



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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March 27th, 2021
Palm Sunday

**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

**Note new time for
Easter Saturday Mass:
8:00pm**

Sunday Readings:

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt (Jn 12:13-15)!"

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.

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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)

Things to Do:

- The palms distributed at Mass are blessed, so are sacramentals. Read Blessed Palms in the Home.
- Read Pope Francis' Homily for Palm Sunday 2014. Also read the History of Palm Sunday by Fr. Francis X. Weiser
- In some places the 6th Sunday of Lent is known as "Fig Sunday" due to the tradition that Christ ate figs after his entry into Jerusalem. Adding some type of figs to your meal would be a nice touch.
- In the Extraordinary Form Calendar the Fifth Sunday of Lent was Passion Sunday, known as "Carling Sunday" after carling peas in some parts of England and Scotland. In the Ordinary Form the Sixth Sunday of Lent is a combination of Palm and Passion Sunday. Peas porridge would also be an appropriate dish for today. See recipes for suggestions and the history behind this tradition.

Collection:March 20th, 2021

Envelopes	\$260.00
Share Lent/D&P	\$75.00
	\$335.00

Notices:**1: Mass of Chrism**

Monday, March 29, 3 pm via Facebook Live

The Mass of Chrism will be livestreamed from St. Ninian Cathedral.

Watch on the St. Ninian Cathedral Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

2: Please book your seat for Good Friday, April 2nd, and Holy Saturday April 3rd. You can call Louise at 535-3107 or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com to book your church seat for those dates.

3: A Take-out Fish Cake and Bean supper will be held on Friday April 2nd (Good Friday). The supper will be available at 4pm at the Parish Hall. To order a meal please call Louise at 535-3107 or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com Cost: \$12.00

4: Silver Rose: The Knights of Columbus in St. Peter's are planning to invite the Silver Rose, an image associated with the pro-life message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to come to us in April (see the schedule and info in the link below). Fr. Yake suggested that since Sacred Heart, Johnstown, has a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe that we might hold the (out-of-doors) Mass there. It would offer an opportunity to gather Catholics around this important truth of our faith. Our time slot is Tuesday April 13th in the afternoon, time to be determined. <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html?1tab=1tab5>

5: Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford

Sundays at 7 pm Fr. Patrick and John will host a 30-minute presentation of spirituality, talks and taking questions from viewers. Fr. Patrick is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, as well as producer of Mass for Shut-Ins and chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces and CBRM police. John Ratchford is a renowned photographer from North Sydney who has shared his personal experiences of faith and mental illness as part of our Youth Ministry Let's Talk events in 2020 and 2021. To view the livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>**6: Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – March 27/28 – Regular Sunday Schedule - Palm branches could be distributed by someone with gloves, in this way no one is directly touching the branches as they are distributed

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday, April 1st)

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April 1
4:00pm HGA
5:30pm SP
7:00pm SJB
There will be no foot-washing.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good

(Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.)

Since there can be no contact with the Cross, the Veneration of the Cross will be by a simple but reverent bow. Genuflecting remains a possibility, as long as people do not need to touch anything that would then need to be sanitized.

Last year parishes had to double up but with COVID that cannot happen this year.

SJB - (officiant TBA)
Chapel Island and SP- (officiant TBA)
HGA – Mr. Arthur Doary officiating
SH, Johnstown – Fr. Yake

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

There remains some doubt about the Rite of Sprinkling throughout the Church on Easter Sunday. The concern is for those cleaning and sanitizing the church.

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: Saturday, April 3**8:00pm SH – NEW TIME:****The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday): April 4**

8:30am SJB
10:00am SP & Chapel Island
11:30 HGA