

# Palm Sunday

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*  
*Matthew 21.1-11*

## Reflection

Ushering in the holiest week of the year, Palm Sunday sheds light on our life's journey. Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, to the wild acclaim of the cheering crowd. Yet he did so on a humble donkey, leading the way into his kingdom, and knowing that this was just the overture to a week of Passion.

We wave our palm branches and process into the church, joyously singing praises. Yet almost immediately, we plunge from glory into unimaginable grief with a description of the Suffering Servant, the psalm of abandonment used by Jesus on the Cross and the reading of his Passion. Our human nature recoils: this is not the way our Saviour should be treated. This is not the way our life should go.

And yet it does. One year, I bask in light and hope, and the next sees my dreams shredded at my feet. As Jesus cried out *Father, why have you abandoned me?* his heart did not waver from both his trust in God and his passion to save us by conquering death through his own death and resurrection.

Whether at the seeming pinnacle or nadir of our life, our eyes and hearts must be riveted to our Redeemer, who is even now leading us into his eternal life. Let us not take our eyes off him!

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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:** Matthew 26.14 – 27.66

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## Rosary Intention for April

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## – PARISH NEWS –

Today is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, and it marks the beginning of Holy Week. The action of this week moves from the triumph of the palm procession through the agony and death of the Lord to his glorious Resurrection from the dead. During Holy Week, the People of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives. *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

### This Sunday in the Parish Hall

- Radosc-Joy is selling lots of goodies: coffee, donuts, pastries, crêpes with cheese, *krokiety* with a variety of fillings, lamb cakes, and Easter decorations.
- Jubileusz 2000 Children's Choir is selling lamb cakes at \$16 each. These delicious one-of-a-kind cakes are baked according to Sister Halina's secret recipe.

### Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continuous support.

### 2025 Financial Statement

Parish financial statement for the year 2025 is available in the hallway of the church. Please take one home.

### First Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Please note that because of the upcoming Triduum, there will be no devotions on the first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of April. Also, there will be no exchange of Rosary Mysteries on Easter Sunday. Please continue to pray the rosary mystery you have received in March.

### Divine Mercy Novena

April 3 – April 11

Times are listed under "Mass Intentions."

### Beware of Scams

Please know that no priest, religious sister, or employee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will ever ask you for money, gift cards, or to make purchases by email, text, phone or any other means of social communication.

## – IN PREPARATION – – FOR EASTER –

### Lenten Lamentations

This Sunday at 6:15 p.m. (in Polish)

### Lenten Confession

Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

There will be no confession from April 2 to April 6 inclusive.

### Flowers for the Tomb

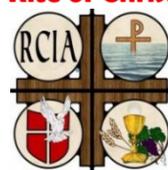
If any parishioner would like to help decorate the Lord's tomb, Sister Halina will gladly accept monetary donations for a special flower arrangement she has been working on. Please do not bring any potted plants this year. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

### 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 31 at 6 p.m.** "Many hands make light work," so bring your whole family and invite your friends.

**Easter Program is available  
in the hallway of the church.  
Please take one home.**

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday: Anna, Dominic, Jakub, Jennifer, Kamil, Khamar, Matthew, Michael, Nicole, Patrick K., Patrick M., Zachary.

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: Fr. Jonas Lalik, Gabriela and Michal Kasprzak, Wojciech Opala, and Justyna Armatowicz. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish community.

## – HOLY WEEK –



### Parish Office

Parish office will be closed from April 2 to April 6 inclusive.

### – 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.**

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.

## – IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- † Janina Zak, 100
- † Krystyna Maciejewski, 100
- † Helena Malek, 98
- † John O'Callaghan, 89
- † Stefania Cebula, 89
- † Janusz Drzymala, 79
- † Jacek Ratajczak, 77
- † Marian Cichocki, 77
- † George Mlot, 76
- † Adam Wisniewski, 70
- † Halina Dymek, 70
- † Włodzimierz Krawczynski, 68

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## – OTHER NEWS –



With your support of ShareLife,  
despair turns into hope

When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility.

But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 19** 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 Anna Wojcik (soprano) and Alex Wang (piano). Tickets at \$70 are available from: Joanna Szydłowska - (905) 819-1040  
Joanna Strzeżek - (905) 845-3553  
Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.  
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY March 30

- 8<sup>00</sup> † Feliksa and Walenty Siuda, deceased from the Siuda and Kolodziejczak families
- † Marianna and Henryk Opolski
- † Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY March 31

- 8<sup>00</sup> † Stanisława and Piotr Jurczak – daughter and family
- † Leon Antkowiak – daughter and family
- † Władysława and Michał Ilnicki

### WEDNESDAY April 1

- 8<sup>00</sup> † Wojciech Adamek (1<sup>st</sup>)
- † Zofia Niemiec
- For health and God's blessing for children and grandchildren – mother and grandmother

### HOLY THURSDAY April 2

- 18<sup>00</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)
- † Leon Sikora, son Andrzej (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### 20<sup>00</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper

- In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Sebastian Paradiuk on his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday
- In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, Mary's protection for Nicolas and Nicole Cisło
- For God's blessing and conversion for brother Jacek and his family

### GOOD FRIDAY April 3

- 8<sup>00</sup> Stations of the Cross
- Divine Mercy Novena
- 14<sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy
- 16<sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy (English)
- 18<sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy
- 20<sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy

### HOLY SATURDAY April 4

- 9<sup>00</sup> Divine Mercy Novena
- 20<sup>00</sup> Easter Vigil (Bilingual)
- For healing, gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary's protection for Julita
- For healing for Roman
- † Krystyna and Andrzej Szuba

### EASTER SUNDAY April 5

- 6<sup>00</sup> † Helena, Irena, Jan, Henryk, Jolanta Klej
- † Franciszek Siepak (18<sup>th</sup>); Janina Zapotoczny (8<sup>th</sup>), Jozef Zapotoczny (14<sup>th</sup>)
- † Marian Cisło (8<sup>th</sup>)
- † Maria and Aleksander Prymiec
- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- † Wacław Jonca – wife and daughters
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13<sup>00</sup> † Deceased from the Stachowicz and Koza families – Barbara Koza
- 14<sup>30</sup> † Roman Lyczko (20<sup>th</sup>) – daughter and family
- 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena
- 19<sup>00</sup> † Tomasz-Stanisław Chabowski – sister and niece

**Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the bove names.**