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**SCHEDULES OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST AND  
BISHOP RIESBECK DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

*During Holy Week – the most solemn week of the Catholic Church’s calendar – the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, and his Auxiliary, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC will preside or participate in the following public liturgies and events:*

**Saturday, March 28, 5:00 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Saint-Remi parish (2821 Dumaaurier Avenue)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual **Passion Sunday Mass** for a local diocesan World Youth Day (WYD) celebration. This year’s theme is: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5.8). Following the Mass, there will be a dinner for the youth, information on WYD 2016 in Kraków, Poland, as well as workshops and a *Lectio Divina*.

**Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual **Chrism Mass** and consecrate the sacred chrism. The oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick are also blessed at this Mass. A family from each parish will receive the Holy Oils for their parish at the end of the celebration.

**Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside and give a closing reflection at **Tenebrae** – an ancient service of readings, psalms and prayers. A male-voice chorus anchored by the men of the Cathedral choirs will sing the Tenebrae texts.

**Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.** – Bishop Riesbeck – Saint-Joseph parish (2757 St-Joseph Boulevard)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the **Eucharist in Memory of the Lord’s Supper** (in French) – a celebration which commemorates the actions of Jesus Christ the evening before his Passion and death in Jerusalem. It is considered to be the event of the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrament by which Christ gives himself to us in His body and in His blood.

**Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Eucharist in Memory of the Lord's Supper.***

**Friday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Leaving from Saint Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent Street)

The Archbishop will lead a public ***Way of the Cross through the downtown streets of Ottawa,*** arriving at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica at approximately 12:00 noon. The Way of the Cross commemorates the journey of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem (*Via Dolorosa*) on the Friday of his Passion and death. This event is organized by Communion & Liberation. Media contact: André Potworowski: 613-721-9090, [andre@potwor.com](mailto:andre@potwor.com).

**Friday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*** which commemorates the events surrounding the death of Jesus Christ on the Hill of Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

**Friday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.** – Bishop Riesbeck – Holy Cross parish (685 Walkley Road)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the ***Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,*** in English.

**Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.** – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Peter Celestine parish (139 Renfrew Street, Pakenham)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the ***Easter Vigil*** (in English), which is the most solemn liturgy of the Church's year. The liturgy commences by a rite of the blessing of the new fire.

**Saturday, April 4, 8:30 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the bilingual ***Easter Vigil.***

**Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.** – Bishop Riesbeck – St. Michael's parish (1560 Corkery Road, Carp)

The Auxiliary Bishop will preside at the ***Mass of the Lord's Resurrection,*** in English.

**Sunday, April 5, 12:00 p.m.** – Archbishop Prendergast – Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Drive)

The Archbishop will preside at the ***Mass of the Lord's Resurrection,*** in English.

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