



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

March 24th, 2024

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

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Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota,
and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Holy Week



Mon. 25 th	6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Mass +Ron Latimer
Tues. 26 th	7:00 pm	Mass +Christopher Gray
Wed. 27 th	9:00 am	Mass +Joe Paydli
	10:00 am	Mass at Nursing Home (North) +Joanne Fedirko
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thurs. 28 th	HOLY THURSDAY	
	7:30 pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight</i>

Fri. 29 th	GOOD FRIDAY	
	OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
	12:00 pm	3:00 pm

Sat. 30 th	HOLY SATURDAY	
	2:00 pm	Blessing of Festive Food

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 30 th	8:00 pm	Mass Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sun. 31 st	9:00 am	Mass of Easter Day
	11:00 am	Mass of Easter Day

How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is sometimes preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

Leader: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

All: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

(Three Times)

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostle's Creed

6. The Eternal Father

All: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In atonement for our sins and those of the world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

Leader: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

All: have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades:

Saying the "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead and then ten "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion" on the following Hail Mary beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Three Times)

10. Closing Prayer

All: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

[Second Sunday of Easter is the Divine Mercy Sunday (7th April). We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet half an hour prior to the Holy Mass this weekend. Please join us.]

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing:

Please contact the Parish Office
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office

RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy Easter Sunday. We look forward to seeing you again April 7th!

We are still actively looking for more volunteers, especially adults. If you are interested in helping, please email Sarah Prost at prost.litz@hotmail.com and we can arrange training at an alternate time.



News from the CWL



If anyone is still wanting to pay for a 2024 Membership, the fee is \$35 which can be paid by cash or cheque made out to St. Gerard CWL, placed in an envelope marked CWL Membership and dropped in the collection basket, or the fee can be e-transferred to pell@sasktel.net

Save the date – Saturday, April 13 from 12:30 to 4:45 pm. We will host a retreat entitled, "Here I Am Lord, Send Me: Responding to Holy Moments." More details to follow.

Our next general meetings – April 3 and May 1 @ 7:00 pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Apr. 7 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
Apr. 10 Combined planning & general meeting

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664.

More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The website has been updated! Check it out!



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Empty Praise? No!

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

How could anyone think that the joyous cry "Hosanna!" would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us from the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb "to save" (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise? The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often, we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but all of humanity—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today's readings describe. The Gospel reading for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out, "Hosanna!" Later we hear, "Crucify him!" Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us, often afraid to take an unpopular stand, lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier "Hosanna" empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7th, 2024

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
prior to each Mass:

Saturday	April 6 th	4:30 pm
Sunday	April 7 th	8:30 am
Sunday	April 7 th	10:30 am

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Gospel Reading

Mark 14.1-15.47

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:	Mark 11.1-10
Monday:	Mark 14.1-11
Tuesday:	Mark 14.12-26
Wednesday:	Mark 14.27-52
Thursday:	Mark 14.53-72
Friday:	Mark 15.1-41
Saturday:	Mark 15.42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

The readings for Palm Sunday Year B remind us that God's ways are not our ways, and that



sometimes we must be willing to let go of our own expectations and trust in God's plan. Jesus' death on the cross was not the end, but rather the beginning of a new hope and a new life. It was through his sacrifice that we are saved, and it is through our own willingness to surrender our own desires and follow him that we can experience true freedom and salvation.

Reflect on these passages for Palm Sunday Year B with humility and openness, recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses, and trusting in the infinite wisdom and love of God. May we be willing to let go of our own expectations and desires, and follow Jesus with faith and courage, even when the road ahead seems uncertain or difficult.

young-catholics.com

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. Those who are unable to attend the service, you may contribute by Interact e-transfer to teresainte@bellnet.ca or online at <https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us>

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2024 charitable donation receipts are available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours Monday to Thursday, 8am to 4pm (closed 12noon to 1pm). Thank you to all who contribute financially to our parish to support our good works!