



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**APRIL 10, 2022 – PALM SUNDAY**

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## CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Fr Rodel Abanto  
& Deacon Robert Risling

## RECONCILIATION...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am. & Saturday 3:30–  
4:45pm. Or by Appointment

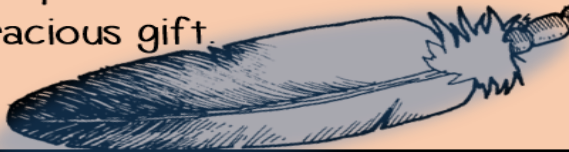
**MASS TIMES... MONDAY to FRIDAY at 9:00AM**  
**FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:30AM, SATURDAY at**  
**5:00PM**

**THE CHAPEL IS OPEN**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm**  
**ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 –**

**Knights of Columbus - Kirby Peterson**  
**Catholic Women's League - Marjorie**

**Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker**  
**Parish Finance Committee Chair - Cheryl Pocsik**

We acknowledge that Treaty 7 territory,  
on which we stand, is the ancestral land  
of the Indigenous peoples and is common  
home to everyone in virtue of God our  
Creator's gracious gift.



**Sunday 10:30am Mass**  
**Medicine Hat Holy Family Church**  
**Live Stream**

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**You Tube**

## **Reflecting on the Procession**

We read and hear the Passion Gospel today. But first, at the procession, when we bless palms, we hear what precedes it. There is a colt, there are cloaks spread on the road, there are shouts: "Blessed is the king" ... "Peace in heaven."

- ✠ What cloak will I spread before Jesus to make it easy for him to come to me?
- ✠ So that stones do not cry out, what will I proclaim about Jesus Christ?
- ✠ How will I clear my calendar so I can come to my parish church for all the celebrations of the Easter Triduum?



# PALM SUNDAY ~ April 10, 2022

## OPERATING FINANCES

**FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022**

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$38,395
Loose Collections	\$388
Future Development	\$2,894
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$2,300
Other Ministries	\$440
<b>Budget Vs Actual SHORT</b>	<b>-\$ 15,291</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$7,273
St Vincent de Paul	\$2,156
Clergy Retirement	\$ 110
Mission Mexico	\$ 460
CARO	\$ 185
World Missions	\$ 30
Holy Land	\$ 5
Seminary Fund	\$ 65
Loonies for Lent	\$ 265

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

## Sunday's Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Responsorial Psalm: 22**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11**

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore, God highly exalted him.

**Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56**

The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4.4*

*Glory & Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore, God exalted him and gave him the name above every name.

*Glory & Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*



## † Mass Intentions †

**Saturday, April 9**

8:30am - Addison Foley †

5:00pm - Italo Dal Molin †

**Sunday, April 10**

8:30 am - Holy Family Parish

10:30am - Jaxon Richard

6:00pm - Derrick Risling †

**Monday, April 11**

9:00am - NO MASS TODAY

**Tuesday, April 12**

9:00am - Patrick & Amanda Wallace

**Wednesday, April 13**

9:30am - Special Intention

**Thursday, April 14**

7:00pm - Corrairie Ries †

**Friday, April 15**

12:00 Noon - Passion of the Lord Service

3:00pm - Passion of the Lord Service

**Saturday, April 16**

8:00pm - Easter Vigil - Special Intention

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

8:30am - Virginia Cabral †

10:30am - Allen Kaupp †

2022 Goal

\$70,938

total to date

\$15,249.73

which is 23%



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## Sacramental Preparation

### 1st Holy Communion Mass...

Friday, April 29 2022, 6:00pm

At Holy Family Parish

### Confirmation Retreat...

Saturday, April 30, 2022,

10:00am – 3:00pm

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

8:30 – 9:30 am @ St. Patrick's Church Hall

April 9, 2022

Theme: **Kingdom is Like a Banquet**

Presenter: **Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

April 16, 2022

Theme: **A Royal People**

Presenter: **Fr. Dave Povonka**

## Stations of the Cross

Monday, April 11

Starting at 6:00pm

Presented by:

**Margaret Velichko Paintings**

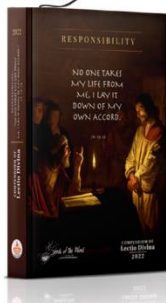
& the CWL

**Everyone Welcome**

PRAY THE  
DIVINE MERCY  
Daily THROUGH LENT  
SUNDAY TO FRIDAY  
9:30AM &  
SATURDAY 9:00AM

**SATURDAY MORNING MASS  
DURING LENT  
8:30 AM**

*Seeds of the Word*  
Per Munda Vita



The Sisters from the Seeds of the Word in Calgary left us some of their *Lectio Divina* Books to sell for **\$20.00** each. Available at the office!

Bring your Bells to Ring Holy Thursday and for the Saturday Easter Vigil





CWL General Meeting will be Tuesday April 12th in the Faith Room at 7pm. Come out and join this faith filled group of ladies. All are welcome.

Those CWL members wishing to attend the convention at the end of April please Call Jackie 403-581-5479.

Sunday Mass on April 24 will be sponsored by CWL, all ladies please wear your pins and/or scarf to all masses as we will be saying our League Prayer.

CWL is sponsoring a bottle drive, **Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24**. Shamrock truck will be in parking lot. Truck opens **Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm**; also **before and after all Masses** that weekend. If the truck is not open when you arrive, please leave items at the truck.

**FUNDRAISING**



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for Ukraine...  
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raised... \$ 6,175.00

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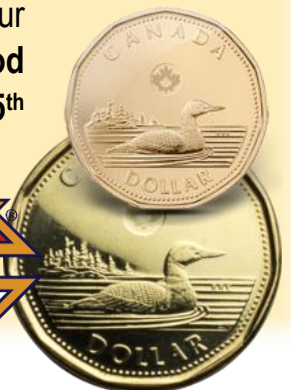


CNEWA

Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus Council 9502 would like to make you aware of our **6th Annual 40 Loonies for Lent project**. Your donations will go to **Medicine Hat Food Bank** or what is now called the **Root Cellar, Mustard Seed, Saint Vincent De Paul, 5th Avenue and Saint Barnabas Meal Programs**.

Thank you and may the Lord bless you and keep you.

**LOONIES TO DATE: \$ 7,530.00**





# Holy Week 2022

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14th

MORNING PRAYER, 8:30AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7:00PM\*\*

FOLLOWED BY RECONCILIATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT  
& ADORATION IN THE FAITH ROOM UNTIL  
MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, 12:00 NOON\*\* AND  
3:00PM

SATURDAY APRIL 16th

MORNING PRAYER, 8:30AM

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD, 11:00AM

EASTER VIGIL, 8:00PM\*\*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th

EASTER SUNDAY MASS, 8:30AM, 10:30AM\*\*

\*\*LIVESTREAM@ Youtube – Medicine Hat Holy  
Family Church





**Palm Sunday - Year C**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

## OUR WALK WITH THE LORD

Today we begin our Holy Week: a solemn celebration of our Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection. All four gospels mention the triumph entry of the Lord to Jerusalem. Is it the only time Jesus has come to Jerusalem? If not, then why this entry has importance for the Evangelists? The Gospel according to St. Luke mentions that Jesus was in Jerusalem when He was 12 in accordance with the custom of his parents who used to come every year to participate in the solemn celebration of Passover. If so, then what is the importance and significance of Jesus's entry to Jerusalem? Let me share a story by an unknown author which should help us to reflect on our own journey which must take with the Lord. This journey will bring us to meditate and reflect on some very important aspects of Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem...

I sat, with two friends, in the picture window of a quaint restaurant just off the corner of the town square. The food and the company were both especially good that day.

As we talked, my attention was drawn outside, across the street. There, walking into town, was a man who appeared to be carrying all his worldly goods on his back. He was carrying, a well-worn sign that read, "I will work for food." My heart sank.

I brought him to the attention of my friends and noticed that others around us had stopped eating to focus on him. Heads moved in a mixture of sadness and disbelief.

We continued with our meal, but his image lingered in my mind. We finished our meal and went our separate ways. I had errands to do and quickly set out to accomplish them.

I glanced toward the town square, looking somewhat half-heartedly for the strange visitor. I was fearful, knowing that seeing him again would call some response. I drove through town and saw nothing of him.

I made some purchases at a store and got back in my car. Deep within me, the Spirit of God kept speaking to me: "Don't go back to the office until you've at least driven once more around the square."

Then with some hesitancy, I headed back into town. As I turned the square's third corner. I saw him. He was standing on the steps of the storefront church, going through his sack.

I stopped and looked, feeling both compelled to speak to him yet wanting to drive on. The empty parking space on the corner seemed to be a sign from God: an invitation to park. I pulled in, got out and approached the town's newest visitor.

"Looking for the pastor?" I asked.

"Not really," he replied, "just resting."

"Have you eaten today?"

"Oh, I ate something early this morning."

"Would you like to have lunch with me?"

"Do you have some work I could do for you?"

"No work," I replied. "I commute here to work from the city, but I would like to take you to lunch."

"Sure," he replied with a smile.

As he began to gather his things, I asked some surface questions.

"Where you headed?"

"St. Louis."

"Where you from?"

"Oh, all over; mostly Florida."

"How long you been walking?"

"Fourteen years," came the reply.

I knew I had met someone unusual. We sat across from each other in the same restaurant I had left earlier. His face was weathered slightly beyond his 38 years. His eyes were dark yet clear, and he spoke with an eloquence and articulation that was startling. He removed his jacket to reveal a bright red T-shirt that said, "Jesus is The Never-Ending Story."

Then Daniel's story began to unfold. He had seen rough times early in life. He'd made some wrong choices and reaped the consequences. Fourteen years earlier, while backpacking across the country, he had stopped on the beach in Daytona. He tried to hire on with some men who were putting up a large tent and some equipment. A concert, he thought.

He was hired, but the tent would not house a concert but revival services, and in those services, he saw life more clearly. He gave his life over to God.

"Nothing's been the same since," he said, "I felt the Lord telling me to keep walking, and so I did, some 14 years now."

"Ever think of stopping?" I asked.

"Oh, once in a while, when it seems to get the best of me. But God has given me this calling. I give out Bibles. That's what's in my sack. I work to buy food and Bibles, and I give them out when His Spirit leads."

I sat amazed. My homeless friend was not homeless. He was on a mission and lived this way by choice. The question burned inside for a moment and then I asked: "What's it like?"

"What?"

"To walk into a town carrying all your things on your back and to show your sign?"

"Oh, it was humiliating at first. People would stare and make comments. Once someone tossed a piece of half-eaten bread and made a gesture that certainly didn't make me feel welcome. But then it became humbling to realize that God was using me to touch lives and change people's concepts of other folks like me."

My concept was changing, too. We finished our dessert and gathered his things. Just outside the door, he paused. He turned to me and said, "Come Ye blessed of my Father and inherit the kingdom I've prepared for you. For when I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me drink, a stranger and you took me in."

I felt as if we were on holy ground. "Could you use another Bible?" I asked.

He said he preferred a certain translation. It traveled well and was not too heavy. It was also his personal favorite. "I've read through it 14 times," he said. "I'm not sure we've got one of those, but let's stop by our church and see." I was able to find my new friend a Bible that would do well, and he seemed very grateful.

"Where are you headed from here?"

"Well, I found this little map on the back of this amusement park coupon."

"Are you hoping to hire on there for awhile?"

"No, I just figure I should go there. I figure someone under that star right there needs a Bible, so that's where I'm going next."

He smiled, and the warmth of his spirit radiated the sincerity of his mission. I drove him back to the town-square where we'd met two hours earlier, and as we drove, it started raining. We parked and unloaded his things.

"Would you sign my autograph book?" he asked. "I like to keep messages from folks I meet."

I wrote in his little book that his commitment to his calling had touched My life. I encouraged him to stay strong. And I left him with a verse of scripture from Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a Future and a hope."

"Thanks, man," he said. "I know we just met and we're really just strangers, but I love you."

"I know," I said, "I love you, too."

"The Lord is good!"

"Yes, He is. How long has it been since someone hugged you?" I asked.

"A long time," he replied.

And so, on the busy street corner in the drizzling rain, my new friend and I embraced, and I felt deep inside that I had been changed. He put his things on his back, smiled his winning smile and said, "See you in the New Jerusalem."

"I'll be there!" was my reply.

He began his journey again. He headed away with his sign dangling from his bedroll and pack of Bibles. He stopped, turned and said, "When you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?"

"You bet," I shouted back, "God bless."

"God bless." And that was the last I saw of him.

Late that evening as I left my office, the wind blew strong. The cold front had settled hard upon the town. I bundled up and hurried to my car. As I sat back and reached for the emergency brake, I saw them... a pair of well-worn brown work gloves neatly laid over the length of the handle. I picked them up and thought of my friend and wondered if his hands would stay warm that night without them.

Then I remembered his words: "If you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?"

Today his gloves lie on my desk in my office. They help me to see the world and its people in a new way, and they help me remember those two hours with my unique friend and to pray for his ministry.

"See you in the New Jerusalem," he said. Yes, Daniel, I know I will...

"I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

Isn't it an amazing and faith filled story? As I mentioned above about the aspects of Jesus's victorious entry to Jerusalem and our walk with him, I feel his journey should be our journey and his victory must be source of our joy. There are many aspects related to his journey towards Jerusalem.

First of all, Jesus's vision and mission is clear because he knew why he came to the world as we read in the Letter to Hebrews "Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach. Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshipers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? But in these sacrifices, there is a reminder of sin year after year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered



according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (10:1-10). We too must have clear vision of our calling and mission. Every Holy Mass we attend is an invitation to continue our mission and journey as we hear "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life".

Secondly Jesus is ready for the great act of God's love to share with all of us "God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, so that anyone who believes in him, may have life and life in abundance". Jesus has gone through persecutions and discriminations by the Pharisees and high authorities, and he knows very well about his fate, but he has forgotten everything because of love for the lost and scattered sheep "he had compassion for them". Are we ready to bear witness of his sacrifice in the secular world where everything is going against the faith?

Thirdly, he is riding on the donkey (shows his humility) but on horse or chariot because he was God's obedient suffering servant who came to do his will. Humility is a virtue and without it we can not walk with Jesus. Two years ago, I got the blessing and grace of the Lord to walk on the streets of Jerusalem and when I was walking, I could feel and imagine how the Lord must have felt the pain of the journey he was taking and what is coming to him next must have broken his heart and soul but "he was obedient to death, even death on a Cross. Lenten journey is a journey of humility for us because by receiving the ashes on our foreheads was a reminder that we must "repent and believe in the Gospel". Humility leads us every day to walk with the Lord in his journey of suffering and death which he took for our salvation.

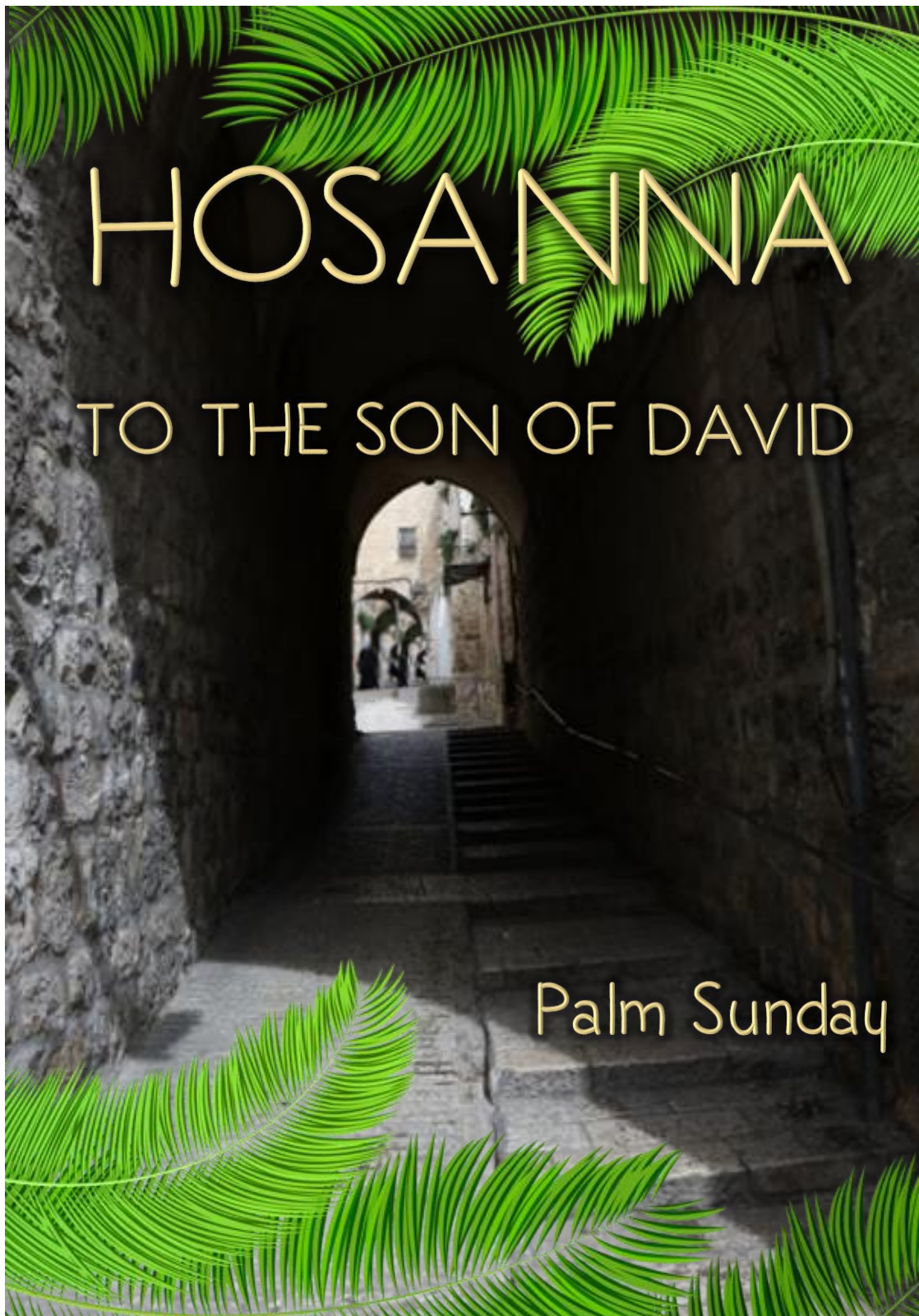
Fourthly there will be two types of people walking with Jesus first who will be spreading their clothes on the ground and shouting Hosanna, Hosanna. These people have believed in Jesus, and they love to follow him. However, there is another group people who will be shouting crucify him, crucify him and will mock, taunt and slap him. What group we belong to is a very important question for us to ask?

Fifthly, the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem has also exposed the real faces of his own disciples who used to claim that even if they have to die with him or for him, they will, but when the time came, what did they do? One of them sold him for 30 pieces of silver, other denied him completely by saying he doesn't know him at all and some of them ran away, when he was arrested by the Roman Authorities. Don't we do the same? We do because we have no guts to stand for him. We like to serve both; him and the world. We betray him when we refuse to stand for our faith because we don't want to offend others. We have failed to understand what is right and what is wrong. Since we don't want to be excluded from our relationships, we continue to join the society and do what other are doing. Unfortunately, we have fallen into the same trap. Whatsoever, the conclusion of this journey is so powerful, in spite of the unfaithfulness of the people, he showed his love for us by dying on the Cross. He has reminded us "There is no greater love than to lay your own life for the sake of one's friend". Although he suffers everyday for us but still, he continues to carry us in our suffering.

On one beautiful night, a devotee after worshiping God went to his cozy bed for sleep. It was cold night of winter season and in his quilt, he was having deep sleep. He had a very stunning dream; he dreamed that he was walking along the beautiful beach in the company of his loving God. While he was walking along the seashore, the scenes of different incidents and situations from his life flashed one by one across the dark sky. He kept moving and watching the different stages of his life, the good times as well as bad ones. After the last scene of life flashed before him, he looked back and noticed the footprints in the sand. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonged to his own and the other one to his Lord. All of sudden he noticed that at many times along the path of his life; especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

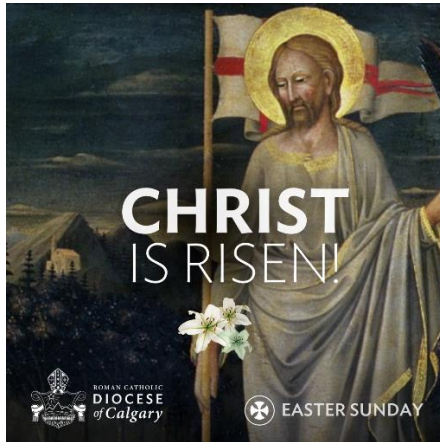
This really disturbed him, so he asked the God about it. He asked, "God, you said once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the

most, you were not there for me.” God laughed and after some silence whispered, “My precious child, I love you and never left you. When you were fine & healthy, I used to walk besides you. So, the extra pair of footprints was visible. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you during your tough times. Whenever you were in difficulties and problems, I was still protecting you.” May the Loving Saviour who died and suffered for us, help us to walk with him so that we may bear fruit for everlasting life and. Amen



# Sunday Updates

*Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday*



## Resources for children

### • PALM SUNDAY

- **Kid's challenge this week:** 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 Luke's Gospel might be read [as follows](#) throughout the week (LOYOLA PRESS)
  - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
  - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - Palm Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday
  - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)

- [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

### EASTER SUNDAY

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Go for a walk together and see how many signs of new life you can see. Give thanks to God!. Pray: Risen Jesus, We rejoice that you are alive and with us. Make us messengers of Easter joy and hope for all the world. Amen. (CAFOD)
  - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
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[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)  
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([new link](#))

Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:  
<https://www.catholicyyyc.ca> | TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

### COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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## Parish Triduum Schedule & Holy Week



- Parish schedule for Triduum and Easter is available here: <https://bit.ly/3IyWJ41>

### Bishop's Livestream | Triduum & Easter Liturgies

Bishop McGrattan will be celebrating the Triduum and Easter liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral.

- Chrism Mass, April 11 at 11 am
- Holy Thursday April 14 at 7 pm
- Good Friday April 15 at 3 pm
- Easter Vigil April 16 at 8 pm
- Easter Sunday April 17 at 12 pm
- [Download graphic](#)

Livestream schedule of the Triduum & Easter at parishes in the Diocese of Calgary will be available on our website [calgarydiocese.ca](http://calgarydiocese.ca) by April 12. [Download graphic](#)

### Chrism Mass

All faithful are invited to the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, on Monday, April 11, at 11 am.

- Cathedral doors will be open to the public at 10 am. Reception to follow immediately after the Mass at the St. Mary's Cathedral Hall. This event is open to all.
- Download graphic: [square](#) | [wide](#)

### Holy Week & Easter Triduum



Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. (ORDO)

- **PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

- [FAQ on Palm Sunday](#)
- Please find [resources for families or individuals](#) on simple and meaningful ways to draw closely to Jesus in His Passion and Death during the Holy Week

- **GOOD FRIDAY**

- **Paschal Feast:** The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. (ORDO) [Download graphic](#)
- **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land | Good Friday National Collection**  
As requested by the Holy See, the parishes in the Diocese of Calgary will arrange for Second Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land. This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." (St. Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo*)
  - Alternatively, parishioners can also give online to the Good Friday National Collection through our website at [catholiccyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection](http://catholiccyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection)

## An apology from the Holy Father

During the Final Audience with all the Indigenous Delegation, the Holy Father expressed “sorrow and shame” for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system. He said, “I ask for God’s forgiveness and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon.”

- Read the [full address from Pope Francis to the Indigenous Delegation](#)
- Read the latest statement from CCCB: Canada's Catholic Bishops [welcome Pope Francis' apology](#)
- Read [Faithfully](#) (April 4) for more information
- We have captured and curated some of the best moments from the historic visit, as well as a list of interviews for your convenience. [Check it out](#)
- Download Pope's Apology graphic - [PNG](#)
  - Please hyperlink graphic to [this page](#)
- Photo credit: Vatican Media

## Pastoral Centre hours

Catholic Pastoral Centre hours during the Easter Break

- Holy Thursday, April 14, 8:30 am to Noon
- Good Friday, April 15 - Closed
- Easter Monday, April 18 - Closed
- Tuesday, April 19, Open as usual, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## For Health Care Workers

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2022:** *Let us pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*

In his message for April’s prayer intention, the Holy Father says, “The pandemic has also exposed the fact that not everyone has access to a good public healthcare system. The poorest countries, the most vulnerable countries, cannot access the treatments necessary to attend to the countless diseases that they continue to suffer.”

According to the “Health at a Glance 2021” by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the inadequate situation of health care has had an impact on the care received by the sick. Among the various contributing factors, the lack of health care workers has been more limiting than the number of hospital beds or technical equipment.

This prayer intention for the entire month of April is dedicated to the health care workers who attend them. They have passed through crisis situations, often without adequate support, especially in countries with fewer resources. The pandemic has shown that health



care systems and workers are essential for society. The Pope asks that they be supported with greater resources, especially in countries that have a fragile health care system; otherwise, we will experience 'other pandemics.' Let us entrust this prayer intention to the Lord and act take appropriate action."

- [Watch the Pope's Video message for April 2022](#)

## Pastoral Care Ministry Training | May 6-7

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

There is no cost to attend this workshop for new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry.

- For more information, visit [catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare](https://catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare)
- Download [poster](#)

## Synod Updates



### List of Parish/Community Listening Sessions

Jesus walks alongside people and listens to the concerns and questions in their hearts. Synodal listening sessions follow the same journey as the Lord. Come, listen, and share your joys, challenges, but also hopes and dreams for our community of faith. Contact your parish to join a listening session or [find one here](#).

## Resources & Announcements

### 1. Highlights of Pope's Apostolic Journey to Malta

[Watch video highlights](#) of Pope Francis' 2-day Apostolic Journey to Malta on April 2-3, during which he spoke against all forms of war, urged nations to welcome migrants, and blessed the Maltese people by recalling that Jesus can work wonders in us.

### 2. Holy See urges protection of victims of human trafficking

The Holy See reaffirms the [urgent need for more effective protection systems](#) for victims of human trafficking, amid growing concerns for women and children fleeing the war in Ukraine. Most Ukrainian refugees are, in fact, women and children, who are particularly exposed to traffickers.

### 3. 2022 Virtual Catholic Men's Conference

Drawing from athletic coaches, Command Generals, and Navy SEALs, to every day Catholic fathers, come learn practical ways of intentionally growing in virtue and becoming a Catholic man of impact. When: April 29 - May, 2022. [More info/Registration](#)

### 4. 2022 Virtual Catholic Women's Conference

It's time to enter the excitement of discovering, activating, and living in your Spiritual Gifts. This weekend is about learning what your dominant spiritual gifts are and how to bring them to life! When: May 5-7, 2022. [More info/Registration](#)

### 5. Praying away anxiety

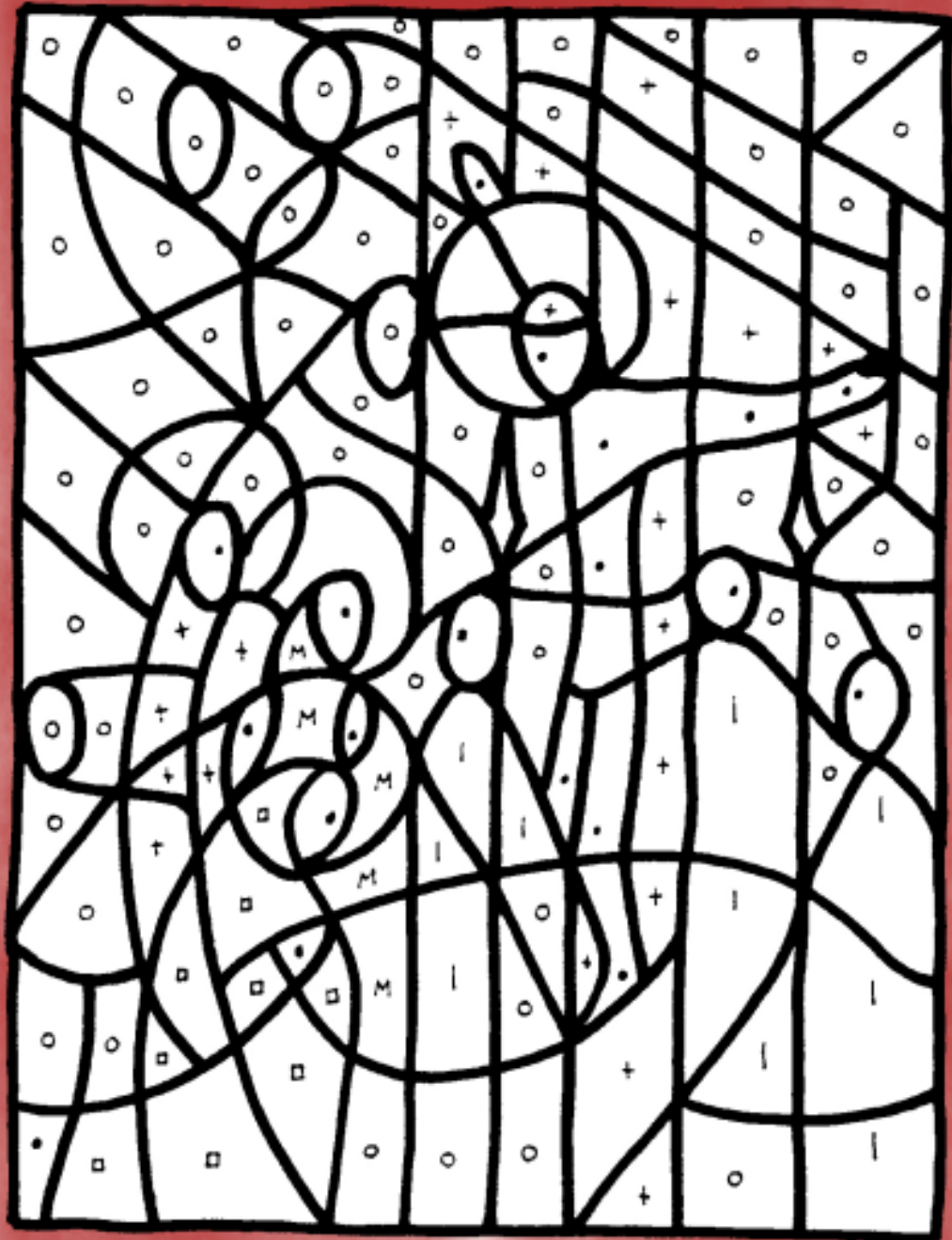
Any of our daily concerns can become a source of great anxiety if we do not manage them. In general, the antidote to anxiety is trust in the Lord. Learn [how anxiety feels and simple tools](#) which we can use in daily conversation with God.



# The Kids' Bulletin

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10th, 2022



*What did Jesus do for me?*

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

- |                 |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| • skin colour   | red     | M blue  |
| ◦ a dark colour | ◻ green | + brown |

# Good Friday Word-Find

J C C L O T H E S H E  
M A R Y D I E D I O S  
C R O W N J U J N U S  
J R S I M O N E S R H  
E Y S D T H O R N S O  
W R I K I N G U A E S  
S O L D I E R S I J A  
P D D M A G D A L E N  
E S F O H I L L S S N  
A R W H I P P E D U A  
R O M A N M E M A S S

*See if you can find all  
the words in CAPITALS  
in the puzzle.*

*Use the left over letters  
to fill in the blanks.*



On Good Friday morning, JESUS, who had been arrested the night before, was judged by Pontius Pilate, the ROMAN governor. Pilate had him WHIPPED. Then to make fun of Him the SOLDIERS made a CROWN of THORNS and put it on His head. They threw a purple cloth on Him and beat Him with RODS, saying, "Hail, KING of the JEWS!" Then Pilate had Jesus brought out in front of the people and asked them what they wanted to do with Him. The people, who had welcomed Him into JERUSALEM a few days before with their HOSANNAS, now shouted that He should be crucified.

So Jesus was made to CARRY a heavy CROSS out of the city and up a big HILL. Because He was so weak from being beaten, a man named SIMON of Cyrene was forced to help Him. The soldiers tore off Jesus' CLOTHES and attached Him to the cross with NAILS through His hands and feet.

Jesus offered His life for our SINS. He hung on the cross for three HOURS until He DIED. Nearby were His mother MARY, JOHN the Apostle, and Mary MAGDALEN. After He died a soldier stuck a SPEAR into His side to be sure He was dead.

Did you know that at every MASS we re-offer Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in an unbloody way on the altar?

# Holy Thursday Unscramble

*What happened on Holy Thursday?  
Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks  
and use the letters in circles to fill in the last blanks.*

The day  (EFROBF) He died, Jesus  
went to celebrate the   
(SPSVROEA) with His   
(ISLEPSCDI)

During the meal, Jesus began to wash their feet, but  
Peter would not let Him. Jesus told him, "Now  
 (UOY) don't understand what I'm doing, but  
 (DRAWFTRAE) you will."  
Peter replied, "You will  (VNEER) wash  
my feet!" Jesus said, "If I do not wash you then you will  
have no part with Me." Then Peter said,  
"Then Lord, wash not just my feet but my head and  
 (DNSHA) too!"

Then Jesus took  (EADRB) and made it  
into His Body and took wine and made it into His Blood.

This  (STLA) Supper was the first Mass.  
Jesus wants to  (CMOE) to us in Holy  
Communion and wants us to go  (TOU) and do  
His work in the  (LWROD)

Jesus finished His work by offering His  
  
to God the Father for us on the cross.





# Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



Unscramble: before, Passover, disciples, you, afterward, never, hands, bread, last, come, out, world, BODY AND BLOOD.  
Answer to Good Friday Word-Find: Jesus died for me. Answers to Holy Thursday

# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.

Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.

