

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Parish Update: March 29th, 2026



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

“Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God exalted him, and gave him the name above every name.” (Philippians 2.8-9)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AND SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK MARCH 30TH TO APRIL 5TH

Monday, 30th	<i>Ferial</i>	Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 31st	<i>Ferial</i>	9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family)
		7:30 p.m.	Chrism Mass—Priestly renewal of promises & Blessing of Oil (Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria)
Wednesday, 1st	<i>Ferial</i>	9:00 a.m.	CWL Diocesan Mass +Michael & Helen Prokopich and the Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Artinian, Prokopich & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)
		9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 2nd	The Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper +Luigino Minicucci (M Minicucci)
		8:00-11:00 p.m.	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, 3rd	The Passion of the Lord (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)	Office Closed	Special Collection – Good Friday Offering
		3:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross led by the CWL
Saturday, 4th		1:00 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Foods
		8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Holy Souls (N Vendittelli) +Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)
Sunday, 5th	The Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 a.m.	+Joan & Paul Rouleau (J&V Hawkes)
		11:00 a.m.	+Lawrence LaRoche (L Lawless)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends: We have arrived at the holiest week of the year and the thing I would like to highlight this week is the beauty and meaning of the upcoming Masses/Celebrations for the Easter Triduum.

We begin with Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this celebration, the institution of the Holy Eucharist is commemorated as the essential dimension of service is brought into sharp focus with the washing of the feet of the disciples. The liturgy will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00. Each of the three liturgies of the Triduum are celebrated as ONE, without a final blessing until we arrive at the Solemn blessing given at the close of the Easter Vigil. Thus, following the invitation to share in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the faithful depart on their own in silence without a formal dismissal. The altar is stripped and the church has a stark, lonely appearance which will set the tone when the faithful once again gather for the Liturgy on the following day, Good Friday.

Good Friday begins with a silent procession of the clergy and assisting ministers to the front the church, where clergy will prostrate themselves while the faithful kneel for a period of reverential silence. The Passion narrative according to St. John is proclaimed, usually by three readers with the priest taking the part of Jesus. This is followed by a brief homily or a period of silence. The assembly is then invited to kneel for the General Intercessions, elevating before God, believers and non-believers alike, calling upon the Lord for His blessing and favour. Next, the cross is processed up the centre aisle while the deacon chants an invitatory and the people respond to this invitation to adore the sacred cross of Christ. When the cross arrives at the front, it is venerated by the clergy and ministers. Holy Communion is then prepared and distributed and, following a closing prayer, the faithful come forward one by one, to venerate the cross in their own way. All depart in silence.

The next day, at sunset, we gather for the “Mother of all Vigils,” which is composed of 4 parts—Lighting of the Easter Fire which is shared amongst all who are gathered during which the Exultet is sung by the deacon. This is followed by the proclamation of the Scripture passages which chronicles the story of the salvation of the People of God. After the homily, we enter into the 3rd part of this special liturgy – blessing of the Baptismal water and the initiation of candidate(s) who has/have been preparing. After this, all in the assembly are invited to renounce sin and the devil and make a profession of the Christian faith. This is done in question form, the response being, “I do!” and the people are sprinkled with the Easter water. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then takes place and the Vigil closes with the final solemn blessing and solemn dismissal.

Three rich and meaningful liturgies to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Make a plan to share in them all!

In Christ our dying, rising Lord, *Fr. Richard*

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The Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, as well as the upkeep of the Holy Sites. It helps to ensure the presence of the Church and peace in this land. We invite you to give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need. Information for the collection is available on the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada website: <https://www.commissariat.ca>.



The response for our **2026 Parish Photo Directory** has been very positive. Please remember to schedule your appointment before and after Sunday Masses or online using this link: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d7b3y55k/>. The link will be inactive from Saturday at noon to Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The photographer will be here from Tuesday, April 28 - Saturday, May 2 and will return on Thursday, May 28-Saturday, May 30. We need you and your family to make our Parish Photo Directory complete! Contact jayne.evans98@gmail.com with your questions and concerns.



Geranium Plant Sale! Our Annual Geranium Plant Sale is fast approaching. Orders with payment to the church will take place over 3 weekends (April 11/12, April 18/19 & April 25/26). The deadline to **return** your **Order forms** with payment is **before April 26, 2026**. 4" pots in 5 colours to start your Spring garden! This is a CWL event.



Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School—June 29 to July 3, 2026: registration forms are now ready and available at the back of the church. This year's theme **Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!** Don't miss out on the fun!!



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com



'He who prays most receives most.'
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



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(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Our CWL Council will lead the **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7:00 p.m. on April 3. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection.

Our **next CWL General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. We invite any ladies interested in participating in the good works of our parish CWL!

Have you paid your **2026 membership** yet? Please e-transfer your \$40 dues as soon as possible.

Let us journey together during this Holy Week.



March 28th / April 5th – Holy Week
As per sign-up sheet at main entrance of the church

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 15th & March 22nd, 2026

	Mar. 15 th	Mar. 22 nd
Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,451.00	\$ 3,560.00
Loose Collection CAD	\$ 442.00	\$ 309.00
USD	\$ 7.00	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 85.00	\$ 995.00
Development & Peace	\$ 100.00	\$ 570.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,078.00	\$ 5,434.00
March AFT Donations	\$ 930.00	
Our Special Needs	\$ 90.00	\$ 0.00

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