



March 25th, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Passion Sunday



The final act in the drama of Jesus has come. The Son of Man must suffer many things. In his account of the Passion, Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus' suffering. He has Jesus die in total isolation – deserted by his disciples, taunted by his enemies, derided by those who hung him, and, worst of all, abandoned by God.

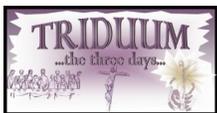
The rending of the curtain of the temple signifies that the privilege of Israel has ended; henceforth access to the divine presence is open to all. The reply to the question which has dominated Mark's Gospel (Who, then, is this?) is found in the words of the centurion: 'Truly, this man was the Son of God.'



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.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum



Through his Paschal Mystery the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection

of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers.

This Week

Monday, March 26

7:00pm Mass +Julian Wlosinski

Tuesday, March 27

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group
8:00am Mass
9:15am Reconciliation—St. Augustine's School
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Wisdom Bible Study group

Wednesday, March 28

8:00am Mass +Barbara MacCulloch
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Meeting Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 31

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Note: Parish Office Closed Easter Monday April 2

Papal Prayer Intentions for March

Formation in spiritual discernment – That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels

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We are grateful for these gifts.

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Later that night, after sundown – because Passover began at sundown- the Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place, marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three, of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church.

This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized are the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas.

After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil celebrates and proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning.

No Mass is celebrated on this day. The omission of the prayer of consecration deepens our sense of loss because Mass throughout the year reminds us of the Lord's triumph over death, the source of our joy and blessing. The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. With a rich display of symbols, rites and readings, the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being.

The vigil opens with a service of light. Like the Jewish Passover, our Easter celebration coincides with the beginning of spring, when the sun offers new warmth and earth is ready to flower again. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle go back to rites that long preceded Christianity. The candle, carried with loving reverence and praised in word and song, is a sign of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

A series of readings recalls the great interventions of God in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, and ends with the story of

REST IN PEACE

Rose Boulton

Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia" proclaims with quiet joy the triumph of God's Son. Those preparing for Baptism then receive the sacraments of initiation. This night brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again.

Did you know...



Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate

the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The History of Palm Sunday

Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

In the early centuries, the procession began on the Mount of the Ascension and proceeded to the Church of the Holy Cross.

As the practice spread throughout the Christian world by the ninth century, the procession would begin in each church with the blessing of palms, proceed outside the church, and then return to the church for the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The faithful would continue to hold the palms during the reading of the Passion. In this way, they would recall that many of the same people who greeted Christ with shouts of joy on Palm Sunday would call for His Death on Good Friday—a powerful reminder of our own weakness and the sinfulness that causes us to reject Christ.

Palm Sunday without Palms?

In different parts of the Christian world, particularly where palms were historically hard to obtain, branches of other bushes and trees were used, including olive, box elder, spruce, and various willows. Perhaps best known is the Slavic custom of using pussy willows, which are among the earliest of plants to bud out in the spring.

The faithful have traditionally decorated their houses with the palms from Palm Sunday, and, in many countries, a custom developed of weaving the palms into crosses that were placed on home altars or other places of prayer. Since the palms have been blessed, they should not simply be discarded; rather, the faithful return them to their local parish in the weeks before Lent, to be burned and used as the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for



Easter Triduum Street Parking

Please be aware that street parking around the Church is heavily monitored and ticketed; cars are often towed. For your convenience there is limited additional off street parking over at the school, 8th Avenue @ Arbutus Street.

We have recently experienced automobile break-ins and theft in the underground parking area. Do NOT leave valuables unattended.

School News...

We invite you to celebrate
Saturday April 28th, 2018
A Very Gatsby Affair!

Pass the Torch is an annual gala hosted by the Parish of St. Augustine's. Enjoy a spectacular evening of live entertainment, dancing and dining. It's an incredible night, guaranteed to excite your senses! This fundraising event includes a three-course dinner, live & silent auctions with over \$50,000 worth of items and dancing to a live band and a DJ!

St. Augustine's School: 604 731-8024

Info: Faithandfoundation.com

Tickets: Passthetorch.brownpapertickets.com

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St. Augustine School is seeking a part-time bookkeeper.

This position is 3 days/week and is on site. Days of work are flexible. This candidate works very closely with the secretary at the school office and provides administrative support as necessary. For a full job description, please contact St. Augustine's school office directly at 604-731-8024 or by email office@staugschool.ca

Parish Council Elections

Elections for three new Parish Council councillors will be held on the weekend of April 21 and 22nd, to replace three of the councillors that have come to the end of their Parish Council term. Any active parishioner over the age of 18 can be nominated as a candidate for the Parish Council for a three year term. The Nominations Committee requests that a form be filled out and returned to the Nominations Box between March 22 and April 3, 2018. Extra nomination forms can be obtained by emailing parishcouncil@staugustineschurch.ca.

Food Collection

No Food Collection for The Door is Open over the Easter weekend. The next collection will be Sunday April 15th.

Catholic Women's League News

CWL bursaries - there are a number of bursaries available for CWL members &/or their children/grandkids. Deadline is March 31. Please contact Karen for more information kzawortny@gmail.com.

CWL upcoming events

April 8 - General Meeting - A representative from Mary Pack Arthritis Center will give a presentation on arthritis.

Save the date...

April 22—Spring Fair

June 10—Sisterhood Luncheon



CWL Spring Fair Sunday April 22.

If you are cleaning out your closets, more information to come for collecting items for the sales tables.

Around the Archdiocese...



Chrism Mass

March 28, 2018 @ 5:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral

One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and all our priests on Wednesday, March 28, at 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism.



Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2465 Crown St. Vancouver

The annual New Evangelization Summit, held in Ottawa and streamed to 36 host-sites around North America including Our

Lady of Perpetual Help and which is co-hosted by St. Augustine's, will feature world-renowned speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. Their talks will inspire, encourage and give practical advice on how we, as Catholics, can influence those around us with the Gospel message in the New Evangelization. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and lay faithful – will benefit from this opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. **Friday, April 27, from 7–9:30pm and Saturday, April 28, from 8:45am–4:30pm. Ticket price - \$40** – Chili lunch will be provided. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.newevangelization.ca. If you wish to volunteer email vollet@telus.net to learn more!

Oblate Corner



AN INVITATION TO RENEW OURSELVES AS DISCIPLES

Posted by Frank Santucci

Eugene concludes his retreat by saying that all that is written in the Rule, all that he has meditated on, is there to “maintain the spirit of our vocation.” In other words, whatever is our Rule of Life, its purpose is to keep us focused on our baptismal call to discipleship as we express it in our relationship with God,

with one another and with self in the light of the Gospel.

These things are all precious. They are eminently suited to keep us in the spirit of our vocation, to have us acquire new virtues and the most abundant merits; that is why the Rule insists that the missionary especially one who has rendered the most striking services to the Church, procured the most glory for God and saved the greatest number of souls in the exercise of the holy missions, hasten joyfully into the bosom of our communities there to make himself forgetful of people and renew himself by the practice of obedience and humility and all the hidden virtues, in the spirit of his vocation and the fervour of religious perfection, without neglecting his other duties:

Then Eugene quotes directly from the Rule about the necessity for personal renewal using several means:

When the missionaries are not on a mission, they will return with joy to the holy solitude of their own house, so that they may employ their time to renew the spirit of their vocation by meditation on the divine law and the study of Sacred Scripture, the fathers of the Church, dogmatic and moral theology, and the other branches of ecclesiastical science. Moreover, they will be earnest in their efforts to prepare new material for their next missions.”

... Living like this one is sure of pleasing God and then there is no obstacle to one approaching the Saviour, uniting oneself with him by the Sacrament of his love in the daily offering of the holy Sacrifice.

Retreat notes, October 1831, EO XV n. 163

We conclude this set of reflections on Eugene’s retreat as we begin Holy Week – where he will accompany us through our celebration of the Paschal mystery. May this Holy Week be an opportunity to “return with joy to the holy solitude” of our own hearts so as to renew ourselves “in the spirit of our vocation” as Christian disciples.

If you are new to our Parish Community or have an address or telephone change, please fill out the information below and submit it to the parish office or drop into the collection basket. please print in block letters.	
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