

PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION – YEAR C– April 14, 2019



Readings: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 We experience all kinds of emotions in today's readings. The joyous crowd becomes an angry and vengeful crowd. Jesus' disciples betray, deny or run away from him. The women, however, remain strong even though their hearts are being torn out. The heavens weep as Jesus empties himself out, obedient to the point of death – death on a cross.

Embracing the Cross of Jesus leads to everlasting life.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday (no Mass) Monday of Holy Week (No Holy Mass on Mondays)
 April 15 6:30 pm: **Combined Choir Practice for Easter Vigil – All are welcome!**

MASS of CHRISM: 7pm at Christ the King Cathedral-Basilica in Hamilton.
 . At this 'Chrism Mass' the bishop blesses the holy oils and distributes them for each Parish.

Tuesday Tuesday of Holy Week
 April 16 7:00 pm: **HOLY MASS:** + Vern Dorscht – Dorscht Family

Wednesday Wednesday of Holy Week
 April 17 10:00 am **HOLY MASS** at Pinehaven Nursing Home
 7:00 pm **HOLY MASS:** Special Intentions of Vince Morrison Family
 – Morrison Family
 7:30 pm AA's – Parish Centre

Holy Thursday **EVENING MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER**
 April 18 7:00 pm: **HOLY MASS** For All Priests

VIGIL of ADORATION – UNTIL MIDNIGHT – PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE VESTIBULE
There is the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the people until midnight, just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during His agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas. At midnight, the Passion of the Lord has begun.

Good Friday **FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**
 April 19 10 am: Children's / Family Liturgy
 3 pm: Traditional Liturgy followed by the Divine Mercy Novena
 7 pm: **Stations of the Cross** Led by Members of Parish Council

GOOD FRIDAY of the LORD'S PASSION: 10am – Children's / Family Liturgy; 3pm – Good Friday Liturgy
On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, the solemn intercessions, the Adoration of the Cross, in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Saviour, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord. The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning.

Holy Saturday **EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT**
 April 20 11am Blessing of the Easter Food and 11:15 am: **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA: - begins after the 3 pm Good Friday Liturgy
*Jesus asked that this Novena be prayed prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy. He gave Sister Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that my soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by".
 The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."*

BLESSING of the EASTER BASKETS: 11:00am
*Although we are still in mourning, there is much preparation during this day to prepare for Easter. Out of the kitchen comes the smell of Easter pastries and bread, the lamb or hams and of course, the Easter eggs.
 There are no liturgies celebrated this day unless the local parish priest blesses the food baskets.*

EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm - *It is during the night between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday that the Easter Vigil, the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church is celebrated.*

*Beginning with the **Lucernarium** or Service of Light, the service begins outside the church. A new fire is lit and blessed and a Paschal Candle is prepared and processed into the Church proclaiming **Lumen Christi** or "Christ our Light" followed by the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: **The Exulted** (Easter proclamation).*

*This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter. Next, is the **Liturgy of the Word** where we hear our salvation history retold, culminating in the **Gloria** where all the bells are rung, all stops on the organ opened and the **Easter Alleluia** is sung before the **Gospel**.*

*The **Liturgy of Baptism** follows when the Easter water is blessed, new members are brought into the Church through baptism, and the faithful are blessed with water and renew their Baptismal Promises.
 The **Fourth** and last segment of the Mass is the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** with special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole church is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through his death and resurrection. The Mass ends with the glorious double Alleluia solemn blessing and dismissal.*



Easter Sunday **EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD**
 April 21 9am: **HOLY MASS** In Thanksgiving – Nguyen Family
 (NO 7pm Mass) 11am: **HOLY MASS** + Luke Oliveira – Tracey Pare

*Easter is the feast of feasts, **Haec dies quam fecit Dominus**: "This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us.*

SUNDAY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 28 Holy Masses are as usual at 5pm Saturday, 9am & 11am and 7pm Sunday.
HOLY HOUR - 3pm Exposition & Benediction
 Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet concludes the Novena



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His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, will be broadcasted during Holy Week on the following Networks.
 VisionTV: Part 1: Monday, April 15; Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 at 8:00 pm
 Salt + Light: Part 1: Tuesday, April 16; Part 2: Wednesday, April 17 at 8:00 pm
 yesTV:Ontario: Part 1:Friday, April 19; Part 2: Saturday, April 20 at 1 pm

Part 1: The Penitential Psalms; Part 2: Conscience & Reconciliation

April 7, 2019 OFFERINGS
 BASKETS: \$4,646.15
 PAO April: 3,305.00
 SHARE LENT 918.75
 PALLOTTINE SEM. 635.00

**Total SHARE LENT
 to date: \$1,403.75**

Thank You!



The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Land is taken up on Good Friday. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith.

A gift to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way of changing the lives of those caught in the grips of war, violence and the instability in this region.