

PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION – March 24, 2024



Readings: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-14.47 The congregation's last words in today's Gospel reading are those of the centurion: **Truly, this man was God's Son?**

This is the central proclamation of our faith that we strive to profess more fully this Holy Week – that the one whom we follow is God's own Son, and God himself. May his name be praised forever.

Embracing the Cross of Jesus leads to everlasting life.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY (No Mass) March 25	<u>Monday of Holy Week</u> (No Holy Mass on Mondays)	
TUESDAY March 26	<u>Tuesday of Holy Week</u> 9:00 am: HOLY MASS:	✝ Lucia Le Thi Hoa by the Hoang Family
WEDNESDAY March 27	<u>Wednesday of Holy Week</u> 9:00 am HOLY MASS:	✝ Kai Mortensen by Frank & Diane Sullivan
HOLY THURSDAY March 28	<u>EVENING MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER</u> 7:00 pm: HOLY MASS	For All Priests

VIGIL of ADORATION – At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist is taken in procession from where Mass has been celebrated to the place of repose. After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the tabernacle, there is a period of watching and adoration, which will continue until 7 am Good Friday morning. You are summoned to keep vigil with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

GOOD FRIDAY March 29	<u>FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD</u> 10 am: Children's / Family Liturgy 3 pm: Traditional Liturgy followed by the Divine Mercy Novena 7 pm: Stations of the Cross (lead by members of Parish Council)
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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 March 30	<u>EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT</u> 11 am Blessing of the Easter Food and 11:15 am: DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
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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: 11:00 am
*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 the 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

March 31
(NO 7pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

9am: **HOLY MASS** All Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11am: **HOLY MASS** + Carl Schropp by the McKellar Family

***Easter is the feast of feasts: "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 7

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



March 17, 2024 OFFERINGS

BASKETS: \$3,392.95
PAP March: 3,705.00



Total **SHARE LENT**
to date: **\$642.00**

Thank You!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

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

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.



GOOD FRIDAY FISH & CHIP DINNER at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 45 Dearborn

Place, Waterloo. Seatings start at 1 pm on the hour through to 6:00 pm.

1- Piece Dinner \$17:50; 2-Piece Dinner \$22:50 – includes Fish, Chips, Coleslaw, roll and butter.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Martin at 519-884-2060.

2000 HAIL MARY'S DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Please join us in praying the 2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin on **Saturday, May 11, 2024.**

The day will begin at 7:30 am and we anticipate the devotion will finish by 7:30 pm. Join us for all or part of the day. For information please contact Marilynne at: canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com