



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

NOTE: Easter
Sunday Mass
will be at 9:30
am

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)!"

We commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding 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.

Meditation on Holy Week

Now we enter the holiest part of Lent. The Church has prepared us step by step for this sacred experience. A steady crescendo in the liturgy has been taking place since Ash Wednesday. Each week the sound rose higher, and louder. Although Mother Church often spoke about the Cross and the resurrection, she did so in veiled signs and figures, as if she feared exposing a most precious object to profane eyes. Not until this moment does she remove the curtain. Now we see the Holy of Holies; and more than that, we are asked to participate in the most sublime drama of religious history.

The greatest and holiest of weeks is about to begin. We should not call it a week of mourning, for Cross and resurrection are inseparable. Christ's redemptive work did not end with death, it continues on in the victory of His resurrection. Therefore, we must not separate the passion from the resurrection, but rather regard the Cross as the way to Easter victory.

The liturgy does not make this week one of sorrowful lamentation or tearful sympathizing with our suffering Lord. That was the medieval approach. No, through the whole week there runs a note of victory and joy, a realization that Christ's sacred passion was a prerequisite to Easter glory. We cannot understand the Church's liturgy unless we keep this in mind.

There is no day in the entire coming week when the theme of Easter and victory does not resound loud and clear. Think only of *Palm Sunday* with its homage to the King; of *Holy Thursday* with its solemn Mass and consecration of the Holy Oils; of *Good Friday* with the solemn exaltation of the Cross; of *Holy Saturday*, the beginning of the Easter solemnities. Four days take on special importance, viz., Palm Sunday and the sacred Triduum. The remaining three days, Monday through Wednesday, do not differ radically from other days in Passiontide. Palm Sunday may be called the golden gateway leading to the holy mysteries of Easter.

—Dr. Pius Parsch, *The Church's Year of Grace: Septuagesima to Holy Saturday*

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Collection
April 06, 2025

Envelopes	\$180.00
Loose	\$15.00
	\$195.00

Mass intentions for Easter
Sunday April 20th

+ Isabel Johnson and Jessie
Savoie

Notices:

1: Sunday April 27/May 4 – No Mass in Johnstown for those 2 weeks, Fr. Yake will be away. Mass in St. Peters 5:30 on Saturday, River Bourgeois 4:00 pm on Saturday and L'Ardoise 11:00 am on Sunday, will still take place.

2: Help Needed Fish Cake Supper: If you can come and help peel potatoes and make the fish cakes, we will be at the hall on Friday April 18th at 11:00 am. All help is welcome.

3: Fish Cake Supper - Friday April 18th, 4:30 pm Eat In or Take Out - Fish Cakes, Homemade Beans, Biscuits, Cost \$13.00, Johnstown Parish Hall. If you would like to donate a package of salted cod bits, or would like to order a meal please contact the following: Louise: 902-535-3107 Barbara: 902-828-2079 Rita: 902-631-0209 Edie: 902-322-6543 or email louisecampbel@gmail.com

4: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: We are pleased to announce the fourth season of the Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market. This year the Market will operate 10:00 am to 1 pm every SUNDAY from June 29 to September 7th. Interested vendors should call 902-631-0209. Note: vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

5: Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years,

I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

6: Holy Week Celebrations

Chrism Mass Monday, April 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm Celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral

Note: Parishioners of all parishes are welcome to join all Holy Week celebrations. Following the instructions on the Sacred Triduum from the Clergy Days (November 2023), and with the bishop's permission that emphasized that the Sacred Triduum is one liturgy and should be celebrated in one parish church, the following schedule is close to the ideal.

This year the Sacred Triduum will be held at Holy Guardian Angels Church.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, April 17, 2025 HGA 4:00 PM

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, April 18, 2025 HGA 3:00 PM

Note:

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. There should be no physical contact with the Cross, but veneration may be expressed by a reverent bow or a genuflection.

The Resurrection of the Lord

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 19, 2025 HGA 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20, 2025

Sacred Heart 9:30 AM

St. Peters 11:00 AM