



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday

Pastor

Fr. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

(please see inside for weekly updates)

~ No Mass Monday~

Tuesday

Confession 6:30 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mass 12:15 p.m.

Thursday

Confession and Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Saturday

Confession 9:30 a.m.

Mass 10:00 a.m.

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

Parish Staff

Keith Jolie - Secretary

From the Pastor's Desk



Palm Sunday always recalls two important events: Jesus' solemn entrance to Jerusalem and His Passion and Death. The same people who greeted Jesus as a King of Israel shouting 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' afterwards cried out to Pontius Pilate: Crucify Him!

Therefore, today in the liturgy we

begin with the procession with palms and solemn, joyful hymns. Then we read the Passion of the Lord. Palm Sunday embarks upon Holy Week; the most important week in the entire liturgical year.

This Monday Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, along with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, and the diocesan and religious priests ministering within the diocese, will consecrate Holy Oils during the Chrism Mass. The Holy Oils will be distributed to all the parishes within the diocese and will be used to administer the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Sacrament of the Sick and of Holy Orders. We are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at 2 pm in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King to show our unity with the Bishop. During the Chrism Mass the priests present in the Basilica will renew the promises they made on the day of Priestly Ordination. This year Cardinal Thomas Collins, Emeritus Archbishop of Toronto, will be present in our cathedral.

This Thursday, with the Lord's Supper Mass, we begin the period of the greatest importance of the whole liturgical year - The Easter (Paschal) Triduum. Since the very beginning of the Church, there has been one feast which extended from Holy Thursday evening up to the Vespers (the evening prayer) of Easter Sunday. The faithful throughout the world are greatly encouraged to attend all the days of The Triduum so that they may experience all the mysteries the Church lives and be bestowed with all the graces and indulgences prescribed to those who attend the celebrations. During the Lord's Supper Mass we thank the Lord for the precious gift of the Eucharist. This day we also thank the Lord for our priests who celebrate daily Masses. Our attendance at the Lord's Supper Mass is a sign of our appreciation to our priests. We extend our thanksgiving with the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Mass.

On Good Friday we are united with our suffering Lord and His Death on the cross. In the evening we pray the Stations of the Cross and we begin the Novena to Divine Mercy. Good Friday is, for the faithful throughout the entire Church, a day of fasting and abstinence from meat(...cont. on next page)

Holy Week Schedule

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday, April 4

11:45 a.m. - Confession

12:15 p.m. - Mass offered for the Special Intentions
of Adrian and Paige

Wednesday, April 5

11:15 a.m. - Confession

12:15 p.m. - Mass offered for the repose of
the Souls of Domenica and Filippo Frisina by Giovanna Frisina

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. - Mass offered for
the priests that have served our Parish

8:00 p.m. - Adoration

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. - Friday of the Passion of The Lord Liturgy

4:30 p.m. - Confession

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and
Novena to Divine Mercy (day 1)

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

The Resurrection of The Lord
at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

7:40 p.m. - Novena to Divine Mercy (day 2)

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday - The Mass of Easter Day

11:00 a.m. - Mass offered for the parishioners of
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish and
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

(cont. from front...) On Holy Saturday we remain in silence in union with Jesus' time in the Sepulchre.

The Easter (Paschal) Vigil, which is to be celebrated at night, belongs to Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil is the most important Mass in the whole liturgical year. By keeping vigil during this Holy Night of the Resurrection, we express our longing for the coming of the Morning Star who never sets, Jesus Christ who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity and lives and reigns forever and ever.

I would like to invite and encourage everyone to participate in all the celebrations of the Holy Week. Let us come together to pray, reflect on the most significant mysteries of our faith!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Sunday Collection

March 26 \$ 947

In the Parish

Parish Prayer List - Please keep all members of our parish in your prayers, especially we ask that you pray for:

Debra Tydd, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego, Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Dervilla Dunn, Gord Laviolette, Bernard Jeffrey, Cathy LaBelle, and Apryl Andrade

To update our prayer list, please contact the parish office or put a note in the collection basket.

Baptisms at St. Lawrence - Our next scheduled Baptisms are on April 16, May 28, and June 25. If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please call the Parish Office.

Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

On May 10th the grades 7 students will celebrate their confirmation and at a special Mass on May 13th, the grade 2 students will have their first communion. Please remember these children in your prayers.

Parish Registration and Updates - If you are new to our Parish, if you would like a box of envelopes or if your information has changed because you've moved or changed contact information, there are parish registration / update forms on the table at the back of the Church. You can submit them to the Parish office or just put them in the collection basket.

Mass of Chrism - All are welcome on Monday, April 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for the celebration of the Mass of Chrism. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Bishop-emeritus Anthony Tonno and Auxiliary Bishop-emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki will join over 160 Priests who serve in the Diocese. It is always an uplifting and joyful event.