020 is available in Word, PDF and Excel format on the website of the archdiocese, [forms section](#). Thank you for your collaboration!

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS VIA THE DIOCESE'S NEW ONLINE DONATION PLATFORM



Since January 1, many old and new donors have registered on the new online donation platform of the Archdiocese of Gatineau. The diocesan team would like to thank all those who have registered on the new platform to donate to their parish and/or the diocese. Since the beginning of the year 2021, more than \$33,000 has been collected. The new donation platform is accessible via the diocesan website under the heading Make a donation. Thank you for your generosity in continuing the mission of the parishes and the diocese in this time of global pandemic.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES AND MOVEMENTS



Liturgica is the only store in our region that specializes in religious articles. Let us support them during this challenging time. We invite you to visit their [new web site](#), where you will find a multitude of articles that could help nourish your faith, share it and express it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVITATIONS TO SHARE

This section is for the sharing of announcements/invitations from parishes and movements in the diocese. If you have an activity to share or advertise, please send a note to [Bozica Domitrovic](#) on Friday before the newsletter release.



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