

# All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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Palm Sunday

## Our Churches

**Assumption** 2405 - 12 Avenue S.  
**St. Basil's** 604 - 13 Street N.  
**St. Patrick's** Closed

## Our Priests

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## Sunday Reflection

### A double sided sign

Early Palm Sunday morning Jesus made his public entry into Jerusalem. This was the end of his safe, private ministry and the beginning of an inevitable collision course with the religious and political authorities. Crowds gathered to see the rabbi from Galilee arriving on a donkey's back. The procession began accompanied by shouting

and singing to this "son of David" as they threw down their garments on the pathway to cushion his ride - an Oriental custom still observed on occasions - as well as palm fronds, the symbol of triumph. The priestly establishment was understandably disturbed. The prophet Zechariah had foretold the Messiah's arrival in Jerusalem on a humble donkey. And now people were hailing this donkey-riding teacher as something more than a man. Worse yet, Jesus was not denying this blasphemous adulation. What if this Jesus should claim to be the heir of King David? Palm Sunday thus became a two sided sign: A sign of hope to believers and a red flag of warning to those who conspired against Him. If they were to stop this Messiah, the religious leaders had to act quickly. And despite the prophecies, by Good Friday they had.

## Mass Times

**Saturday** 5:00 p.m. - Assumption  
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

**Sunday** 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's  
9:00 a.m. - Assumption  
11:00 a.m. - St. Basil's  
6:00 p.m. - Assumption

**Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

**Wednesday** 12:05 p.m. - St. Basil's

**Thursday** 12:05 p.m. - Assumption

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. - Assumption

You are able to **register for weekend masses** online or by phoning the office on Thursday at 403-327-8931. The online registration link is on our website homepage.

## Open for Prayer

Assumption Church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9:30am - 4:00pm  
The church will be locked, please ring the office doorbell and someone will open the east entrance.  
Please respect social distancing of 6 feet

## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Assumption Church from 8 until 11:00p.m

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

By appointment, please phone the parish office.

Tuesday 8:00-10:00p.m. at Assumption .

Saturdays in Lent - 1:00-3:00pm at both Assumption and St. Basil's.

### Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

## Prayers of the Faithful

### *Remember the sick of the Parish*

Tillie Thomas, Anne Paziuk, Cheryl Lovich, Julie Manning, Lorine Doyle, Mary Cartwright, Mary Mehlen, Joe Karl, Eileen Duchan, Phyllis Kambeitz, Gladys Reive, Gerri Shankland, Emma Poehlmann, Mary Koskovich, Donald Wilson, Vonda Danielson, Catherine Ek, Vera Linders, Perry Kaupp, Barb Lea, Cathy McGinty, Math Harty, Cinette Kado, Carmen Groten, Lucy Pavan & Janet-Louise Vachon. Let us also remember all those infected with the coronavirus.

### *and the Deceased*

Fred Bitango.

### *Anniversaries of Death remembered this week*

Muriel Zasadny, Nicola Perti & John Petri.

### *Baptism*

Please welcome into our Christian community *Kate Natalie Harling* who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

# Holy Week Services

## Holy Thursday - April 1

7:00 pm at both St. Basil's and Assumption (Livestream available)

The collection is for the poor. We will split the collection between Interfaith Food Bank and Development & Peace.

**The Altar of Repose will be at Assumption with Adoration until midnight.**

## Good Friday - April 2

12:00 pm at both Assumption and St. Basil's

3:00 pm at both St. Basil's and Assumption (Livestream available)

The collection is for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

## Easter Vigil - April 3

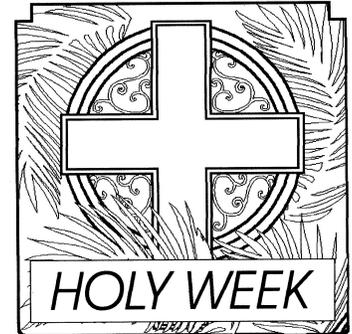
8:00 pm at both St. Basil's and Assumption (Livestream available)

## Easter Sunday - April 4

7:30 am at St. Basil's

9:00 am at both Assumption and St. Basil's (Livestream available)

11:00 am at both St. Basil's and Assumption



## Registration

With our current capacity at 60 people per Mass we will be able to accommodate **780 people in total**.

With this in mind we are asking that you choose **ONE** Mass or service to attend and leave space for others who wish to be part of the Holy Week services.

You will be able to register on **Monday, March 29** starting at 9:00 a.m. You can **only** register by phoning the parish office.

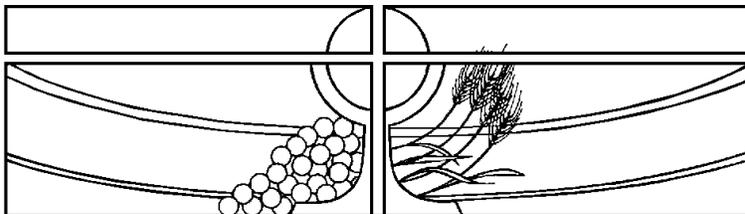
## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 30	7:00 p.m.	Intention of Leona Fontanilla
Wednesday, March 31	12:05 p.m.	St. Joseph

## Stewardship Reflection

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 2.5)*

Jesus sacrificed himself for the salvation of humankind. Discipleship demands that we put our ego aside and offer ourselves in service to others.



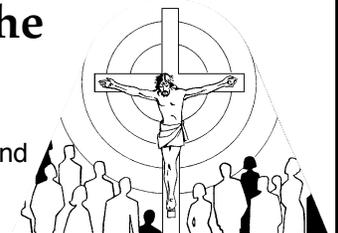
## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday we will have Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption from **8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** with **confessions** from 8:00 - 10:00.

**Adoration will be live-streamed** for those who cannot get to the church and want to spend some time with Jesus. 8-10pm.

## Prayer Beneath the Cross

Help us we beg you, Father, to stand beneath the Cross of Jesus as we bring our petitions unto you.



As we wait beneath the cross of Jesus, we confess our sins, our complicity in the madness and injustice of the world, our easy judgment of others, and our lame excuses of ourselves.

Beneath the cross of Jesus we plead forgiveness. Not only so; under its healing shadows we ask for rest, rest from the turmoil and apprehension of the world, rest from our own tortured thoughts, rest from the ceaseless stirring of critical and unforgiving impulses.

Give to each of us a great calmness of spirit, a confidence in the shadow of your protection, beneath the cross of Jesus.

# Interesting facts about Palm Sunday

Find the bolded words then use the unused letters to discover the hidden phrase. (21 letters)

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 H I D D E N  
 S S H S T E D G P  
 Y N U D C N N U M A C  
 T M A O O E I E S T E S Y L H T R A E T A R T S N O M E D R  
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Palm Sunday is an occasion for **reflection** on the final **week** of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the **agony** of His **Passion** and the **joy** of His Resurrection.

### ► Palms Were a Symbol of Goodness and Victory

God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and **waved** them in the air, laid them out on the **ground** before Jesus rode into the city. The palm branch **represented** goodness, well-**being** and victory and was **symbolic** of the final victory He would **soon** fulfill over death. Palm branches were often depicted on coins and important buildings. King **Solomon** had palm branches **carved** into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again, at the end of the Bible, people of every nation raised palm branches to **honor** Jesus. "After this I looked, and there before me was a great **multitude** that no one could count, from every nation, **tribe**, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9).

### ► Jesus Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy

Jesus **chose** to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old **Testament** prophecy of **Zechariah** 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, daughter **Zion!** Shout, daughter Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, **righteous** and **victorious**, lowly and riding on a **donkey**, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." In biblical times, it was common for kings and important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful **intentions**. Jesus, even then, reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace. When people shouted "**Hosanna!**" they were hailing Christ as **King**. That word actually means "save

Last week's answer:  
**Be sealed with the Holy Spirit**

now" and though in their minds they waited for an **earthly** king, God had a **different** way in **mind** of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.

### ► Palm Sunday is About Peace and Salvation

The then Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, would come into Jerusalem with his soldiers for Passover, showing his **strength** through the **arms** his men carried. Jesus, however, came on a donkey with all His **disciples unarmed**, to demonstrate the **Kingdom of God** and His peace. It was customary that during a time of peace, a king would ride on a donkey, while a king would come sitting on a white horse after victory in a battle. So, Jesus came as King but not to judge the people. He came to **demonstrate** God's grace.

### ► Jesus Wept For Jerusalem

In the midst of the praise of the **moment**, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a **Saviour**. Luke 19:41-42 says, "As He **approached** Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept **over** it, and said, 'If you, even you had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is **hidden** from your eyes.'"

**An Evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns** - St John Choir Schola (SJCS) invites you to join their first *Tenebrae: An Evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns* on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Live-streamed from Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary this candlelit SJCS Tenebrae service weaves the salvation narrative through crucial moments in the Old Testament to the betrayal and Passion of Christ. Livestream will be available at [www.sjcschola.ca](http://www.sjcschola.ca)

**Martha Retreat Centre Programs** - 403-328-3422 or [www.martharetreatcentre.ca](http://www.martharetreatcentre.ca)

**Centering Prayer** - Tuesdays 1:30 – 2:40 pm offered virtually via Zoom. We meet on every Tuesday from 1:30pm to 2:40pm  
**Labyrinth – Releasing, receiving, and returning.** Come to walk the labyrinth on our grounds. Breathe, centre yourself and quiet your mind with the three stages of releasing (letting go), receiving (pausing to reflect), and returning (pondering and integrating your experience). A free will offering is gratefully accepted.

**“Seeing Mary Magdalene with New Eyes: A Meditative Day”**, Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Offered virtually. Forever “apostle to the apostles,” Mary Magdalene is no longer portrayed by the Church as a prostitute. Pope Francis elevated her memorial, July 22, to a “Feast” status like that of the other apostles, reiterating her ancient title *Apostola Apostolorum*. Meet Mary of Magdala. Get to know a friend of Jesus and a missionary of the resurrected Christ. Experience what led her to proclaiming the good news, “I have seen the Lord.”

**Mount St. Francis** - To register for any of these Lent Retreats please contact Deb at 403-932-2012. Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Current capacity is 15. Register early.

**Day Retreat – Charity of the Cross** - Wednesday, March 31 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. \$30 (\$40 for private room)

**Twilight Retreat – Charity of the Cross** - Wednesday, March 31, 5:30 pm Registration with time for quiet reflection. Supper at 6:30 pm. \$30.



### Grocery Card Program

This is an ongoing program to help raise funds for general



revenue. Cards for Save-On-Foods and Sobey's/Safeway are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. To purchase please call the parish office at 403-327-8931.

### Confessions:

#### Tuesday during Adoration

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Assumption.

#### By appointment

Please phone the parish office at 403-327-8931.

## Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

Well, a year ago at this time I had to celebrate Mass by myself and then hand out Palms while looking like something from outer space. In some ways I think of this past year and the time ahead of us as like the time the Israelite people spent in the desert: a period of purification, a period of learning, a period of humility and dependency on God. Once again Easter will be different, and we will make our sacrifices once more. We will not be able to do what we want and how we want, and we will need to accept the way it is. I am pretty sure that Jesus did not want to die on a cross, but He did want to save us from our sinfulness, our selfishness. Jesus wants us all to have eternal life with Him and so He made the ultimate sacrifice, He laid down His life and died for us. Making sacrifices is part of the heart and soul of a Christian. We are called to do what Jesus did, put the lives and needs of others before ourselves. Yes, once again this year Easter will be different. So what am I learning from it and what am I learning about my relationship with God? Has my desire/need for the Eucharist grown stronger? Has my willingness to volunteer to make things happen grown? Have I turned to the “Word of God” more and am I feeding my soul with the Scriptures? Has my rosary become worn and more comfortable in my hand? Do I long for the day when I can pray in person with my friends and family? Do I long for a pancake breakfast, a CWL tea, a lobster supper?

The day will come when we can live those dreams, but this week is Holy Week, time to enter into the Lord's Passion, the Lord's sacrifice, God's willingness to give up everything for us. We may not be able to celebrate the way we want but no one can stop us from celebrating, rejoicing, worshipping, or suffering with our Lord.

May you be blessed as you enter into the Joy of the Lord's Passion.

Peace Fr. Kevin

## Outdoor Way of the Cross - Mt. St. Francis

Many people have come in pilgrimage over the years to pray the Way of the Cross during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. We have produced a virtual Way of the Cross to use at any time during Lent and Holy Week.

Please see the link below.

We wish you a prayerful and safe Holy Week.



<https://youtu.be/xNzoJPYS50c>