



April 5th 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Those who put Christ to death



The people who put Christ to death were not a uniquely evil bunch of people. They were ordinary people. In each we glimpse something of ourselves, of our failings, and of our need for grace. Who are the main characters in the Passion Story?

We have the Pharisees. They religious men devoted to study the Law of God. But they were

convinced of their own rightness, and history shows that such people are capable of the most appalling evil.

We have Pilate. He knew Jesus was innocent, but he feared that trouble would ensure if he did not give the religious leaders what they wanted. Most people know what is right, but they don't always have the courage to do it.

Then there is Judas: Most likely a disillusioned man. But even he came to recognize and condemn the evil he has done. Plenty of people today seem to have no such problem.

We have Peter. He was a man who was simply weak. Any of us would probably have denied Jesus in the same circumstances. Peter at least shed tears over his denials.

We also have the crowd, the people standing around. It was an emotional occasion. They simply got carried away. They didn't really know what was happening. Often we too take refuge in the crowd.

But we must not lose sight of the main character in this story- Jesus himself. He shows us that the only way to overcome evil is by good. He loved us to the point of dying for us.

Passion Sunday

This Sunday begins Holy Week, the most important Liturgical week of the year for all Christians. The week begins with the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem but the cheering and laudatory celebrations all too soon lead to His condemnation and death on the Cross by Good Friday. This however, is not the end. The Glory of His Resurrection and promise of New Life begins Easter Sunday and gives abundant hope to all the faithful.

This year is a very different Easter week celebration as we self isolate and pray, alone or with family. God, who sent his only Son to redeem us, remains at our side and does not desert us at this time of world travail. Please join me during Holy Week through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and all Easter Masses by following St. Augustine's on Facebook. Simply Google [facebook@staugchurch](https://www.facebook.com/staugchurch) to celebrate Mass with us.

-Fr. Andrzej

This Week

Monday, April 6

7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, April 7

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 8

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Thursday, April 9

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10

3:00pm Mass

Good Friday

Saturday, April 11

5:00pm Mass

Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

9:00am Mass

+Antonio Perrotta

11:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass

+Mary Finnegan

Popes Prayer Intention for April

Universal: Freedom from Addiction-We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**MASSES HELD WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



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### Holy Week



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.

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.

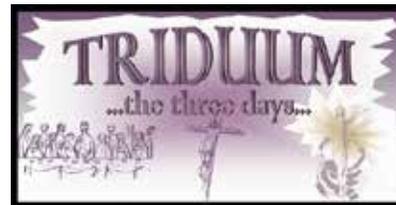
As the practice spread throughout the Christian world by the ninth century, the procession would begin in each Church with the blessing of palms, proceed outside the Church, and then return to the Church for the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The faithful would continue to 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.

### 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.

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.

## 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 our common home.

### Virtual Faith Study - Discover the Holy Spirit



Join us online Tuesday evenings at 7:30 starting April 7th for a weekly virtual gathering to learn more about the Holy Spirit and build community so we can become better disciples of Christ. We will be watching and discussing videos of The Wild Goose

series by Fr. Dave Pivonka. For more information or to register e-mail: [biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca](mailto:biblestudies@staugustineschurch.ca)

### Weekly Sunday Donations

Weekly offering envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

If you wish, you can make your Sunday and Special donations using Mastercard, Visa or Preauthorized Debit. Please complete the authorization form which can be picked up at the Parish Office or complete online at [www.staugustineschurch.ca](http://www.staugustineschurch.ca)

The amount you authorize will be processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

***Thank you for your generous financial support.***

### Important Update: Pass the Torch response to COVID19

Dear Pass the Torch Gala guests and St. Augustine Parish community: We hope you are all well in these uncertain times.

After much prayer and consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the *Pass the Torch Gala* that was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. The health of our benefactors is of paramount concern to the Pass the Torch Committee and Faith and Foundation.

The annual *Pass the Torch Gala* has a large impact on the fundraising efforts for the St. Augustine School building project. As such, we will reach out to you in the next few weeks if we come up with any alternate options.

In the meantime, we wished to express how grateful we are for your support of the *Pass the Torch Gala*. All tickets purchased shall be refunded in the next few days.

Please watch for a PEC notification in the coming days concerning PTT volunteer hours. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you health and blessings,

*Jenneh and Marta*

Co-Chairs, Pass the Torch Committee

[www.passthetorchgala.com](http://www.passthetorchgala.com)

### Message for our Senior Lunch Community

Due to the current health challenges we all face, the previously listed dates (**April 20th and June 8th**) for our much loved **School Hosted Seniors' Lunches** are being cancelled. You are in our prayers as we do all we can to keep everyone safe. We will also be communicating with your Grade 7 prayer partners to seek their prayers for your intentions, and ask that you do the same for our young people.



### St. Augustine's Door Is Open Support Goes Virtual during COVID 19



St. Augustine's parishioners have been supporting the Door Is Open ministry in the downtown eastside for many years with donations to their foodbank. Twice a month volunteers from the parish have collected food donations and taken them down to the DIO. With this ministry unable to continue in the same way, the Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners who would normally bring food, and anyone else who can, to consider either sending a cheque or making an online donation to the Door Is Open. This ministry helps feed hundreds of vulnerable people many of whom are at great risk for Covid 19. Online donations can be made at:

<https://rcav.org/donate-the-door-is-open/>

or send a cheque made out to "The Door Is Open" and marked "Daily Meal Provision" care of:

The Door Is Open

c/o Catholic Charities

4885 Saint John Paul II Way

Vancouver BC V5Z 0G3

### Share Lent—2020



As the global human family faces the COVID-19 pandemic, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada wishes its members, donors and partner organizations the best of health and resilience. Our thoughts are especially with communities of the Global South whose hardships are compounded by this crisis.

### Share Lent 2020: In-person activities on hold

Following the advice of public health authorities, we at Development and Peace have made the decision to cancel or postpone all our in-person meetings and events across Canada. Each year, our dedicated members bring our Share Lent campaign to life by organizing workshops, fundraising activities, speaking events and more in parishes and schools to highlight our campaign and to raise the funds needed to help millions of people around the world. Even though this is an important time for fundraising and building our movement at Development and Peace, we must put health, safety and the common good first.

### A virtual campaign



During this difficult time, the need to support one another is more present than ever, particularly for our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose struggles will be multiplied by this pandemic. As such, we will continue our Share Lent journey of solidarity virtually. We will remain in close contact by providing content and resources so that you can experience the spiritual renewal of Lent online and show your solidarity with those who need it most.

### Your support is vital

As Church closures are already impacting collections in parishes across Canada, we are asking for donations by mail, phone or online:

Send a cheque to:

Development and Peace,

1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal (Quebec) H3G 1T7

Call to donate:

1-888 664-3387

Oblate Corner



Eugene Casimir Chirouse was among the five first Oblates to arrive in Oregon in 1847. The following year, he became the first priest to be ordained in the American State of Washington. After about ten years in Oregon, he was sent to Vancouver Island, in British Columbia. The valiant apostle was soon known and appreciated by the Amerindian tribes of that region. He was at once called "Good old Father."

**A dangerous expedition**

In 1860 he was sent on an expedition to explore the island. He was asked to go up the east coast by canoe, reaching as far north as

possible, to evaluate the disposition of the local natives, and to seek out a favorable site for the eventual establishment of a mission. The tribes of that region were considered "barbarians" hostile to whites. Many thought that Oblates who would venture there would be massacred, just as the many "pale faces" who had been there before. In spite of these warnings, Father Chirouse decided to respond to the request of his superior. He chose Father Leon Fouquet to accompany him, and the two began the voyage toward Nanaimo.

One night, at about 9:00, during dreary weather, they approached a spot where the Penelakut tribe had encamped. Father Chirouse had heard, shortly before, that their chief had been seriously wounded by other Amerindians from the north. As they advanced, our two missionaries saw no signs of life, and heard nothing except the distant howling of a wolf.

**A saving cry**

Suddenly the dogs began to bark. At once the Indians, fearing another attack, seized their arms and come out from their ambush. With much presence of mind, Father Fouquet let out a cry, the only cry that could interrupt the Penelakut attack: "Chilouse". That is how these Amerindians pronounced the name of Father Chirouse. They knew him well and loved him as a father. Another voice was heard coming from the Amerindian side: "Pi Fouquet". This cry was uttered by Saanich, a youth who had been visiting Northern friends, and who recognized Father Fouquet's voice. At once the natives threw down their arms. "They were so glad to see us" remembers Father, "that they didn't wait until we disembarked. They ran into the water and towed our boats ashore. All were pleased with themselves for not having fired upon us. They surrounded us and dragged us into their tents".

On the next day, the two missionaries, armed only with their Oblate crosses, pursued their expedition all the way to the extremity of the island.

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.

New Parishioner    Need Envelopes    Information Change

First Name	First Name
Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name
Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
City	Phone
Postal Code	Email
Comments	

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