

**Apr. 12 Saturday - Saint Teresa of Los Andes**

**5:00** Domenic & Caterina Mazzone – by family  
 Francesco Scialdone – by Michael Simmonds

**Apr. 13 Sunday – P A L M S U N D A Y**

**9:00** Lisetta & Rose Mauriello – by Mary Mauriello  
 Emidio Coladonato- by Anna DelVecchio & family  
 Domenico Cameli - by moglie Angelina  
 Rosa & Nicola Nero – by Florence & family  
 Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria

**11:00** Vincent & Marie Morocco – by R. H.  
 Rosalie Morocco-Clark – by R. H.  
 Aida Mendoza – by Ralph & Alita Elefante  
 Arthur Quaranto – by wife Dolores & family  
 Michele Stante – by moglie Palma  
 Benito Vescio – by wife Filippina Vescio

**Apr. 14 Monday - N O M A S S****Apr. 15 Tuesday - Blessed Caesar de Bus**

**8:00** Francesco Scialdone – by children & families  
**7:00pm** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral  
 Deadline for Easter Floral Donation Submissions

**Apr. 16 Wednesday - Saint Bernadette Soubirous**

**8:00pm** Alberta Alvanado – by grandson Vicente

**Apr. 17 Thursday - HOLY THURSDAY****NO MORNING MASS**

**6:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper – *Washing of the Feet*  
 Followed by: ADORATION  
*Confessions during Adoration*

**10:00** Closing Prayers

**Apr. 18 Friday - GOOD FRIDAY**

**1:30-2:30pm** CONFESSIONS  
**3:00pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
*Immediately followed by*  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Apr. 19 HOLY SATURDAY- E A S T E R V I G I L**

**11:30am-1:00pm** CONFESSIONS  
**8:00** EASTER VIGIL MASS  
 For All the Deceased of the Parish  
 For All Parishioners and Benefactors

**Apr. 20 Sunday – E A S T E R S U N D A Y**

**9:00** For All the Deceased of the Parish  
 For All Parishioners and Benefactors  
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**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Palm Sunday highlights the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. His riding a donkey symbolized peace not conquest. Palm Sunday is also the beginning of Holy Week, the Journey of Jesus towards his Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not as a liberating political leader but as a spiritual saviour. The "Good Shepherd" became a "sacrificial lamb", the "Server of Seed" became "the grain that dies", the "Lord" became "the suffering servant". Jesus absorbed violence to conquer evil with love and forgiveness.

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

La Domenica delle Palme sottolinea che dopo l'ingresso trionfante a Gerusalemme, Gesù apre la Settimana Santa, il viaggio verso la sua crocifissione e risurrezione.

Gesù entra Gerusalemme non come liberatore politico ma come un liberatore spirituale.

Il "Buon Pastore" diventa "agnello immolato", il seminatore diventa il "grano che muore", il "Signore" diventa il "servo sofferente". Gesù assorbe violenza per catturare il cattivo col perdono e carità.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****DO NOT DESPAIR**

His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. *Jn 12:16*

As we enter into Holy week, we are where this journey has taken us since we began it on Ash Wednesday. In the spiritual life, it is not unusual to miss the subtle changes that God is bringing about in the soul. Even Jesus' own disciples, in the midst of historic events, did not understand the significance of what was happening right before their eyes!

If that is the case in our own life, trust that God is even now rewarding our perseverance, no matter how often we fail. Lean into the yoke God has placed on our shoulders, especially this week. And if we do not feel his presence, do not despair. God allows aridity in prayer for a reason: wood must be dried before it can catch flame. "For now, walk in darkness without any light, trusting in the name of the Lord." *(Isaiah 50:10)*

*Lord, I will wait upon your mercy.*

**Regulations for Fast & Abstinence**

**Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence.

**FASTING** - is for ALL between the ages of 14 and 60 years of age. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other minor meals, may also be taken according to each one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids such as water, juice and milk are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** - is observed by ALL who are 14 years and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When health or ability to work would be affected, the law **DOES NOT OBLIGE**.

## Astinenza e digiuno per Quaresima

Ricordiamo a tutti i parrocchiani di osservare l' astinenza e il digiuno durante la Quaresima.

- **Astinenza** significa non mangiare carne.
- **Digiuno** significa un solo pasto completo nella giornata e non mangiare tra i pasti.

Il giorni di astinenza e digiuno e il **Venerdì Santo**. Tutti i venerdì sono giorni di astinenza. Sono tenuti all' astinenza persone dai 14 ai 60 anni che sono in buona salute. L' astinenza può essere sostituita da un atto di carità.

## Easter Triduum

The Season of Lent ends with the beginning of the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, as we begin the **Triduum** - the sacred 3 days which are the very heart of the Church's liturgical year.

These are the holiest days of the year. During this time the church gathers to celebrate the heart of our belief - the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the promise of eternal life for the faithful.

During these days the elect will celebrate their baptism and the faithful will renew their commitment to Christ through the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

### \*\* Holy Thursday \*\*

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:30 pm** - Sundown on Holy Thursday marks the end of the Lenten Season. Within the traditional Jewish Passover meal, Jesus establishes the new covenant and gives the gift of the Eucharist. We give thanks and praise on this special night to the God who loves us, and his Son who redeems us. Holy Thursday evening connects each of us with our Jewish roots and our Christian call to serve one another.

**Washing of the Feet** - For it is within this liturgy that we hear the ancient story of the Passover, sing the psalms of praise and recall Christ's example of service through the washing of feet. This special celebration would be a wonderful family event.

**Adoration - until 10:00 pm** - Traditionally, following the Holy Thursday liturgy, all parishioners are invited to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is both a private devotion and a communal one. We are individually invited to come for adoration. Adoration takes place at the side Altar of Repose.

### \*\* Good Friday \*\*

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm** - This celebration has 3 special sections: [1] the Liturgy of the Word - where we read the story of the Passion of the Lord; [2] the Veneration of the Cross - on this day we join Christians throughout the world to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a way of expressing union not only with the crucified Jesus, but with all who suffer - all victims of abandonment, abuse, discrimination or torture; [3] we conclude with Communion Service before we proceed home in silence.

**Stations of the Cross – Immediately following the Liturgy** This meditation of the Stations is a reminder of the boundless love that the Father showed to the human race through the sacrifice of his Son Jesus to the point of giving up his life for us.

### \*\* Holy Saturday \*\*

**Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm** - This is rich in symbolism and a magnificent Liturgy of the Resurrection of our Lord. It begins with a darkened Church and ends with a Church filled with Easter Joy. This is a reminder to the faithful to have our lamps burning ready, to be like those awaiting their master's return so that when he arrives He will find us wide awake and will seat us at His table.

The night vigil is arranged in 4 parts. [1] Service of Light and lighting of Paschal Candle. [2] The Liturgy of the Word - the Church meditates, on all the wonderful things God has done for His people from the beginning. [3] Liturgy of Baptism - new members of the Church are reborn as the day of resurrection approaches; and we renew our Baptismal Promise. [4] Eucharist, when the whole Church is called to the table prepared by the Lord for His people through His death and resurrection.

### \*\* Easter Sunday \*\*

Just like Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, we get to the tomb and find that Jesus has risen from the dead. Jesus' victory over death fills us with joy and new life. Jesus is risen from the dead! We are renewed with the waters of baptism. We continue our journey of faith as a Parish Family with a deeper awareness that the Risen Lord is with us each new day.

## Il Triduo Pasquale vissuto in tre giorni

Il significato del triduo pasquale è fondato sulle tappe storiche del mistero pasquale. Ogni giorno del triduo richiama l' altro e si apre sull' altro. Il centro su cui tutto converge è la Veglia Pasquale con la sua celebrazione Eucaristica. Il triduo è la Pasqua di Cristo celebrata in tre giorni. Il triduo della passione, morte e della risurrezione del Signore ha inizio con la messa in Coena Domini, ha il suo vertice nella veglia pasquale e la domenica di risurrezione.

### L'inizio del triduo con la messa "in Coena Domini"

La messa in Coena Domini ha un tono festivo e i testi biblici e le orazioni pongono in risalto che Cristo ci ha dato la sua pasqua nel rito della cena che esige, da parte della comunità, il servizio e la carità come condivisione del mistero della pasqua di Cristo. Così cogliamo il gesto della lavanda dei piedi, non come scenografia liturgica, ma come stile che la chiesa assume nel vivere il mistero della Passione di Cristo.

La celebrazione conclude con le specie consacrate riposte in un tabernacolo preparato per l' occasione, che sarà poi oggetto di adorazione, e serviranno per la celebrazione del venerdì santo

**Venerdì Santo**

In questo giorno si celebra la Passione del Signore con la liturgia che comprende la Parola - la Venerazione della Croce - la Comunione. Il tono è solenne e nello stesso tempo mette in risalto il perché si è stati convocati, non per lagnare alla croce con un vuoto sentimentalismo, ma per adorare il legno della croce e diventare così misura del nostro amore. La croce ha il posto predominante in questa liturgia e va guardata così come c'è la fa contemplare l'evangelista Giovanni. Non è il giorno di lutto, ma giorno di un' amorosa contemplazione del sacrificio, fonte della nostra salvezza.

**Le Meditazione della Via Crucis**

Accanto alla celebrazione liturgica vera e propria vige la pia pratica della "Via Crucis".

**Sabato santo**

Questo giorno è senza celebrazione eucaristica, viene celebrato il riposo di Cristo nella tomba dopo il vittorioso e glorioso combattimento della croce. Viene meditato il mistero salvifico della discesa di Cristo nel mondo della morte e si attende il terzo giorno.

**La veglia pasquale**

Il sabato santo ha una liturgia vigilare che divide in diverse parti: Liturgia della luce, liturgia della Parola, liturgia battesimale, liturgia eucaristica.

**Liturgia della luce:** Il mondo della tenebra è attraversato dalla Luce, il Cristo risorto, in cui Dio ha realizzato in modo definitivo il suo progetto di salvezza. In lui, si illumina il destino dell'umanità e la sua identità di «immagine e somiglianza di Dio». (Gn 1,26-27) La benedizione del fuoco, l'accensione del cero Pasquale, segno del Cristo risorto, indica con quale realtà anche noi viviamo il cammino della vita. Il tutto converge nel canto del "Exsultet" che fa memoria dell'opera di salvezza che Dio ha operato in mezzo al suo popolo.

**La liturgia della Parola:** La parola prepara l'evento che viene celebrato, per questo le sette letture nel loro scorrere fanno raccontare come Dio non ha abbandonato il suo popolo e ha promesso la salvezza che si realizza con la morte e risurrezione di Cristo.

**Liturgia battesimale:** Una componente di questa veglia è la dimensione battesimale, e a rinnovare anche noi le promesse battesimali e rivivere nello stesso tempo il Battesimo. E attraverso quest'acqua nella sua duplice accezione: morte-vita segno, come afferma san Paolo, siamo immersi nella morte e risurrezione di Cristo.

**Liturgia eucaristica:** È il vertice di tutto il cammino quaresimale e della celebrazione vigilare. Il popolo rigenerato nel battesimo per la potenza dello Spirito, è ammesso al convito pasquale che corona la nuova condizione di libertà e riconciliazione. Nei segni del pane e del vino, consacrati, i nuovi discepoli riconoscono il Cristo crocifisso e risorto come ci aiuta a comprendere il prefazio di questa notte:

*"È lui il vero Agnello che ha tolto i peccati del mondo, è lui che morendo ha distrutto la morte e risorgendo ha ridato a noi la vita".*

## Passion Sunday - Holy Week & Easter Triduum - 2025 Masses & other Celebrations

**April 12 Palm Saturday**

3:30 – 4:30pm \*\* Confessions \*\*  
5:00pm Mass

**April 13 Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

*Distribution and Blessing of Palms in the  
Parish Hall - Procession from Hall to the Church*

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NO MASS

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8:00 am Mass

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(Blessing of Sacramental Oils)

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**Good Friday Collection***in support of the Holy Land*

The mission of the **Commissariat of the Holy Land** is to help Christian communities of the Holy Land, made possible with the generosity of all Catholics world wide. Each year your gift sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Shrines and Sites that have been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries. An important challenge that we face is the revival of the Church and the mission of formation of future priests.

On Good Friday, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities. Let us be generous and show solidarity to the needs of the church in the land of Jesus. Thank You.

**SITE FOR DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

Although it took a while to set up, we are finally able to receive church donations directly deposited to the church account via our email: [office@churchofsaintann.ca](mailto:office@churchofsaintann.ca).

Your transaction will show at your bank as a payment to: RCEC Diocese of St. Catharines – St. Ann Church.

This feature will hopefully encourage donations especially for those parishioners who are unable to attend mass on a regular basis. All e-transfer donations will of course be recorded and receipts issued on an annual basis.

**MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER  
FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH****Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025****St. Ann Parish Hall doors open 4:30 pm**

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Dessert &amp; Coffee

**Take-out available***Tickets at the door:* Adults \$ 15.00

Children (up to 10yrs) \$ 6.00

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**This month's Pasta Dinner is being sponsored by**

**The Covelli and Mazzone families****Next Coffee Weekend**

All parishioners and visitors are invited this weekend - **Saturday & Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May** for light refreshments in the Church Hall after all the Masses. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the events in the parish over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

This coffee weekend is being sponsored by the **Ladies' Auxiliary Committee** of St. Ann.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK  
& THE HOMEBOUND**

Giuseppe Armenti, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli,  
Domenic Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi,  
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Beatriz Disch,  
Carmen Fabiani, Sam Fiore, Jenny Green,  
Virginia McConnell  
Agueda Maria Melo, Patricia Millington,  
Geraldine Parker, Vincenzina Pascuzzi,  
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber

**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP – EASTER 2025**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his letter announcing the Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis stated the following, “Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring” (*Spes Non Confundit* – Hope does not disappoint).

As we consider the world at this present moment, there are serious concerns regarding what the future may bring. Fear of the future can disturb our peace and rob us of hope.

“Be not afraid” (*Matthew 28:10*). These were the first words spoken by Jesus on Easter morning. This simple phrase was addressed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary because they were overwhelmed by the empty tomb. Jesus wanted to restore their hope by helping them to overcome their fear.

St. John reminds us that “there is no fear in love, but perfect love, casts out fear” (*1John 4:18*). When these two women met the Risen Lord, they encountered “perfect love”. Their fear vanished and their hope was restored because Jesus was alive!

Our celebration of Easter can help us to overcome our fear. When we allow ‘perfect love’ to transform in our hearts we become pilgrims of hope. The most perfect place for this to happen is at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where we commemorate and celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Here the Risen Lord will come to us in word and sacrament. We will be encouraged to listen and ‘taste and see the goodness of our God’. Our hardened heart will be pierced by perfect love. All fear will be vanquished by a profound hope for the future.

This year I invite you to come to Easter Sunday Mass as ‘pilgrims of hope’. Let us invite others to join us as we encounter the Risen Lord who will remind us that hope does not disappoint. “Be not afraid”.

May God bless you with joy and hope this Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ

**Most Reverend  
Gerard Bergie, D.D.**