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Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares

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#### MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon  
Saturday 10:00 am

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:30 am

#### Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

#### Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm  
Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &  
11 - 11:25 am

#### Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

#### MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

# ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

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#### PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary	Juanita Wootton-Radko
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Sunday 9:00 am	Adele Heins
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
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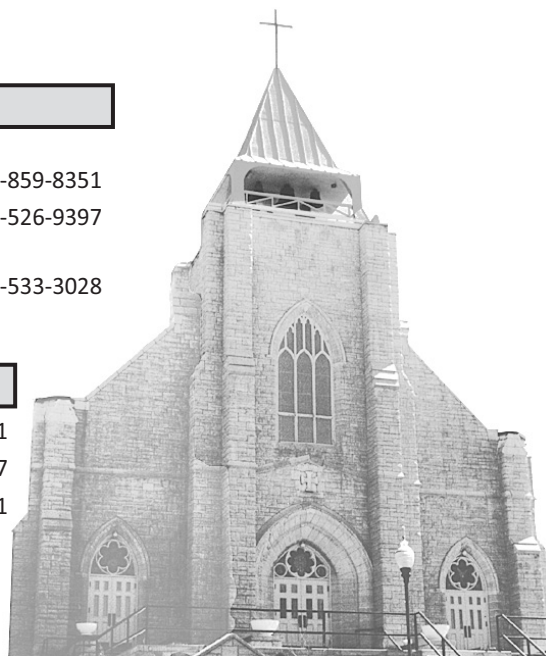
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# 2023 Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We encourage parishioners to enter fully into the spirit of these sacred days by participating in the church's liturgy.

## Palm Sunday

Building Fund

Saturday Vigil April 1 5:00 pm  
 Sunday April 2 9:00, 11:30 am

## Holy Week

Tuesday April 4 Mass 12:05 pm  
 Wednesday April 5 Mass 12:05 pm

## Easter Triduum

### Holy Thursday April 6

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
 Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9:00pm

### Good Friday April 7

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12 noon  
 3:00 pm

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

### Easter Saturday April 8 (No 10 am Mass today)

Blessing of Easter Food 11:00 am

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday April 9

Mass 9:00, 11:30 am  
 (Note: No confessions will be heard today.)

## The Fuel That Drives Jesus

The feast of the Lord's Passion, more commonly known as Palm Sunday, jumpstarts our celebration of Holy Week. On this feast, we ponder on Jesus' final days on earth, beginning with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and culminating in his suffering and death on the cross. No longer does Jesus dissuade his apostles and the crowd from calling him 'Messiah'. Today, as he enters Jerusalem, he acknowledges the cheers from the crowds who shout the highly political title exclusive to Israel's long-awaited Savior: *Son of David!* Jesus even rides a colt amid a sea of people gleefully waving palm branches.

The scene, says the evangelist St. Matthew, fulfills a prophecy: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you: triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey* (Zechariah 9: 9).

To pious Jews, however, Jesus is nothing but a pretender and blasphemer. Why does Jesus allow such public acclamation, knowing that it would incur the ire of religious and civil leaders?

The reason is simple: Jesus' ministry is drawing to a close. For three years, he has proclaimed the good news to the people, rescuing them from the clutches of evil and disease, and enabling them to live new lives. Jesus does not have any qualms about entering Jerusalem even though he knows the consequences fully well. Indeed, it is a 'necessary evil'. His ensuing suffering and death on the cross will be a fitting finale to his ministry.

What drives Jesus to face danger and death in Jerusalem is the same passion that has fueled the three years of his ministry. It arises from his love for God and his fellow human beings. The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews quotes Jesus as saying: *"You have never desired nor take pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings. See, I have come to do your will."* (10: 8-9).



## **The Pope's Prayer Intention for April**

*For a culture of peace and non-violence*

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



His passion to do the will of God the Father animates the life of Jesus. It is based on an inner decision, a heartfelt desire rather than a compulsion imposed by outside forces. Found at the temple after a search of three days, the Child Jesus tells Joseph and Mary: *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?* (Luke 2: 49).

Doing the Father's will is something that Jesus truly relishes and delights in. After speaking with the Samaritan woman by the well, Jesus is found alone by his disciples. Thinking that he must be hungry, the disciples offer him food. His reply is very revealing: *My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work* (John 4: 34).

Jesus strives to be consistent in his passion to do the will of God. It brings him to Mount of Olives where he pleads with his Father before finally yielding to his will: *not my will but yours be done* (Luke 22: 42). Jesus is brought even further by his passion. In Calvary, before he breathes his last, he utters the words of a man of peace who has accomplished his mission: *it is finished* (John 1: 30).

As we contemplate the passion and death of Jesus, it is necessary to remember that Jesus is in Calvary not because of the cruelty of men and women. What leads Jesus to take the decisive trek to Jerusalem and beyond, is his burning love for the Father. And it is best expressed by the love Jesus bestows on us by his death on the cross. With his grace, may we continue to follow Jesus in this journey of loving God and neighbor, with the same passion, in this life and beyond.

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

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## **CWL News**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April the 11th**. We look forward to seeing members. Ladies of the parish are invited to join us and learn about the CWL activities.

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers : Gord Thompson;** Gerard Lyons; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenade; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin

**Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends:** Norma Jivcoff; Verna Marchand; Deacon Bill Carson; Mary McCarthy;

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**Please contact the parish office with your prayer requests for so we may add them to the prayer list and respond.**

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## **Novena before Divine Mercy Sunday**

Everyone is invited to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16th) through praying the Divine Mercy Novena. These nine days of prayer in preparation for this feast begin on Good Friday, April 7 and ends on Saturday, April 15t the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

All members of St. Margaret's Parish are invited to join St. Ann 's Church on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm on the Feast Of Divine Mercy. Followed by Social time and refreshments.

### **Bible Quiz**

1. Who was Jesus' cousin?
2. Where did Jesus perform his first miracle?
3. What did Matthew do for a living?

### **Answers**

1. John the Baptist
2. At the wedding in Cana
3. He was a tax collector.



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