

# St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral Parish

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## Passion of Our Lord (Palm Sunday) March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Monday	25	12:10 P.M.	Helen MacDonald by Tom & Pierrette Nelson
Tuesday	26	10:00 A.M.	<b>Chrism Mass at St. Anthony's Cathedral</b>
Wednesday	27	12:10 P.M.	Dustin Donovan by Beverly Richards & Family
Thursday	28		<b>Holy Thursday</b>
		7:00 P.M.	Rita Daschuk by Pat Arbic
Friday	29		<b>Good Friday (day of fast &amp; abstinence)</b>
		9:00 A.M.	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
		3:00 P.M.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
		7:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	30		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		8:00 P.M.	Deceased Babela Family by Veronica Farrell
Sunday	31		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		9:00 A.M.	For the needs of the parishioner

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Please contact Fr. John for any office needs. The office email is st.anthonys@fibreop.ca

**PERMANENT DEACONS:** Deacon Jacob Gregorcic and Deacon David Smith

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Fr. John is usually available thirty minutes before weekday Mass to celebrate reconciliation or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Call the Parish Office for further info. Preparation course for parents takes place at St. Anthony's Cathedral. The next course will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr. John at least six months before your anticipated date of marriage.

**PRIESTHOOD:** If you would like further information about becoming a priest, brother, or sister contact Fr. John or visit [www.vocations.ca](http://www.vocations.ca)

**SICK CALLS:** If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the Parish Office.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION:** For the repose of the soul of Jane Martin by Ken & Helen Ryan.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Each week we invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$20.00 and you may drop the donation off at the rectory or place it in the collection with the information enclosed. **We are in need of intentions for April onwards.**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** "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. (Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)



**HOW TO E-TRANSFER:** For those who wish to donate to the Parish by e-transfer, use the email "st.anthonys@fibreop.ca" No password is required. Thank you for your support.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** are available to be lit at the entrance of the Church. Please see the minister of hospitality for one. Cost is \$5.00 per candle.

**COLLECTION UPDATE:** March 17<sup>th</sup>: \$2251.00. Weekly Budget: \$3730.00. Difference: -\$1479.00. Month to Date: \$10051.00. Monthly Budget: \$16166.00. Difference: -\$6115.00.

**SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK:** Please continue to remember to bring your can goods each week to Mass to help support the Timmins Food Bank. Your generosity will help make the difference in the lives of others who do not have as much as we do.

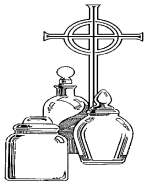
**LIVE-STREAM OF EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGIES:** For those unable to attend the Triduum, the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 P.M., the Good Friday Service of the Word at 3:00 P.M., and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 P.M. will be live streamed from the Cathedral and available on the Cathedral's Facebook and Youtube pages. Bishop Poitras will be presiding.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Last call for donations in memory of loved ones for Easter Flowers. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. Deadline for donations is this Tuesday.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** According to Diocese guidelines parents must take a preparation course prior to the baptism of their child. The next course will take place **April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at St. Anthony's Cathedral Hall.** Parents must take part in both sessions prior to the baptism of their child. Pre-registration is not required.

## LIVING HOLY WEEK WITH THE CHURCH

**PALM SUNDAY (March 24<sup>th</sup>):** During the Masses we recall the messianic entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete His paschal mystery on earth. This Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and it begins the most solemn of all weeks in the entire liturgical year. Two special features set this Mass apart from others: the blessing of palms at the beginning of Mass and the proclamation of the passion story from one of the synoptic gospels. This year we will hear St. Mark's passion narrative.



**CHRISM MASS (March 26<sup>th</sup>)** at St. Anthony's Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is a gathering of the Diocesan Church around its Bishop. During this Mass, Bishop Poitras will invite the priests to renew their priestly commitment. He will do the same for the deacons. He will also bless the oils and consecrated Chrism that will be used in Parishes throughout the Diocese this coming year to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and

Confirmation as well as the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. **We are looking for a volunteer to receive the newly blessed oils at this Mass on behalf of the Parish. See Fr. John if you plan on attending this Mass.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** The last opportunities to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament of God's healing and peace will be **Wednesday from 11:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Cathedral and 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish.** The Church strongly encourages us to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter as a way to cleanse ourselves from our "old ways" so that we may receive a new heart and a new spirit with the gift of Easter.

## CELEBRATING THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Through His Paschal Mystery, Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Jesus destroyed our death; by rising He restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum celebrates the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the high point of our liturgical life. The Easter solemnity is to the year, what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens in the evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil and closes with Easter Sunday evening. These are the three most holy and sacred days of the Church Year. Let us make every effort to live each of these days and celebrate them. The following guide may be helpful to you.

Perhaps we could use the words of the entrance antiphon on Holy Thursday to guide us through these sacred days. They sum up for us and highlight the meaning of our sacred journey:

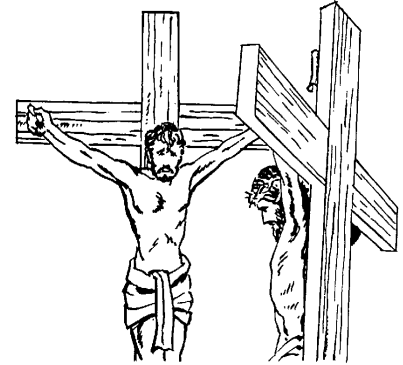
**"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free." (Galatians 6:14)**



**HOLY THURSDAY (March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.):** The Universal Church gathers to celebrate Jesus' institution of the ministerial priesthood, the Eucharist, and the command to serve our brothers and sisters. During this Mass we remember Jesus' example of washing the feet of His apostles.

Mass will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession through the Church. Afterwards you are welcome to spend time in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 P.M.

**GOOD FRIDAY (March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.):** In our service we remember Jesus' last hours on earth and venerate the wood of the cross as a gesture of love and recognition for the great gift that Jesus gave to us. To venerate a simple wooden cross is one of the most ancient gestures of the Church which dates back to the fourth century. There are many ways to venerate the cross: to kiss a piece of the wood, to touch it with one's hand or to bow before it -- all are acceptable and meaningful ways to enter into the sacred rite.

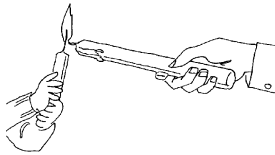


At the end of the service a collection will be taken to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Land. The monies collected help maintain the shrines and churches in this holy place where Jesus lived and died for us.

The Church reminds us that Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We are encouraged to continue this fast as much as possible until our participation at the Easter Vigil.

At 7:00 P.M. there will be the Stations of the Cross. This traditional devotion gives us an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus during His last hours upon the earth with us.

**EASTER VIGIL (March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M.):** During this day we are invited to remain in recollection at the tomb of Jesus. At night fall, the Church gathers to celebrate the Lord's resurrection. This night is the holiest of all vigils. The new fire and Easter Candle is lit, the stories of salvation history are proclaimed, our Baptismal promises are renewed, and the Eucharist is shared for the first time as an Easter people. It is an awesome and life-giving celebration!



**EASTER SUNDAY (March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 A.M.):** During this day we continue the joy of being an Easter People. The collection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday goes to the Parish unless you mark it otherwise.

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