



March 28th 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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### Meaning of Palm Sunday



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.

### 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 too 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.'*

## This Week

### Monday, March 29

7:00pm Mass Int Gord Brown

### Tuesday, March 30

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual Meeting)  
8:00am Mass +Ho Lee  
7:00pm Mass +Teddorico Robillo

### Wednesday, March 31

8:00am Mass +Maria Ngon Thi Nguyen  
7:00pm Meeting Rite of Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (Virtual)  
7:00pm Mass +José Reynald Andres

### Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00pm Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper (Live streamed)

### Good Friday, April 2

11:00am Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
1:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Live streamed)

### Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30pm Mass Easter Vigil  
(No Public Congregation)

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4

9:00am Mass (Live streamed)  
11:00am Mass (Live streamed)  
5:00pm Mass (Live streamed)  
7:00pm Mass

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<http://staugustineschurch.ca>  
for Livestream Mass times during Holy Week

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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

Jaden Miles Perez-Garcia

**REST IN PEACE**

+Antonio Perri

### Schedule for the Triduum and the Divine Mercy Sunday

#### In person services:

**April 1 - Holy Thursday** – 7:00 pm (live stream)

**April 2 – Good Friday** – 11:00 am; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm (live stream)

**April 4 – Easter Sunday** – 9:00 am (Livestreamed); 11:00 am (Livestreamed)  
5:00 pm (Livestream); 7:00 pm

**April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday** – 9:00 am (Livestreamed);  
11:00 am (Livestreamed)  
5:00 pm (Livestreamed); 7:00 pm

### Procedures for in-person services during the Triduum and Divine Mercy Sunday.

The schedule is published in our bulletin and on our web page.

#### Requirements:

A face covering is mandatory during the whole service. It can only be removed for a brief moment at Holy Communion. If someone is exempted from wearing a face covering they must present the appropriate document in order to gain entry to the Church.

Health questions as outlined by [worksafebc](https://www.worksafebc.com) will be asked of everyone who attends the service.

The doors will be opened 30 minutes before the services. **Late arrivals will not be admitted.**

All who attend must pre-register. You may choose the service of your choice but if space is not available you will be assigned asked your second or third options. You will receive a confirmation of your booking by Email or telephone. Do NOT show up if your booking has not been confirmed. This is to ensure as many people as possible will be able to attend in person.

The glass side door to the Parish Hall Centre (*next to the wheelchair ramp from 7th Avenue*) will be the entrance; the exits will be the Maple Street doors and the Main door of the Church.

Social distancing must be maintained at all times.

**A participant must not gather or socially engaged with other participants during, before or after a worship service.**

**A participant must disperse immediately after a worship service, and must not congregate with other participants who are leaving the service, or arriving to attend a subsequent service.**

#### Additional information about our services:

There will be an Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday; the Church will be open for private prayers that evening till 9:30 pm. There will be 15 minutes intervals for people to have their private adoration. Signing up for a particular time will be required.

On Good Friday you will be invited to Venerate the Cross from your seats.

Holy Communion will be distributed on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday from 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm to those who cannot participate in our scheduled services.

### Holy Communion at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday

#### Receiving Holy Communion at St. Augustine's



Those who wish to receive Holy Communion may do so after celebrating St. Augustine's Sunday Mass on-line may do so by visiting the Church between 12 noon and 2:00pm each Sunday.

**Procedure:** Enter the Parish Centre through the glass door, sanitize your hands and proceed to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion from Fr. Andrzej.

After receiving Holy Communion you may say a short prayer of thanksgiving before exiting the Church through the east side door on Maple Street .

#### Please note:

Visiting the Church and receiving Holy Communion is not meant for prolonged personal prayer. You are welcome to do that on weekdays during office hours.

I hope all will understand the importance of complying to the Provincial Health restrictions and will co-operate.

*Fr. Andrzej Stenzina, OMI*

### 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.



### This Lent, let's share love!

Visit: <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove>

Ways to **donate** to the D&P campaign during these times of COVID19

**Method #1:** Please use your own envelope or pick up one at the Church.

Please **make cheque payable to your parish & write "for D&P" in the memo line**

Drop your envelopes at the Church, or use surface mail by Canada Post addressed to your Church in Vancouver or hand deliver your envelope.

**Method #2:** Online giving at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) Select the GIVE NOW tab

**Method #3:** Online giving at [rcav.org/lent/share-lent](http://rcav.org/lent/share-lent)

All donations over \$20 can receive a tax receipt.

**Share Love, Share Lent and have a blessed Lenten Season!**

### St. Augustine's Vocation Ministry

Invites you to join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am to pray the Rosary for Vocations. We will do this over a Zoom video call. If you would like to join us please send an e mail to Ben Hume at [bhume03@gmail.com](mailto:bhume03@gmail.com) and he will put you on the invite list which will contain the Zoom link to join the prayer session. If you are unsure how to access Zoom, please call Ben and he will help you through the process.

The next prayer session will happen on **March 31st at 8:30am.**

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### Mary of Nazareth FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

A beautiful motion picture detailing the life of Mary from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

### Drug or Alcohol Addiction Recovery

If you, a loved one, or someone you know, wants to be free from an addiction to drugs or alcohol, consider **Sancta Maria House**. Located in a beautiful part of Vancouver, we offer a structured and supportive Catholic Christian 12-Step recovery program, in a pleasant, loving, family-like setting.

We accept women of all faith backgrounds. *For more information, visit:*

[agapestreetministry.org/healing-homes/sancta-maria-house-1st-stage-recovery-house/](http://agapestreetministry.org/healing-homes/sancta-maria-house-1st-stage-recovery-house/) or call **604-731-5550**.

### St. Augustine's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



St. Augustine's RCIA catechumens and candidates have been meeting in person or by virtual meetings since the end of September in preparation for receiving the Sacraments this spring. On Wednesday March 24th they celebrated the Rite of Election.

*Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers especially at this time.*

#### Catechumens

Mariska Nathan

Damon Croix

Jesse Lu

Ka Kit Chiam

Jolie Chen

#### Candidates

Jimena Perez

Janessa Hitsman



### St. Augustine's School Pass the Torch Annual Fundraiser

**PTT 2021 tickets on sale now! Event information and online ticket purchasing at [Pass the Torch Virtual Gala 2021](http://Pass the Torch Virtual Gala 2021)**

Please email questions or concerns to [passthetorchtickets@gmail.com](mailto:passthetorchtickets@gmail.com)

### Stewardship Reflection

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*

- Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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