

Passion (Palm) Sunday



Reflection

A triumphant entry into Jerusalem marked a double departure for Jesus and his three-year public ministry. The arrival at Jerusalem was both a precursor to his pending crucifixion and a deviation from a ministry in which Jesus had been content to travel the countryside on foot, attracting little fanfare. This time, he sent disciples ahead to fetch a colt for an arrival that included shouts of Hosanna from a local throng spreading cloaks and branches along the mucky road.

During his public ministry, Jesus performed many healings and miracles but often told those healed not to publicize what had happened. Arriving in Jerusalem to complete his earthly mission, Jesus embraced the publicity and reverence he had previously downplayed.

Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem was greeted both by those who accepted him as a saviour and others who erroneously saw Jesus as a leader who would overthrow Roman rule. The latter group's shouts of Hosanna would soon be supplanted by cries to crucify him when Jesus didn't fulfill their worldly wishes.

On this solemn day, as we begin Holy Week, let us dig deep and rekindle our own profession of life-giving faith enkindled by Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem. May our voices join with those who cry, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1 – 15.47

– PARISH NEWS –

Art Contest Winners

Thank you to all children who submitted their artwork for the Lenten contest entitled "Stations of the Cross with Jesus." Thank you, also, to Mr. Jan Szybalski who sponsored prizes for the winners. The following children placed first in their age category:

Anielka Tsyaska
Julia Kmiecik
Wiktoria Wachnicki
CONGRATULATIONS!

This Sunday in the Parish Hall

- Radosc-Joy is selling lots of goodies: coffee, donuts, crêpes, krokiety, lamb cakes, and Easter decorations.
- Jubileusz 2000 Children's Choir is selling decorative candles as well as lamb cakes. These delicious one-of-a-kind cakes are baked according to Sister Halina's secret recipe. All proceeds will help support various initiatives of the children's choir.
- Oblate Youth continues to raise funds for their summer trips to Madagascar and France by selling frozen pierogi, honey, coffee, and Easter cards.

Food Drive

Last day to contribute to the Lenten food drive is this Sunday. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). No expired food, please!

Second Collection

March 23/24
Building Renovation Fund

March 29
Holy Land

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Happy Birthday Fr. Marcin!

Wishing you a birthday filled with God's blessing and praying that your patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep you in her care as you serve our parish and the Church. Sto lat!

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 31 – no coffee or donuts
April 7 – Knights of Columbus

– IN PREPARATION – – FOR EASTER –

Lenten Confession
Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.

There will be no confession from March 28 to April 1.

Flowers for the Tomb

If any parishioner would like to help decorate the Lord's tomb, we will gladly accept pink hydrangeas or monetary donation. These can be given directly to Sister Halina or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

Church Cleaning

As we get ready for Easter, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Please join us for the annual church cleaning on **Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.** "Many hands make light work," so bring your whole family and invite your friends.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday: Adrianna S., Arthur J., Jiri J., Konrad S., Maciej G., Małgorzata W., Marek P., Michelle N., Monica K., Sean D., Wieslaw B., Wiktoria Z.

It is with great joy that we welcome them and thank God for their presence which renews and strengthens our community.

THANK YOU to our dedicated RCIA catechists who devoted their time and effort to prepare the catechumens and candidates: S. Halina Pierozak, Fr. Marcin Serwin, Gabriela and Michal Kasprzak, Wojciech Opala, and Justyna Armatowicz. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish community.

Divine Mercy Novena

March 29 – April 6
Times are listed under "Mass Intentions."

Easter Celebration for Children

Easter Monday at 4 p.m.

Children ages 4-12 are invited for an afternoon of games and fun activities in celebration of the Risen Christ. This event is free, but registration is mandatory. Visit www.kolbe.ca to register. Any businesses wishing to sponsor candy for the children can drop off their donation at the parish office.

– HOLY WEEK –



– Holy Thursday –

On this day we remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, proceeded by the washing of the feet. This day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood.

– Good Friday –

The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is "Good" Friday, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life, making it possible for us to be saved. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the veneration of the Cross takes place during the Liturgy.

– Holy Saturday –

On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb. In the Church, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest.

Blessing of Easter Food
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
in the parish hall & at John Paul II Centre

Easter vigil service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night.

– Easter Sunday –

The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues. Alleluia! meaning "praise to God!" is our shout of joy. Mass of the Resurrection will take place at 6 a.m. All parish groups are asked to take part in the procession and Mass.

– Easter Monday –

This day begins the Easter Octave. Please note that there will be no 2:30 p.m. Mass on this day.

Parish Office
Parish Office will be closed from March 28 to April 1 inclusive.

– OTHER NEWS –

Not registered? Please sign up.
Moved? Please keep us up to date.

Spring Dance

Friends of the Polish Scouts cordially invite you to a Spring Dance on **Saturday, April 13** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Organizers guarantee a wonderful party atmosphere, delicious dinner, and attractive raffle prizes. All proceeds will go towards various initiatives for the Polish Scouts. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information and to reserve tickets, please call (647) 770-9146 or (416) 826-4632.

Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 21** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Special musical performance by Fr. Tomasz Jarosz CSSR (baritone) and Fr. Rafal Kobylinski SJ (tenor). Tickets at \$75 are available from:
Joanna Szydłowska - (905) 819-1040
Joanna Strzezek - (905) 845-3553
Something Special Store - Wisla Plaza
Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.

Radio Maria is also organizing a bus pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. For more information, please contact Joanna Szydłowska at (905) 819-1040 or Joanna Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.



Welcome Jesus into your hearts
by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY March 25

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zbigniew Karczmarczyk – wife, children, grandchildren
○ In thanksgiving for 35 years of marriage and for God's blessing and Mary's protection for Maria and Jaroslaw
○ For God's blessing for Agnieszka and Ryszard – father

18⁰⁰ *Lenten Confession*

TUESDAY March 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Ozga – daughters
✠ Deceased from Grobarczyk, Panus, and Czorniak families
○ For faith for sons and their families – mother

18⁰⁰ *Church Cleaning*

WEDNESDAY March 27

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Marian Krak, Krystyna Grabowska, Laura Krajewska-granddaughter Agnieszka
✠ Maria and Bronislaw Majkrzyk – daughter and family
✠ Monika, Leon, Stefan Ladzik

18⁰⁰ *Lenten Confession*

HOLY THURSDAY March 28

18⁰⁰ **Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)**
✠ Franciszek Palinski and his parents – wife Krystyna, daughter Irena with family

20⁰⁰ **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
○ For God's blessing for Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI on his birthday
✠ Deceased from Michaliszyn family – Grazyna and Jacek

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

8⁰⁰ *Stations of the Cross*
Divine Mercy Novena
14⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy
16⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy (English)
18⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy
20⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY March 30

9⁰⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
20⁰⁰ **Easter Vigil (Bilingual)**
○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and health for Nicole, Nicolas, Alenzo, and their parents – parents and grandparents
✠ Stanislaw Baran and deceased from the Baran family – wife
✠ Krystyna Domiter – daughter and family

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

6⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of conversion for children and grandchildren
8⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra (13th anniv.) – daughter
9³⁰ ✠ Walclaw Jonca – wife and daughters
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Ciesla, Ruzzkowski, and Masiarz families
14³⁰ ✠ Monika Filipek (4th anniv.) – mother and family

18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*

19⁰⁰ ✠ Irena – Adam