

o **Passion Sunday - Holy Week  
& Easter Triduum - 2024  
Masses & other Celebrations**

**March 22 Parish Form II Reconciliation**

7:00 pm

**March 23 Palm Saturday 4:00 pm**

**\*\* Confessions \*\***

5:00 pm Mass

*Please gather in the Parish Hall for the  
Blessing of Palms and Procession*

**March 24 Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Mass (Italian)

*Si prega di riunirsi nella Sala Parrocchiale per Benedizione  
delle*

*Palme e Processione*

11:30 am Mass

*Please gather in the Parish Hall for the Blessing of Palms  
and Procession*

**March 26 Tuesday**

8:00 am Mass

7:30 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral

**March 27 Wednesday**

8:00 am Mass

6:00-7:00pm **\*\* Confessions \*\***

**March 28 Holy Thursday**

6:30 pm Mass of the  
Lord's Supper  
Adoration

8:00 pm **\*\* Confessions \*\***

10:00 pm Closing prayers

**March 29 Good Friday**

3:00 pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion

*Immediately followed by the  
Stations of the Cross  
Via Crucis*

**March 30 Holy Saturday**

9:00am Decoration of the Church

8:00pm EASTER VIGIL

**March 31 Easter Sunday**

10:00 am Mass (Italian)

**Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of the Lord**

*Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent of  
Holy Week...*

commemorating the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

Palm branches are a widely recognized symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners and blessed and then they are carried in a ritual procession into church. *Lord, I will wait upon your mercy.*

**Holy Thursday**

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers.

At this Mass, the bishop/priest washes the feet of twelve priests/parishioners to symbolize Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests. This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism and the importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host.

**Good Friday Collection** *in support of the Holy Land*  
**Colletta – Venerdì Santo** *a sostegno della Terra Santa*

The mission of the **Commissariat of the Holy Land** is to help Christian communities of the Holy Land, made possible with the generosity of all Catholics world wide. Each year your gift sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Shrines and Sites that have been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries. An important challenge that we face is the revival of the Church and the mission of formation of future priests.

On Good Friday, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities. Let us be generous and show solidarity to the needs of the church in the land of Jesus. Thank You.

## Good Friday

In his meditations for the Way of the Cross, which he wrote while still a cardinal in 1976, John Paul II says, “They have pierced my hands and feet, I can count all my bones.”

“I can count...” How prophetic were these words! And yet we know that this body is a ransom. The whole of this body, its hands, its feet, its every bone, is a priceless ransom. The Whole Man is in a state of utmost tension: his bones, his muscles, his nerves, his every organ and every cell, is stretched and strained to breaking-point. ‘I when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.’ (Jn 12:32)

On the Good Friday before his death, John Paul II was too weak to attend the liturgy. He sent a personal message which, in part, said, “The adoration of the Cross directs us to a commitment that we cannot shirk: the mission that St. Paul expressed in these words: ‘In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church’ (Col 1:24).

“On this memorable day of Christ’s crucifixion, I look at the Cross with you in adoration, repeating the words of the liturgy: ‘O crux, ave spes unica!’ Hail, O Cross, our only hope, give us patience and courage and obtain peace for the world!”

## The Paschal Triduum

Lent ends during the day on Holy Thursday. **Triduum** means “**three days**”. The Paschal Triduum is the 3-day season - sunset to sunset - Thursday night to Easter Sunday. During these 3 days, we keep one festival - our Passover, our Easter. We join with all the people of our parish and with all Christians in every time and place to fast, pray and keep watch. The Church keeps the Paschal Fast from Good Friday through the Easter Vigil. Unlike the penitential fasting of Lent, it is the fasting of joyful anticipation and anxious yearning for the Easter sacraments. **A large part of being a Catholic means observing the Triduum each year - the summit of our liturgical year.**

**Holy Thursday - Foot Washing** - An essential part of the liturgy is the Washing of Feet, a sign of service to one another given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

**Adoration** - Following the Holy Thursday liturgy, all parishioners are invited to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is both a private devotion and a communal one. We are individually invited to come for **adoration until 10:00 pm.**

**Good Friday** - Today's Liturgy is comprised of the celebration of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and the Eucharist. All are invited to the Veneration of the Cross. It is our response to the Passion. We behold Christ in his

great act of love, and we respond with loving veneration. Veneration does not mean bowing to some idol. Veneration of the Cross means loving service to the cross and taking up one's cross and following Christ crucified.

**Holy Saturday - Easter vigil** - begins in darkness, and a voice intones: *Christ our light* ! The Paschal Candle, lit from fire - begins its journey among us. We respond, ready for the fullness of light: *Thanks be to God* ! To know that sin and death have been conquered as he dwells within us now and forever:

## Il Triduo Pasquale vissuto in tre giorni

Il significato del triduo pasquale è fondato sulle tappe storiche del mistero pasquale. Ogni giorno del triduo richiama l'altro e si apre sull'altro. Il centro su cui tutto converge è la Veglia Pasquale con la sua celebrazione Eucaristica. Il triduo è la Pasqua di Cristo celebrata in tre giorni. Il triduo della passione, morte e della risurrezione del Signore ha inizio con la messa in Coena Domini, ha il suo vertice nella veglia pasquale e la domenica di risurrezione.

### **L'inizio del triduo con la messa "in Coena Domini"**

La messa in Coena Domini ha un tono festivo e i testi biblici e le orazioni pongono in risalto che Cristo ci ha dato la sua pasqua nel rito della cena che esige, da parte della comunità, il servizio e la carità come condivisione del mistero della pasqua di Cristo. Così cogliamo il gesto della lavanda dei piedi, non come scenografia liturgica, ma come stile che la chiesa assume nel vivere il mistero della Passione di Cristo. La celebrazione conclude con le specie consacrate riposte in un tabernacolo preparato per l'occasione, che sarà poi oggetto di adorazione, e serviranno per la celebrazione del venerdì santo.

### **Venerdì Santo**

In questo giorno si celebra la Passione del Signore con la liturgia che comprende **la Parola - la Venerazione della Croce - la Comunione**. Il tono è solenne e nello stesso tempo mette in risalto il perché si è stati convocati, non per lagnare alla croce con un vuoto sentimentalismo, ma per adorare il legno della croce e diventare così misura del nostro amore. La croce ha il posto predominante in questa liturgia e va guardata così come c'è la fa contemplare l'evangelista Giovanni. Non è il giorno di lutto, ma giorno di un'amorosa contemplazione del sacrificio, fonte della nostra salvezza.

### **Le Meditazione della Via Crucis**

Accanto alla celebrazione liturgica vera e propria vige la pia pratica della “**Via Crucis**”.

**Sabato santo**

Questo giorno è senza celebrazione eucaristica, viene celebrato il riposo di Cristo nella tomba dopo il vittorioso e glorioso combattimento della croce. Viene meditato il mistero salvifico della discesa di Cristo nel mondo della morte e si attende il terzo giorno.

**La veglia pasquale**

Il sabato santo ha una liturgia vigilare che divide in diverse parti: liturgia della luce, liturgia della Parola, liturgia battesimale, liturgia eucaristica.

**Liturgia della luce:** Il mondo della tenebra è attraversato dalla Luce, il Cristo risorto, in cui Dio ha realizzato in modo definitivo il suo progetto di salvezza. In lui, si illumina il destino dell'umanità e la sua identità di «immagine e somiglianza di Dio». (Gn 1,26-27) La benedizione del fuoco, l'accensione del cero Pasquale, segno del Cristo risorto, indica con quale realtà anche noi viviamo il cammino della vita. Il tutto converge nel canto del "Exsultet" che fa memoria dell'opera di salvezza che Dio ha operato in mezzo al suo popolo.

**La liturgia della Parola:** La parola prepara l'evento che viene celebrato, per questo le sette letture nel loro scorrere fanno raccontare come Dio non ha abbandonato il suo popolo e ha promesso la salvezza che si realizza con la morte e risurrezione di Cristo.

**Liturgia battesimale:** Una componente di questa veglia è la dimensione battesimale, e a rinnovare anche noi le promesse battesimali e rivivere nello stesso tempo il Battesimo. E attraverso quest'acqua nella sua duplice accezione: morte-vita segno, come afferma san Paolo, siamo immersi nella morte e risurrezione di Cristo.

**Liturgia eucaristica:** È il vertice di tutto il cammino quaresimale e della celebrazione vigilare. Il popolo rigenerato nel battesimo per la potenza dello Spirito, è ammesso al convito pasquale che corona la nuova condizione di libertà e riconciliazione. Nei segni del pane e del vino, consacrati, i nuovi discepoli riconoscono il Cristo crocifisso e risorto come ci aiuta a comprendere il prefazio di questa notte:

*"È lui il vero Agnello che ha tolto i peccati del mondo, è lui che morendo ha distrutto la morte e risorgendo ha ridato a noi la vita".*



**Mar. 23 Saturday - Saint Turibius of Mogrovaio**

5:00 Deceased of Giagnorio & Fiorentino families-  
by Mark Fiorentino  
Carlo, Maria, Tita, Giuseppe Temporale – by  
by Giovanna Parrotta

**Mar.24 Sunday - PALM SUNDAY**

10:00 Antonietta Lombardi-by Lina,Stella,Rosa Carlucci  
Luigi/Maria & Rosetta Mauriello – by Mary M.  
Vito Zarra – by moglie Rosa & famiglia  
Lidia,Gerardo,Donato DelVecchio-by Pasquale  
Antonio/Rose Nero & Maria Vaccaro  
-by Florence Nero  
11:30 Vincente & Maria Morocco – by R.H.  
Rosalie Morocco-Clark – by R.H.  
Myrtle & Earl Gilbertson – by A.I.Salvatore  
Immacolata & Gerardo Salvatore – by A.I.Salvatore  
Filomena & Fotunato Stracuzzi – by A.I. Salvatore

**Mar. 25 Monday - NO MASS**

**Mar. 26 Tuesday - Saint Catherine of Genoa**

8:00 Maria Saporito – by friends & family  
In Honour of St. Jude – by G.S.G.  
In Honour of St. Theresa – by G.S.G.

**Mar. 27 Wednesday – Saint Gregory of Narek**

8:00 Alexander, Heleonor, Joanne Litigio –  
by family friends  
Mary Ferro – by family

**Mar. 28 Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

6:30pm For All Parishioners and Benefactors  
Followed by ADORATION  
8:00pm Confessions  
10:00pm Closing Prayers

**Mar. 29 Friday - The Lord’s Passion**

3:00 Celebration of the LORD’S PASSION  
Immediately followed by the  
Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

**Mar. 30 Saturday - Easter Vigil**

8:00pm For All Parishioners and Benefactors

**Mar. 31 Sunday - Easter of the Resurrection**

10:00 For All Parishioners and Benefactors  
11:30 For All Parishioners and Benefactors

### **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

To make life easy and fruitful, Christianity teaches love and respect; and opposes hatred, violence, oppression and killing. Love, God's love, is always the answer.

### **MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Per rendere la vita facile e fruttuosa, il cristianesimo insegna l'amore e il rispetto; e si oppone all'odio, alla violenza, all'oppressione e all'uccisione. L'amore, l'amore di Dio, e sempre la risposta.

### **BLD (OSG) COVENANT COMMUNITY**

In preparation for Pentecost Sunday, the BLD (OSG) Covenant Community of St. Catharines would like to invite you to a "Seminar on the Life in the Spirit" every Friday, from April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, from 8 – 10:30pm. Register free at [www.bldstcatharines.org](http://www.bldstcatharines.org) by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Ann Parish Hall**  
doors open **4:30 pm**

**Pasta & Meatballs - Salad & Dessert & Coffee**

**Take-out available – we supply containers**

**Tickets at the door: Adults \$14.00**

**Children (till 10 yrs.) \$6.00**

**Welcome one and all! Bring your family & friends**

**This month's event is being generously**

**by Fred & Joanne Sacco**

**PROM DONATIONS.....We are looking for donations of gently used dresses (formal wear), men's shirts, pants/suits and accessories – to help out students at our local high schools. Anything is greatly appreciated. Donations are being collected until May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information call Mary at 905-329-2975 [mcsimplegirl@gmail.com](mailto:mcsimplegirl@gmail.com). Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.**

### **EASTER FLOWERS - FIORI DI PASQUA**

Envelopes for the Easter floral donations are available at both entrances of the church if you wish to get your donations in early. Deadline: March 26<sup>th</sup>

Le buste per donazione dei fiori di pasqua sono disponibile all'entrata della Chiesa. Ultimo giorno 26 Marzo.

*Please PRINT clearly– Scrivete in STAMPATELLO sulle buste*

### **SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY**

The Diocesan Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre – 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154. Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform.

### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024**

March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Identifying Our Losses
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Coping with Grief
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Navigating Change
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Self Esteem

### **PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE**

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join you in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ", bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen!

O Loving God, inspire your people to promote and to answer the call to Religious Life.

Remove fears and doubts from their hearts.

Give them the Spirit's gifts of wisdom and courage.

We ask this in Jesus's name. AMEN!

### **LEGACY DONATIONS**

When you or your family are making arrangements for Wills and Legacies, we would humbly and kindly ask that you consider including St. Ann Church as one of the beneficiaries. Also, when making funeral arrangements through the various funeral homes in the Niagara Region, as parishioners, please consider directing donations to St. Ann Church. Your generosity is much needed and greatly appreciated.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND**

Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli-Roma

Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo

Carmen & Maria Fabiani,

Marianna Formica, Flora Kennedy,

Emilia Romeo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi,

Gildo Luvison,

Mary Richard, Concetta Sirianni