

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION OF THE LORD)

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory and suffering – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion.

Scripture lessons: Today's first reading is called the third Servant Song. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs. The second reading, taken from Philippians is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus to death on the cross, Herod who ridiculed Jesus and the leaders of the people who preserved their positions by getting rid of Jesus. **Life messages:** Let us try to answer five questions today: 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does Jesus approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? The palms should remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life. 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? Let us carry and radiate Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service to our families, and communities.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Remember in your prayers: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, and John Beriau.

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 24 – APRIL 1, 2018		
Saturday, March 24	5:15 p.m.	Bob Visneski
Sunday, March 25	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Abos
Tuesday, March 27	7:30 p.m.	CHRISM MASS ST. MARY CATHEDRAL KINGSTON
Wednesday, March 28	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Keith Family
Thursday, March 29	7:30 p.m.	Intentions of the Prayer Group
Friday, March 30	10:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 p.m.	Passion of the Lord
EASTER VIGIL Saturday, March 31	7:30 p.m.	Our Parishioners
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, March 25	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Brewer and Montford families
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Drake family
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>The Zabloski Family</i>		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – March 18: \$3720.65	Operating Surplus: \$ 220.65
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RCIA: Please pray for our Catechumens **Ella Walker and Jesse Franklin** and our Candidate, **Darren Stadig**, their families and sponsors at this time as they prepare to be received fully in the Catholic Church

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION:

Celebration start at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Holy Cross, Kemptville

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AT EASTER: Parishioners are invited to donate an Easter flower of your choice in memory of a loved one to decorate the altar for Easter. Please leave a memorial card with the name of your loved one and the donor at the office so that it may be listed in the bulletin. Flowers may be dropped off any time during **Holy Week – March 26-29** during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Good Friday, March 30 and Easter Monday, April 2**. It will be resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 3.

“The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – Mark 14.1 - 15.47

MARCH 25, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
EASTER VIGIL Saturday, March 31 7:30 p.m.	Anne Peace Josie Bracamonte	Neil and Margaret Cameron	Deacon Shawn Souder Carol Ravnaas	Samantha Glashan Allie White Grace Kelly
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, April 1 8:30 a.m.	Jill and Marguerite Whiteland	Marc Dennis Paul Cosgrove	Heather Charbonneau Susan Visneski	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, April 1 10:00 a.m.	Noreen and Peter Shea	Isabelle Heffernan Lise Lalonde-Matte	Deacon Shawn Souder Peter Verhoeven	Liam Heffernan Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, March 27	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
Wednesday, March 28	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 p.m.	Brockville Catholic Men's Group

CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISM MASS: Archbishop O'Brien and the clergy of the Archdiocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral, on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** At this celebration, all priests and deacons will renew their ordination promises. Everyone is called to pray for our clergy that they may remain faithful ministers of Christ. At this Mass, the oils used for the Sacramental life of the Church will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien and distributed to each Parish and Institution in our Archdiocese. A reception will follow at École Cathédrale. All are invited to participate in this special celebration.



HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND WASHING OF THE FEET: During the Holy Thursday Mass, the Washing of the Feet, which represents the service and charity of Christ, takes place. In the procession of the gifts at this Mass, the gifts to the poor will be included. **We need twelve volunteers to have their feet washed as part of the Holy Thursday celebrations. Anyone is welcome – man, woman, child, young or old, may participate. Please call the office at 613-342-5095 by Wednesday, March 28 if you are interested.** There will be a **Eucharistic procession to the Chapel and Adoration** will continue until 10:00 p.m. The Parish community is invited to join the procession and may stay with the Lord mediating on the Passion of the Lord.

AN OCTOBER 10-DAY PIGRIMMAGE & CRUISE TO GREECE & TURKEY: Join us on one of the most exciting pilgrimages and see Athens, with the Acropolis and Mars Hill where St. Paul delivered his famous sermon about the "Unknown God", and Corinth, where Paul lived for three years. Plus a 4-day Greek Isle Cruise & Turkey including Ephesus and the House of Mary, islands like Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Rhodes and Patmos with St. John Evangelist. This pilgrimage is from **October 18th-27th, 2018.** If you're interested in learning more and want to see a detailed itinerary, email Fr. Whalen frpwhalen@gmail.com or Fr. Justin justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com directly. The cost of this pilgrimage is \$4190 CDN per person, based on double occupancy. All hotels are upgraded. Deadline to register is April 15th.

March 24	Palm Sunday	5:15 p.m.
March 25	Jesus' Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
March 27	Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston	7:30 p.m.
March 29	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet and Adoration	7:30 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
March 31	Resurrection of the Lord Easter Vigil	7:30 p.m.
April 1	Easter Sunday Mass	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

GROCERY CERTIFICATES: The grocery cards will **NOT** be sold on Easter Weekend. You can still purchase the grocery cards at the office during regular office hours.

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