

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

† April 6, 2020 to April 12, 2020

Let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday ~ April 6th

8:00 am +Annie May & Michael Connors

(by a parishioner)

+Anne Charlton (by The Battista Family)

Tuesday ~ April 7th

7:30 am +Alma Respicio and

+Excelina Manzan-Respicio (by Cirilo)

Chrism Mass (postponed until a later date)

Wednesday ~ April 8th

8:00 am +Nunzia & Berardino Lanese (by Ettore)

+Antonio D'Amizio (by Michelina & Family)

+Lynda Gicante (by husband Bino)

9:30 am *Parish Mass at Monsignor Clancy School ~*
CANCELLED

Holy Thursday ~ April 9th

7:30 pm (livestream at www.saintcd.com)

Friday of the Passion of our Lord ~ April 10th

3:00 pm (livestream at www.saintcd.com)

Holy Saturday ~ April 11th

7:00 pm (livestream at www.saintcd.com) Easter Vigil

Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 12th

8:00 am +♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am +Maria & Damiano LePera and

+Carmen & Emelia Mazza (by Vince & Gisela)

11:00 am +John DiManno (by Joe & Helen Pizzacalla)

+Lenny Serravalle (by Marcella & Family)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Irene Lizzotti*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: If you are able to purchase extra non-perishable food please consider donating it to help the less fortunate in our community. Items may be left on the bench outside the parish office. During this Covid - 19 crisis, our volunteers remain committed to serving their clients when they need it the most. To protect both volunteers and clients, they have made a few changes in the way they deliver their service: Going forward and until further notice, they will be implementing a policy whereby clients will enter the exterior main hall doors and be restricted to staying in the vestibule where the interior doors will remain closed. A volunteer will then place their groceries on the table that will be provided inside the interior doors and walk away. After the volunteer is cleared of the area the client will then open the interior doors and retrieve their package. Door handles and the table will be sanitized between clients. We are only able to hand out food packages and not our usual cash vouchers at this time.

MASSES: Although Mass celebrations are not open to the public at this time please be assured that all Mass intentions will be fulfilled at Masses celebrated privately by the Priests. Please pray for these intentions in your daily prayers.

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of Karen Skomorowsky and Donald Ceci. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING: The May 2 performance of Elvis Tribute Artist, Gordie McNeil, that was to take place at Holy Rosary Hall, has been cancelled due to the current state of emergency for Covid-19. Thank you to everyone who has shown their support for this event.

CWL CONVENTION: The CWL St. Catharines Diocesan Council's 62nd Annual Diocesan Convention originally scheduled for May 12/13, 2020 has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

CWL: The regular CWL month meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 has been cancelled.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY: While our primary concern is your spiritual and physical well-being, the offertory gifts are very important for the parish. We continue to incur our regular parish expenses such as heat, electricity and maintenance. Please consider mailing or dropping off your donations to the parish office, call or email the parish office to sign up for Direct Deposit or use the Canada Helps link on our web page. Thank you for your faithful support.

SUNDAY MASS: The Sunday Mass celebrations will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandra at 11:30 am. **Easter Sunday Mass may also be viewed on Cogeco TV Channel 10.** Visit www.saintcd.com and click on "Live-streamed mass from the Cathedral" or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8Y760Dj9Zw&feature=youtu.be>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: Catholics are reminded that during this extraordinary time, they are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. People are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion with the following prayer: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my Heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

**DOMENICA DELLE PALME E
DELLA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE (A)**

5 APRILE 2020

In Che consiste la Comunione Spirituale?

Carissimi parrocchiani e fedeli di Holy Rosary Church, saluti Cordiali dai preti e membri dell'ufficio parrocchiale. Preghiamo per sapienza e coraggiosita a combattere il maligno.

Oggi a causa di Covid-19 siamo limitati ad accostarci all'Eucaristia Sacramentale. Nemmeno non possiamo celebrare la Santa Pasqua insieme nella Chiesa. Il mondo e stato scosso da virus invisibile. l'umanita indebolita trema indifesa. Siamo a un momento di prova e di sofferenza. Quando non e possibile per fare la Comunione Sacramentale, a causa dei diversi motivi, la Chiesa ci suggerisce di unirsi con Gesu spiritualmente. Ecco perche in questo periodo di prova, noi rivolgiamo a Dio con umilta di cuore e sincerita. La Comunione Spirituale e il desiderio sincero e mistico dei fedeli che con la virtu della fede si uniscono con Gesu a partecipare ai frutti dell'Eucaristia. Quindi vi invito a recitare questa preghiera nel tempo opportuno e con gratitudine. Buona Domenica delle Palme.

Preghiera per fare la Comunione Spirituale

Gesù mio, io credo che sei realmente presente nel Santissimo Sacramento. Ti amo sopra ogni cosa e ti desidero nell' anima mia. Poiché ora non posso riceverti sacramentalmente, vieni almeno spiritualmente nel mio cuore. Come già venuto, io ti abbraccio e tutto mi unisco a te; non permettere che mi abbia mai a separare da te. Eterno Padre, io ti offro il Sangue Preziosissimo di Gesù Cristo in sconto dei miei peccati, in suffragio delle anime del purgatorio e per i bisogni della Santa Chiesa.

DAILY TV MASS: Daily Mass may be viewed on **Vision TV:** Sunday 8:00 am; Monday to Friday 8:00 am & 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am and 9:30 am or on **Salt & Light TV:** Sunday 11:00 am and 10:30 pm; Monday to Saturday 6:30 am, 11:00 am, 3:00 pm and 10:30 pm. Please contact your television package provider to ensure that you have access to these channels.

3-MINUTE RETREAT: Download Loyola Press's free app, the 3-Minute Retreat, or visit <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer> for a peaceful prayer experience that helps you re-connect with God, re-center your day, and relax, wherever you are. Every day, included Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, the app guides you on a new bite-sized retreat filled with Scripture passages, soothing music, and reflection questions that you can pray at your own pace to help enrich your spirituality and rest in God's loving presence.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum. It basically is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. Here is a breakdown of each of the three days that make up the Easter Triduum:

MAUNDY THURSDAY: The evening Mass on Maundy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional washing of the feet ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant, just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated host is kept other than the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated.

GOOD FRIDAY: Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday, it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out, and the Tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, highlighting that Good Friday is a solemn day of prayer and mourning. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, but rather a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday.

HOLY SATURDAY: On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow, the final one before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. The faithful often continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell". Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls who died before his crucifixion.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY: A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. This is also the Mass where many in RCIA are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

CELEBRATING EASTER FULLY:

Easter Sunday is what we've all been waiting for! The 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Pascal mystery: the Resurrection.

<http://www.saintcd.com/the-sacred-triduum/>