



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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April 09, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration:

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. The palms are blessed with the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel. (Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

Collections: March 26, 2022

Envelopes	\$155.00
Loose	\$5.00
Share Lent	\$90.00
	\$250.00

1: The annual Fishcake and Beans

Supper: Friday April 15th, (Good Friday) at 4:00 at the Johnstown Parish Hall. This year we will do both eat in or take out supper. To order a meal please call the following: Cost: \$12.00
Louise: 902-535-3107
Barbara: 902-828-2079
Rita: 902-631-0209
Edie: 902-322-6543
Elizabeth: 902-539-2078
or email
louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com

2: Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

There will be no foot-washing.
4:00pm HGA
5:30pm SP
7:00pm SJB

Friday April 15, 2022

Friday April 15, 2022 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
3:00 PM Service
Fr. Yake will celebrate Good Friday service at Sacred Heart.
Lay people officiating in S.P, HGA & SJB

Lay persons TBA will lead in the other parishes.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 3:00 PM Service
Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service typically consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. When a priest is not available to celebrate the Good Friday Service a Deacon or a lay person may do so. In this exceptional case the service consists of optional readings and the reading of the Passion of the Lord (John 18:1 – 19: 42) followed by the Stations of the Cross. Assuming that some Covid rules are still in place there is no individual procession for the Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
8:30pm SH

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM SJB
10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island
11:30 AM HGA

3: Help with Fishcake Supper: Anyone interested in helping with the fishcake supper can be at the Parish Hall at 10:00 am on Friday April 15th. All help is welcome.

4: April 28: Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is April 28 for consideration this spring. To apply or for more information: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

5: Bingo: Merchandise Bingo to be held on May 1st, 1:45 PM at the Tara Lynne Centre. River Bourgeois. Sponsored by the River Bourgeois Community Seniors Club.

6: From the Bishop re Holy Week

During Holy Week this year, we will be able to retain most of the traditional practices and yet we may want to adapt how we celebrate. As an Act of Charity, out of concern for other people, I recommend that we strongly encourage our people to continue wearing masks when they come into our churches. Not everyone will comply, but at least, we have asked them to consider others who may have some health concerns. I will continue to dispense from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for people who may not be able to attend for health reasons, as well as for those who care for them. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in the attachment (Prot. N. 182/22 – 25 March 2022) has indicated that they will not issue any further guidelines for the Holy Week celebrations this year.

Passion Sunday - Palm branches can be distributed without any restrictions.

Chrism Mass – The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. All clergy are invited to gather at noon for lunch at St. Ninian Place. A buffet will be served at 12:30 p.m. After lunch, a priest will offer a reflection on the priesthood. We have not planned a Holy Hour or time for confessions. As in the past, you may invite some parishioners to receive the Holy Oils so that they may be presented to your parish on Holy Thursday. Following Mass, all will be invited to a coffee/tea reception.

Holy Thursday – You may have the foot-washing. We will not be offering it at the Cathedral.

Good Friday – The Veneration of the Cross will be by genuflection or a reverent bow.

Please encourage our people to be generous in the Good Friday collection for the Needs of the Church in Holy Land. Due to COVID, pilgrims have not come to the Holy Land these past few years. Without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims, families have suffered from lack of work.

(On this collection Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada, wrote, “The Good Friday Collection, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus Christ once walked.”)

In recent days, Pope Francis has repeatedly invited us to pray, asking God for the gift of peace for Ukraine, so that this “repugnant war” may end. Together with Ukraine we would also like to recall all the other conflicts, which unfortunately are always numerous in our world. In the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, the liturgy invites us to raise our petitions to God for the Church and for the whole world.

In the Solemn Intercessions we will invoke the Lord for those in public office (prayer IX) that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

For those in tribulation (priest prayer X) that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Please add the following sentence.

Let us now make these prayers our own for all our brothers and sisters who are experiencing the horror of war, particularly in Ukraine.

Easter Vigil -The Ordo states: “The entire celebration takes place at night. It does not start before nightfall.” On April 16, sunset occurs at approximately 8 p.m. with complete darkness by 8:30 p.m. Pastors do not have permission to change this directive.

May Holy Week be a time of spiritual renewal for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Faternally,

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Bishop Wayne