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Passion Sunday

April 1st, avril
2012

Dimanche des Rameaux et de la Passion



Adoration and Prayer



Wednesday, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph to complete His work as our Messiah.

Palm Sunday is a day of heights and depths. It echoes the high praise with which the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus Christ and plunges us into the agony and death of the King who reigned from a cross. United with Him in His suffering, may we one day also share in His Resurrection and new life.

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Collection April 6, 2012 in support of the Holy Land

“My home is within you” (Psalm 87,7). This verse expresses the solidarity that unites all the Christians of the world with the Church of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. It also underscores a will to lead a helping hand with regard to the many needs of this particular community that cannot be ignored. At the request of the Holy Father, the Catholic faithful of the world and our country are invited, during the Offices of Good Friday, to support spiritually and financially the Christian communities and the keepers of the Holy Sites, the Franciscans.

In Canada this tradition of mutual aid goes back to the first stay in our country of the Blessed Frédéric Janssoone, Franciscan, in 1881-1882. This collection received the pontifical confirmation of Leo XIII on December 26, 1887. Over the years the Canadian Catholic Church has strengthened and renewed this tradition solidarity. The constant efforts of the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada make the most of these privileged ties between the Holy Land and the dioceses of our country through prayer, pilgrimage, as well as service and financial support.

We wish to recall a few words from Mgr. Morissette following his stay in the Holy Land: “Good Friday provides a special opportunity to remember the Holy Land and to pray that it may yet to come to enjoy peace and justice... There is no doubt that God hears their prayers and our own and that he will grant peace to this troubled region . The question is only as to how and when.” (Prions en Église, June 2011, page 190)



Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.



Liturgical Bits & Bites for the Holy Week

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. If you've never celebrated it, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, your bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrisms. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrisms for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrisms spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.



Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrisms fresh for the occasion. While they were consecrating chrisms, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955 we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrisms, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the chrisms that the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

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Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, Jesus established the Eucharist and the Priesthood, two of the most important aspects of the Mass. He asked his followers to continue to celebrate this in memory of Him. In this Year of the Priests we are invited to pray for all priests, especially those, who have served us and ministered sacraments to us over the years.

Washing Feet

“No shirt, no shoes, no service.”

Restaurants often display this sign to show who's not welcome at their table.

A sign at the Last Supper could have read, “No shirt, no shoes = service.” It would have shown who was welcome at the table.

One of the most striking scenes at the Last Supper happens when Jesus pulls off his tunic, has the disciples remove their sandals, and begins a service like none other — washing feet. The episode, which occurs only in John's Gospel, comes where we expect to find Jesus' most famous



line from the Last Supper. “This is my body. This is my blood.” Instead of pointing at the bread and wine, he gives an example of service. We begin to see that Eucharist involves more than food and drink — it involves commitment, community, faith and selflessness. Other New Testament writers tell us Jesus said, “Do this,” in reference to the celebration of the Eucharist. John’s Jesus says it in reference to the service of washing feet.

For this reason, the liturgy of Holy Thursday invites us to imitate literally the example of Jesus. The presider may wash the feet of members of the community. In this act, the local church witnesses the selfless service of Christ and sees an example of faith in action. If we are believers, if we share in the bread and the cup, then we also share in service.

Sometimes we hear the complaint that the washing of the feet is too old-fashioned, that it doesn’t fit our modern culture. Sometimes we search for a more meaningful adaptation washing hands, or shining shoes! But it’s hard to beat the shocking humility of the original gesture. It didn’t fit Jesus’ culture very well either. Peter objected to the whole idea. The service to which Jesus calls us also doesn’t fit the culture. Businesses may call it service, but they charge us even if it’s self-service. The service of the Gospel is freely given.

Holy Thursday invites us to the table not as guests who dine and run, but as hosts who eat and serve. The meal isn’t over till the cleanup.

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Good Friday

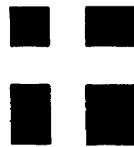


Paschal Fast

We are all reminded of the special fast: Good Friday is the day of fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are aged 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Cross

A cross often dominates the sanctuary of a Catholic Church. We trace its lines at the beginning and end of every Mass and we venerate it every Good Friday. On solemn occasions we incense the cross, even if it stands separate from the altar, to signify our respect for the suffering and death of Jesus.



For centuries the location of the cross never varied in a Catholic Church. It rested on or above the altar against the back wall. Then in the 1960s we allowed the altar to come forward. This happily brought priest and people face to face around the table of the Eucharist, but the cross needed a new home. Resting on the altar or suspended above it, the cross might obstruct everybody’s view. Besides, the top of the altar itself is reserved for the most important elements of the Mass, bread and wine and whatever else is absolutely necessary, like the book from which the priest prays.

The liturgy permits the use of a processional cross. If your parish wishes, you may lead the entrance procession into the church with the cross flanked by candles. Incense may prepare its way.

When the cross leads the procession, it animates the first action of the Mass, even before we mark ourselves with its sign at the first words we speak. Once inside, the cross may stand somewhere near the altar. Its position may vary, depending on where other objects occupy the sanctuary.

Our church urges us to avoid duplicating images where we pray - having two or more statues of the same saint. For that reason, parishes that elect to lead processions with the cross need not provide another cross on the wall of the church. The processional cross that first draws our eyes in the service keeps them focused on Christ throughout.

The main cross of the church should carry the image of Christ crucified. A good cross is one that brings harmony to the sanctuary and inspires devotion among the people.

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The blessing of the Easter food

It is a Holy week customs that go back at least 1000 years are still being observed by many Catholics around the world, which is also dear to the heart of every Pole. As people of God, we are grateful to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace, and, as a tokens of this gratitude, we have the food of his table sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy.



The usual fare on the Easter table includes: meat-usually ham and sausage; cakes of all kinds; eggs-both decorated and plain are a symbol of new life or rebirth. There is usually a Paschal Lamb-can be made from cake; butter; some cheese; horseradish, bitter herbs that signify the bitterness of the suffering of Christ; salt-a sign of hospitality, vinegar and oil. Bread is always in the basket, both a symbol of communion, the bread of the last supper and the traditional sweet breads.

The food is brought to the church and blessed by the parish priest on Holy Saturday. After the blessing, the food is usually set-aside until Easter morning when the head of the house shares the blessed egg, symbol of life, with family and friends. Having exchanged wishes, all continue to enjoy a hearty meal. Today many local parishes still observe this custom. This centuries old custom is indeed richly symbolic and beautiful. It is one in which the whole family can participate and help prepare.

Exsultet

On special family days you bring out the best stuff - decorations, place settings and clothes that don't get used on other days of the year. We keep some treasures hidden away and bring them out for only the most important occasions. If you miss the celebration for some reason, you won't enjoy the treats it brings for another year.



The Exsultet, or "the Easter proclamation," is one of those special treasures owned by our church family. We bring it out once a year at our most important celebration, the Easter Vigil. If you miss the Vigil, you don't get to enjoy it till next year.

The Exsultet proclaims the meaning of Easter. It was written to be sung by a deacon at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It comes during the first part of the service, the fire rite. The Vigil begins outdoors where a new fire is blessed and the new Easter candle is lit for the first time. Then the assembly processes into the church, carrying tapers lit from the same fire and proclaiming, "Christ our light! Thanks be to God!"

Once inside, in a church aglow with new light, we hear the meaning of this night in the Exsultet. First the proclamation calls on the angels, the earth and the church to rejoice. “Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!” Then it begins to sound like a preface. “It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God.”

Finally the Exsultet tells us how special this night is: “This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain.” The Easter Vigil celebrates the Christian passover, complete with banquet, freedom from slavery, light from darkness, cleansing from sin, restoration of holiness, and resurrection from death.

No wonder the Exsultet proclaims the sin of Adam to be a “happy fault,” “a necessary sin.” Because of Adam’s fall, we have been restored at Easter through Christ.

The Exsultet may be sung by someone other than the deacon if he lacks the skills to sing or if you lack a deacon. It has a long and short form. The people may sing acclamations along the way. It proclaims the meaning of Easter, so we save it for this, the single most important night of the Christian year.

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Victimæ paschali laudes

Just before the Gospel at Easter Sunday Mass we sing the sequence, “Victimæ paschali laudes.” The title means “praises to the paschal victim.”

A sequence is a poem set to music and sung during the Liturgy of the Word to ornament the celebration of a given liturgical day. During the Middle Ages, many sequences were composed for specific annual occasions. Only a few remain for public worship today.

The sequence for Easter tells of the resurrection. It opens by commanding Christians to sing “praises to the paschal victim.” Paradoxes abound: A lamb redeems sheep. The innocent Christ reconciles guilty sinners to the Father. Death and life are locked in battle, but the Living One rules over death.

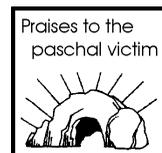
The text then shifts to a dialogue with Mary Magdalene. “Tell us, Mary. What did you see along the way?” She responds that she saw the tomb, the glory of the one rising from the dead, angelic witnesses and the burial cloths. She concludes, “Christ my hope has risen! He is going ahead of his own into Galilee!”

The entire sequence concludes with this prayer: “We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead. Have mercy on us, Victor King.”

The author is probably Wipo, an 11th-century poet and historian. Two groups of singers may alternate verses. It may also be recited. The dialogue in the middle section probably inspired plays based on the passion.

Today this hymn is obligatory on Easter Sunday and optional for all the other days of the Easter Octave, including the Second Sunday of Easter. The music of the Latin chant inspired classical choral and instrumental music. Other versions of the hymn exist in vernacular languages.

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Celebrations For The Holy Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast or Memorial
March 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Matthew on his 16 th Birthday – Mom, Dad & Ashley	<i>Palm</i>
April 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Gerard Maclsaac - Veronica	<i>(Passion)</i>
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	<i>Sunday</i>
April 3 Tues-mar	8:30 am	No Mass	
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in St. Paul	
April 4 Wed -mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
	4:30 -7pm	Church will be open for prayer time and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration.	
	7:00 pm	Special Intention for Bernardine & Henri – Kieser Family	
April 5 Thurs-jeu	8:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper For our future Bishop, all the Priests of our Diocese and new vocations to the priesthood and religious life	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
	<i>after Mass till 11 pm</i>	<i>Time for prayer and being with Jesus in front to the Blessed Sacrament.</i>	
April 6 Fri - ven	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<i>Good Friday</i>
	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross	
April 7 Sat - sam	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Food	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
	8:30 pm	RIP Marie Vansevenandt – Richard & Family	
April 8 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Don McGrath – Bill & Alice	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Vivian Wulff, Shirley Sobochan, Sr Barbara, Alice Roeland, Doris & children, Mary Rosychuk, Joanna Sehn, Louise Buttineau
Please also pray for those who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Next Youth Night will be on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 pm

Please Pray for...



✦ Rev. Mr. John Woodcock , who passed away on March 16th in Cold Lake, AB.
John was a permanent Deacon in our Diocese.

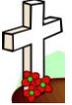
✦ Lenora Bokenfohr, who passed away on March 24th.

Prayers for her were held on March 29th in St. Albert at the Funeral Chapel.

✦ Gerard St. Martin, who passed away on March 29th in Edmonton.

His funeral will be held in St. Emile Church in Legal on Tuesday, April 3rd at 10:30 am.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them



WAY OF THE CROSS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following Jesus along the way of his passion we see not only Jesus' passion but we see all those who are suffering in the world. And this is the profound intention of the prayer of the Way of the Cross, to open our hearts, to help us to see with the heart.

Pope Benedict XVI

We invite you – on Good Friday at 7 pm.



To remind you that there are some CD's and DVD's that are available at the back of the church this weekend. The list of the CD's and DVD's is at the back with the titles. They can be borrowed for and week at a time: on a weekend - at the back of the church before or after masses; during the week – at the parish office when it's open. There is a binder where you can sign and you take and when return.

Holy Week Minister's List

There is a list for the Holy Week celebrations at the back. There is still a need for some ministries to be sign up for. Please check the list at the back. Thank you.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please keep in your payers those who are on the journey toward Easter Vigil Celebration. Thank you!



The Parish Office will be open this week only on Tuesday and Wendsday.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

*Development & Peace \$ 1830.00
Restoration & Maintenance \$ 700.00
March 25th \$ 4285.00*

THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where
* Deep Basket	- March 31 st & April 1 st at all Masses	Church
* Dust Angels	- April 2 nd , Monday 8:30 am	Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... “No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

(John 15.13)

