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Monday–Friday — 7:45am

Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm

Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the
7:45am weekday masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm

**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 22

R. "My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?"

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14 — 27.66

Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • March 29, 2026

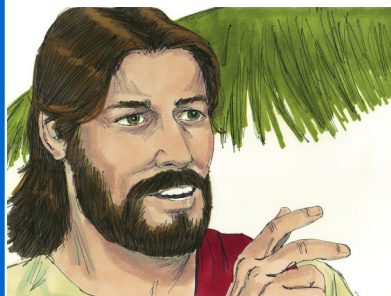
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — March 29, 2026

Today's scripture passages paint a remarkably vivid picture of Jesus' endurance and lonely struggle to fulfill his mission in a world that was hostile to him and everything he stood for.

What stands out in Jesus' sufferings is his willing submission. Inspired by love, Jesus freely chose to give his life to win our freedom. He foresaw the mistreatment, torture, and death that would be his, but he

went forward. Fully human, capable of physical and emotional pain, Jesus gave himself to his oppressors. The innocent died for the guilty; the faithful for the unfaithful. This was the greatest act of love the world has ever known.

Being human, Jesus naturally experienced great distress about what was waiting for him. But then in his divinity, he could echo the Hebrew Scriptures with complete confidence: "The Lord God helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced". So while he certainly felt great apprehension over the ordeal that lay ahead of him, he also found strength knowing that his Father was with him and would never abandon him.



There's a parallel here to our lives. We can't see into the future, but we do know that we all have our own share of hardships to deal with. It could be major, or relatively minor. The magnitude of the challenge is not as important as how we deal with it. We can either fret about it or try our best to place it in the Father's hands, as Jesus did.

By surrendering our hardships to God, we can expect to do more than just endure them. We will find new confidence, knowing that Easter Sunday will come for us just as it did for Jesus. We will find strength in the knowledge that "all things work for good for those who love God".

Jesus didn't come into our world to add to our burdens. He came to carry them with us. He came to make them light. He walked the road to Calvary precisely so that he could walk with us each day!

Blessings in the holy names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M., *Coordinator of Parish Life*

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Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary group from Holy Cross Parish will have a new meeting time of 9:00am on Sundays, starting March 29th.

For more information, please call: Monique at 204-804-5403, Ellery at 204-290-3355, or Charles at 204-235-1725.

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Holy Week

Throughout the Holy Season and Holy Week please remember to **bring your missal** to enhance your participation in answering out loud, in some parts of the Passion of Our Lord, **as you are the crowd**.



You are also reminded on Good Friday to bring a flower and/or a sealed prayer card with your disappointments, regrets, frustrations, sinfulness, negligence's, etc. to place at the foot of the cross during the Veneration of the Holy Cross. It will be burned in the fire on the Vigil of Holy Saturday.

On Good Friday the parish will provide stones at the entrance of the church for those who desire to give to Jesus everything that is in their heart (sorrows, the loss of a loved one, the loss of faith, depression and so on) symbolized by throwing a stone of surrendering everything to His Holy Will at the foot of the Cross. In other words, we can picture Jesus saying "...it is finished".

On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Land. For Easter Vigil (Thursday) and Easter Sunday please bring your bells to ring at the Gloria.

Sign Up Sheets Now Available

As Holy Week is quickly approaching many extra volunteers and ministers are needed for communion ministry, collection, ushering, altar serving and greeting. Please sign up at the table at the back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated! (Note lectors are pre-assigned)

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Holy Week "Tenebrae" Service – Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm

Tenebrae (meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a religious service that occurs during Holy Week, where believers gather to reflect on the events of Jesus's death. It involves extinguishing candles one by one as the scripture passages lead us through Christ's passion. This service has deep spiritual and biblical meaning. The candles, darkness and strepitus (Latin referring to a loud noise or crashing sound) urges believers to meditate on Christ's sacrificial death and invites us to reflect on what Christ did that "Good Friday". Please join us through a visual representation of darkness and the auditory experience of strepitus while being immersed in rich scriptural meaning. Running time under one hour. (Photo by [Mike Labrum](#) on [Unsplash](#))



Diocesan Chrism Mass – March 31, 2026

Everyone is invited to join us in this year's celebration of the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., a celebration during which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the upcoming year are blessed. **This Mass will take place in the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

And please check out this outstanding video to whet your appetite! [Click here!](#)

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

The Holy Cross Men's group meeting on **Wednesday, April 1 is cancelled due to the Tenebrae Service**. Please join us for the next meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00pm.

Holy Week Parish Office Hours

The parish office will **close at 12:00pm on Holy Thursday, April 2** and will **reopen on Tuesday, April 7** during regular office hours.



Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday – April 3, 2026

The Good Friday collection, established fifty years ago by Pope Paul VI and promoted by the Holy See ever since, is the only annual request that the Holy See asks of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. It helps the Church in the Holy Land to maintain the Christian sites that are so important to Christians all over the world, and to provide pastoral, educational and social works among the small Christian population.

The collection was a response to the needs of the Church throughout the Holy Land. At the time, the Church there was suffering persecution, unable to look after itself and losing the presence of Christians who wanted to avoid such hardship. Over time, and especially in recent years, this appalling situation has worsened. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters are counting on your help to maintain a faithful Christian presence in the land of our Lord. Please give generously during Good Friday celebrations.



Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Again this year, Fr. Ani Xavier is offering families an opportunity to bring their baskets of Easter Foods for a special blessing on **Holy Saturday, April 4 at 11:30am** in the Church.

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Mass Intentions March 28–April 5, 2026

Saturday, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45am + Anne Thorimbirt by Maria Grazia Verrelli and family

10:00am Gwen Buccini by Monica Decebel-Cuza

12:00pm Adeline Carbotte by the Holy Cross CWL

Monday, March 30: Monday of Holy Week

7:45am + Mercy, + Nida and + Edna Carandang by the Carandang family

7:45am + Raymon Fernando by Manchu Fernando

Tuesday, March 31: Tuesday of Holy Week

7:45am Debra and Jack Baetsen by Helen and Ralph Shearman

Wednesday, April 1: Wednesday of Holy Week

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Bernadette Myslicki by Cecile Myslicki

Thursday, April 2: Thursday of Holy Week

7:45am NO MASS (See holy week schedule)

Friday, April 3: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45am NO MASS (See holy week schedule)

Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday

7:45am NO MASS (See holy week schedule)

Saturday, April 4: The Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

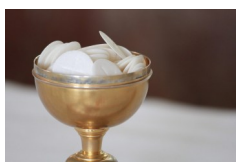
4:00pm NO MASS (See holy week schedule)

Sunday, April 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord • Easter Sunday • The Mass of Easter Day

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Doris Morgan by the Honduras Mission Circle Members

12:00pm Healing for Adeline Carbotte by Pat and Janet Cain



First Holy Communion Mass

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12th) at the 10:00am Mass. Please keep the children who are preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

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Stewardship

March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 28)

4pm Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday (March 29)

7:45am Palm Sunday Mass

10am Palm Sunday Mass

12pm Palm Sunday Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week (April 1)

7pm Tenebrae Service

Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (April 2)

7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

8:30pm Solemn Adoration until midnight (Church)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) (April 3)

8-11am Adoration continues in the Church

2pm Indoor Stations of the Cross

3pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday (April 4)

11:30am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 5)

7:45am Easter Sunday Mass

10am Easter Sunday Mass

12pm Easter Sunday Mass

During Holy Week, there are NO 7:45am Masses on Holy Thursday (April 2), Good Friday (April 3) and Holy Saturday (April 4).

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Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration of Mercy – April 12, 2026

St. Andrew Bobola Parish the home of the shrine of Divine Mercy is hosting a celebration of Mercy on Sunday with Archbishop Albert LeGatt as the main celebrant on April 12, 2026.

1:00 PM Confessions

3:00 PM Holy Mass

Please join us on this beautiful feast day!

CWL Corner

MANY, MANY THANKS

To our Holy Cross Parishioners who supported the recent drive for toiletries, THANK YOU. The caring and generosity shown toward those in need shone through strong and clear, and is truly appreciated by both the CWL and residents and staff of ChezRachel.

Chalice



Chalice extends a heartfelt “thank you” to Fr. Ani Xavier and Holy Cross Parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on March 14-15. As a result, **9 children in need were sponsored**, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration.

On behalf of these children, thank you for your generosity and hospitality! You have revealed God’s love to His precious children. Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,
 You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.
 Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street
 Date: **April 6, 2026**
 Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.
 7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of March.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!



Congratulations and blessings to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of March.

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Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer will be held in the church on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00pm. **The next one will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 7:00pm.**

Sunday Offerings March 22, 2026	
Loose	\$359.50
Envelopes	\$2,485.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$878.00
TOTAL	\$3,722.50
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	

Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. Luke 6: 38

The Week Ahead March 29—April 4, 2026

	Sunday March 29	Monday March 30	Tuesday March 31	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3	Saturday April 4
Morning	9:00am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	No 7:45am Mass	Parish Office Closed No 7:45am Mass 8:00am-11:00am Adoration continues in the Church	No 7:45am Mass 9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation 11:30am Blessing of the Easter Baskets
Afternoon		3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's				2:00pm Indoor Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Good Friday Service	12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation
Evening				7:00pm Tenebrae Service	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30pm Adoration in the Church until midnight		8:00pm Easter Vigil