

# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

## Mission Statement

While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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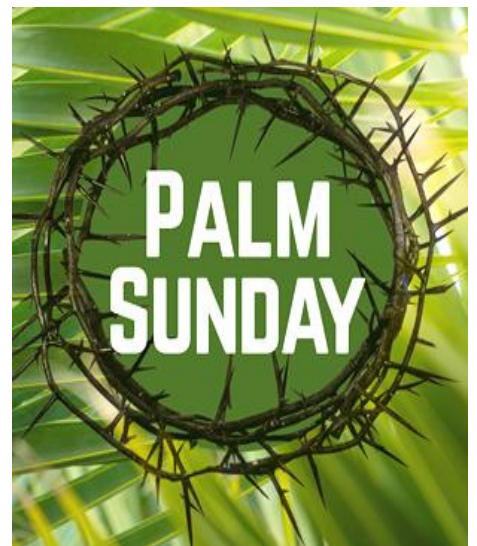
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**Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son. Then we really can see that Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted it in obedience to God's will. He gave his life freely as a sacrifice to save the world.



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

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Ministers and servers	Saturday March 27 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday March 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 16:00	Sunday April 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 27 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Passion (Palm) Sunday		
Sunday	March 28 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Passion (Palm) Sunday	The O'Donnell McCauley families	From Constance O'Donnell
			Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Monday	March 29 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Andy Groskaufmanis	Anita & Maurice Cormier
Tuesday	March 30 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday	March 31 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday	April 1 <sup>st</sup> (19:00)	Holy Thursday		
Friday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> (15:00)	Celebration of the Lord's Passion		
Saturday	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> (19:00)	Easter Vigil		
Sunday	April 4 <sup>th</sup> (9:30) (11:00)	Easter Sunday		

## Reflection on Holy Week

Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is *holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

## Symbols of Holy Week

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

## Holy Week: a time to renew our faith

In her book *The Holy Way*, Paula Huston explains that "a cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living." This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.

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## Confession during Holy Week



If you would like to live the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week, please contact Father Lussier by phone (418-524-3544) or by email: [pastor@stpatricksquebec.com](mailto:pastor@stpatricksquebec.com). Otherwise, he is also available before each Mass.

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## «Truly, this man was the Son of God»

Today, in the Liturgy of the Word we can read the Passion of the Lord according to St. Mark and we hear a testimony that leaves us aghast: «Truly, this man was the Son of God» (Jn 15:39). The evangelist is very careful to place these words in the mouth of a roman centurion that, utterly astounded, had seen another crucifixion of the many he might have had to bear witness of, by living in a foreign and subjugated country.

It is difficult to wonder what that centurion must have seen in That face —hardly human— so as to say such words so openly. One way or other, he probably discerned that innocent expression on his face, of someone forsaken and maybe betrayed because of unspeakable interests; or maybe someone who was the object of an injustice amid an unfair society; someone who keeps quiet, suffers, and mysteriously, takes all the corporal punishment inflicted on him. He might even feel he was cooperating with an injustice in front of which he does not dare to do anything to oppose it, as so many others who simply wash their hands before the problems of others.

The image of that roman captain is the image of Mankind that merely contemplates but does nothing. It is also the profession of faith of a pagan. Jesus dying alone, innocent, beaten, forsaken but trusting at the same time, with a profound realization of his mission, and with the "remainders of love" the blows have left in his body.

However, when he entered in Jerusalem, He has been acclaimed as He who comes in the name of the Lord! (cf. Mk 11:9). Our today's applause is not of an eager and ignorant expectation, as it was the case with the people of Jerusalem. Our applause is for Who has already gone through the nightmare of his total surrender and has come victorious out of it. «It is necessary that we spread out before Christ, rather than boosting soulless tunics, branches or sprouts of plants, common things that, after pleasing to the eye for a short while, they shrivel up and die; we must spread out after we have been covered by his grace» (St. Andrew of Crete).

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