

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty. ~ Pope Francis ~

Holy Week, the final week of Lent, is the most important week in the Catholic Church. It begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is an important week of prayer, reflection and gratitude as we contemplate the agony Jesus endured for us and the hope of resurrection. For nearly 40 days, we have practiced the three pillars of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Now we are invited to an even deeper spirit of prayer as we follow Christ on his journey to the Cross.

How Do We Celebrate Holy Week as Catholics?

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb.

The high point of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. Triduum simply means a three-day festival. 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 on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, a distinct liturgy that begins with a Gospel reading of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem at the entrance of our worship space. Palm Sunday is the first time we hear the Lord's Passion in the liturgical calendar.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum—the three days leading up to Jesus' Resurrection. This liturgy includes the reception of the Holy Oils, in which the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism are processed through the church, to be used for the rest of the year. These oils are all blessed by Bishop Fabbro during the Mass of Chrism, which is celebrated on the Monday of Holy Week. Also notable at the Holy Thursday service is the washing of the feet, in which the priest washes the feet of 12 parishioners. Jesus did this to demonstrate to his disciples how they are to serve others through selfless love.

At the end of Mass, consecrated hosts remain on the altar while everything else is stripped away. As incense fills the church, the priest, donning a special garb called a humeral veil, takes the Blessed Sacrament and processes out of the church to a chapel or other area for adoration.

Good Friday

This is the only day in the entire year in which no Mass is celebrated. It's a solemn day that calls for fasting and abstinence. The liturgy begins in absolute silence and ends in silence. There are no candles, no greeting, genuflection or sign of peace. We adore the cross, a symbol of victory and salvation. If it were not for eyes of faith, we could never understand this strange, bizarre action of seeing glory in the cross.

Holy Saturday

The Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil, which is the most unique and most important liturgy of the year. Easter Vigil begins when the sun has set. The church remains in total darkness. We meet around a fire outside the church, which lights the Paschal candle. As the flame is shared throughout the church to individual handheld candles it dispels the darkness.

The Liturgy of the Word, which can include up to nine readings, begins in darkness. The readings demonstrate the connection between the Old and New Testaments and how Jesus fulfilled Scripture and achieved salvation for all humanity.

The Liturgy of Baptism, which follows the Gospel and homily, marks the culmination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Catechumens, who have been preparing to enter the Church, are baptized, confirmed, and later receive their first Holy Communion.

The Easter Vigil is a joyous, celebratory liturgy.

Easter Sunday

The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. It is the heart and core of the whole Church year. We celebrate with a renewal of baptismal promise to reject sin and evil, to love God and follow Jesus. Easter marks the beginning of the fifty day celebration period in the Church calendar. It continues until Pentecost and beyond.

Please plan to be a part of these wonderful celebrations.



This information will also be available on the North Central Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes website: ncwcf.dol.ca



North Central Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026 (Regular Mass Schedule)

Saturday March 28, 2026

5:00 PM – Most Precious Blood

5:00 PM – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday March 29, 2026

9:00 AM – St. Theresa

10:00 AM – Our Lady of Guadalupe / San Juan Diego (Bilingual English/Spanish)

11:00 AM – Most Precious Blood

11:30 AM – Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Bilingual English/Slovak)



Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026

7:00 PM – Trilingual Mass – Most Precious Blood (English/Slovak/Spanish)

Private Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm



Good Friday – April 3, 2026

11:00 AM – Children's Liturgy – Our Lady of Guadalupe

3:00 PM – Solemn Service – Our Lady of Guadalupe

3:00 PM – Solemn Service – St. Theresa

3:00 PM – Solemn Service – Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Bilingual English/Slovak)

5:00 PM – Solemn Service – San Juan Diego Spanish Community at
Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)



Easter Vigil – April 4, 2026

7:00 PM – Trilingual Mass – Most Precious Blood (English/Slovak/Spanish)



Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026 (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:00 AM – St. Theresa

10:00 AM – Our Lady of Guadalupe / San Juan Diego (Bilingual English/Spanish)

11:00 AM – Most Precious Blood

11:30 AM – Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Bilingual English/Slovak)



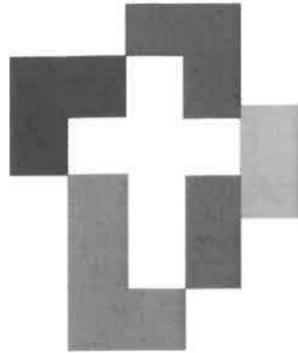
Happy Easter! He is Risen!

North Central Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes

Calendar of Events

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10 am at OLOG Adoration 1 pm at MPB Prayer Meeting 3 pm at STT Choir Practice 5 pm at OLOG Choir Practice 6:30 pm at MPB CWL General Meeting 6:30 pm at OLOG K of C General Meeting	2 See Holy Week Mass Schedule	3 See Holy Week Mass Schedule	4 See Holy Week Mass Schedule
5 Happy Easter! (No Sunday Friends)	6	7 1 pm at MPB Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm at OLOG AFF; Priest, Prophet, King	8 10 am at OLOG Adoration 1 pm at MPB Prayer Meeting 3 pm at STT Choir Practice 5 pm at OLOG Choir Practice 7:30 pm at STT K of C General Meeting	9 9 am at MPB Adoration 12 pm at OLOG Cards 1 pm at MPB Senior Buddies 1 pm at MPB Griefshare 6 pm at MPB Choir Practice 6 pm at OLOG Horticultural Society Meeting 6:30 pm at OLOG SAN Emmaus 7 pm at MPB RCIA	10 11 am at MPB Anointing Mass Please RSVP by April 7th if attending the luncheon.	11 10 am and 11:30 am at MPB First Communion Sessions 10 am at MPB Sparks 11 am at MPB Confessions
12 10 am at OLOG and 11 am at MPB Sunday Friends 3 pm at MPB K of C Divine Mercy Prayer Service 3 pm at MPB Youth Choir Practice	13 1 pm at OLOG Senior Euchre 7 pm at MPB Youth Ministry Night	14 10 am at OLOG CWL General Meeting 1 pm at MPB Intercessory Prayer 2 pm at MPB CWL Card Making 6:30 pm at OLOG AFF; Priest, Prophet, King 7 pm at OLOG Ushers Meeting 7 pm at MPB Diocesan Meeting	15 10 am at OLOG Adoration 1 pm at MPB Prayer Meeting 3 pm at STT Choir Practice 5 pm at OLOG Choir Practice 8 pm at MPB K of C General Meeting	16 9 am at MPB Adoration 12 pm at OLOG Cards 1 pm at MPB Senior Buddies 1 pm at MPB Griefshare 6 pm at MPB Choir Practice 6:30 pm at OLOG SAN Emmaus 7 pm at MPB RCIA	17	18 10 am at MPB Sparks 11 am at MPB Confessions 6 pm at STT Chili Cook Off
19 10 am at OLOG and 11 am at MPB Sunday Friends 12 pm at MPB Homebound Appreciation Day 1 pm at OLOG First Communion	20 1 pm at OLOG Senior Euchre 7 pm at MPB Youth Ministry Night	21 1 pm at MPB Intercessory Prayer	22 10 am at OLOG Adoration 1 pm at MPB Prayer Meeting 3 pm at STT Choir Practice 5 pm at OLOG Choir Practice	23 9 am at MPB Adoration 12 pm at OLOG Cards 1 pm at MPB Senior Buddies 1 pm at MPB Griefshare 6 pm at MPB Choir Practice 6:30 pm at OLOG SAN Emmaus 7 pm at MPB RCIA	18	25 10 am at MPB Sparks 11 am at MPB Confessions 7 pm at MPB K of C Trivia Night
26 10 am at OLOG, 11 am at MPB, and 12:30pm at SAN Sunday Friends 1 pm at MPB First Communion	27 1 pm at OLOG Senior Euchre 7 pm at MPB Youth Ministry Night	28 12:30 pm at MPB Knit for Missions 1 pm at MPB Intercessory Prayer	29 10 am at OLOG Adoration 1 pm at MPB Prayer Meeting 3 pm at STT Choir Practice 5 pm at OLOG Choir Practice	30 9 am at MPB Adoration 12 pm at OLOG Cards 1 pm at MPB Senior Buddies 1 pm at MPB Griefshare 6 pm at MPB Choir Practice 6:30 pm at OLOG SAN Emmaus 7 pm at MPB RCIA	Legend: MPB: Most Precious Blood OLOG: Our Lady of Guadalupe STT: St. Theresa SCM: Sts. Cyril & Methodius SAN: San Juan Diego	



NORTH CENTRAL WINDSOR *Catholic Family of Parishes*

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of Lord's Passion

North Central Windsor
Catholic Family of Parishes
519-948-4133

*Most Precious Blood
Our Lady of Guadalupe
San Juan Diego of Guadalupe
St. Theresa
Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

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Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9 AM - 12 PM & 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Mass Schedule
Saturday
5:00 PM Most Precious Blood
5:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday
9:00 AM St. Theresa
10:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Bilingual English/Spanish)
11:00 AM Most Precious Blood
- *American Sign Language Available*
11:30 AM Sts. Cyril & Methodius
(Bilingual English/Slovak)

Fourth Sunday of the Month
10:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe
(English)
12:30 PM San Juan Diego
(at Guadalupe Church) (Spanish)

Daily Mass
Tuesday 7:00 PM St. Theresa
Wednesday 9:30 AM Guadalupe
Thursday 8:30 AM MPB
Friday 8:30 AM MPB

Adoration
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesdays 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Most Precious Blood
Thursdays 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Reconciliation
Most Precious Blood
Saturday 11:00 AM

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN for Sunday, March 29th 2026
Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday recalls Jesus entering Jerusalem being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For us, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and our willingness to continue to follow Him. The palm branches are a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life. Take your blessed palm branches home and place them somewhere special in your homes where you will always remember what Jesus did for us and for the salvation of all.

Reminder: On Saturday, April 4th, Holy Saturday, there will be ONE Easter Vigil Mass at Most Precious Blood. There will be no 5 p.m. Mass at Most Precious Blood or Our Lady of Guadalupe. Also, there will be no confession on Holy Saturday at Most Precious Blood.

Please join me in welcoming Father Gabriel Eneke and Father Joseph Matthew to our North Central Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes! They have arrived safely from Nigeria. Bishop Fabbro has asked me to mentor them for 3 months under a mentorship program to help enculturate them into our Canadian Church and Parish Life. As I am a Diocesan Priest, our brothers belong to the Society of Divine Vocations (SVD). They are missionary priests. Let us give them a warm welcome!
Once their mentorship program has been completed, they will be assigned to another Family of Parishes, and we will be receiving a full-time associate July 1st.
Let us continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood!

Have a wonderful Holy Week everyone!
Father Greg

Land Acknowledgement
Out of deep respect for those who have cared for these lands since ancient times, and those who guard and care for them still, we are committed to tread lightly on the land, respect water and all living things as gifts of the Creator, and affirm our desire for right relations with all peoples, especially the Indigenous peoples, who share our common home.

Baptism and Marriage: Please call the office at 519-948-4133

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**Mass Intentions
March 31st - April 3rd**

Tues. Mar. 31st - St. Theresa 7:00 pm

+ Roger Deschamps (Family)
 + Anthony "Tony" Mifsud (11th Ann.) (Mifsud Family)
 + Donna Marie Thibert (1st Ann.) (Family)
 Intentions of Megan Cossette (Cheryl Boily)
 Intentions of Mary Kennedy (Rose Tsiquaye)
 In Thanksgiving for 25th Wedding Anniversary

Wed. Apr. 1st - Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:30 am

+ Ivo Ghione (Ray & Charlotte Colautti)
 + Elvino Campana (Madeleine Stewart)
 + Ron St. Amour (Wife, June & Family)
 + Frank Forstner (OLOG Ushers Club)
 + Larry St. Amour (June St. Amour)
 Intentions of Nicholas Paul (Family)

Communion Service at Shoreview 10:00 am

Thurs. Apr. 2nd - Most Precious Blood 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday Trilingual Mass - No Intentions
 Private Prayer with Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm

Please note that Regular Adoration is cancelled at
 Most Precious Blood on Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm

Fri. Apr. 3rd - Good Friday - No Intentions

11:00 am - Children's Liturgy - Our Lady of Guadalupe
 3:00 pm - Solemn Service - Our Lady of Guadalupe
 3:00 pm - Solemn Service - St. Theresa
 3:00 pm - Solemn Service - Sts. Cyril & Methodius
 (Bilingual English / Slovak)
 5:00 pm - Solemn Service - San Juan Diego Spanish
 Community at Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)

Reflection from Pope Benedict XVI:

Anyone who has discovered Christ must lead
 others to him. A great joy cannot be kept
 to oneself. It has to be passed on.

Church Chuckle

Why don't Easter eggs tell jokes?
They'd crack each other up!

Offertory Gifts - March 22nd & March 23rd

Most Precious Blood Parish

Sunday Offertory: Envelopes/Loose/EFT: \$ 3,534.65
 Easter: \$ 500.00
 Thanksgiving Appeal: \$ 100.00
Total: \$ 4,134.65

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

Sunday Offertory: Envelopes/Loose/EFT: \$ 3,744.40
 Good Friday: \$ 10.00
 Diocesan Assessment: \$ 25.00
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 1,000.00
 Building Fund: \$ 237.00
Total: \$ 5,016.40

St. Theresa Parish

Sunday Offertory: Envelopes/Loose/EFT: \$ 1,965.00
Total: \$ 1,965.00

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Sunday Offertory: Envelopes/Loose/EFT: \$ 460.00
Total: \$ 460.00

San Juan Diego Community

Sunday Offertory: Envelopes/Loose/EFT: \$ 1,951.05
Total: \$ 1,951.05

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

**Discernment about the Future of
Sts. Cyril and Methodius - UPDATE**

There are three Listening Sessions scheduled for this
 discernment process: April 9th, April 16th & April 23rd.

Listening Session # 1:

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm at Sts. Cyril and Methodius
 Church

- This session will be **open to registered parishioners of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church ONLY**
- Registration will be held immediately following Palm Sunday Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church, in the parish hall.
- If you are unable to attend and register on Palm Sunday, please contact Connie Giglio at the Parish Office to register.
- Registration for this Listening Session closes on Tuesday April 6th at 12 noon.

Registration for Listening Session #2 and Listening Session #3 will be available on our Family of Parishes website, with times and location, beginning the week of March 30th. Thank you.

**Announcement for the Diocesan Pastoral Council
Spring Recruitment**

In 2022, Bishop Fabbro re-established the Diocesan Pastoral Council. It is a consultative body made up of mostly Lay Faithful and representatives of the Religious in the Diocese as well as deacons and priests. They act as an advisory council for the Bishop. The members of the Council identify pastoral needs, and with study, prayer, discernment, and dialogue, they present possible recommendations for the Bishop to consider.

With the term of office ending for some current members, we are seeking new members, one representative from each deanery, who will be appointed to the Council and will join in September 2026. In the coming months, the Diocese will host a series of recruitment meetings for those who may be interested in joining the Council.

Please prayerfully consider attending one of the following meetings to get more information and how to submit your name (or another person) for consideration.

Please keep this initiative in your prayers as the Church continues to respond to Pope Leo's first words from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church." He reminds us to carry forward his predecessor's hallmark initiative, to engage each other in synodality, and to give a more prominent voice to the laity in future pastoral directions for our Diocese.

Dates for the meetings are scheduled to be held in the evening in each deanery. Your deanery meeting is on **April 14th at Most Precious Blood, Windsor**. The meeting starts at 7 pm.

Sunday Friends

Please note that there will be no Sunday Friends at Most Precious Blood or Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026.

The Good Friday Children's Liturgy, which includes the Children's Play, will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 11:00 am on April 3rd. Please join us and support our youth!

Anointing Mass (Sacrament of the Sick)

There will be an Anointing Mass on Friday, April 10th at 11:00 am, at Most Precious Blood Church.

The Mass will be followed by a luncheon in the parish hall, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

If you wish to attend the luncheon, please register by April 7th with the parish office at 519-948-4133 or with Betty Recker at 519-944-3321. Thank you!

MPB Knights of Columbus Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Service

The Windsor Most Precious Blood Knights of Columbus will be leading a Divine Mercy Prayer Service on Sunday, April 12th at 3 pm at Most Precious Blood Church. All are warmly invited to join us in prayer and devotion.

Trivia Night is Back!

Join us on April 25th at 7 pm at Most Precious Blood Church Hall for our annual trivia event!

- \$10 per person
- Teams of up to 8 people

Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy a fun night out! Please contact Jesse Shuster at 519-915-1867 or jesseshuster@gmail.com with any questions.

Family Summit 2026 – Registration Now Open

Families from across the Diocese of London are invited to attend the **Family Summit 2026 on Saturday, May 30 from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm** at Regina Mundi Catholic High School in London.

This joyful diocesan gathering is a day set aside for families to pray, grow, and celebrate together through inspiring speakers, worship, and opportunities for connection.

Registration is now open to families of all ages. Visit [Family Summit Registration](#) to secure your spot today!



Lenten Family Calendar 2026

Pray ✦ Fast ✦ Give

<p><i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i></p> <p>Prayerfully read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.</p>	<p><i>Monday of Holy Week</i></p> <p>Volunteer for a parish program that helps those in need.</p>	<p><i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></p> <p>Let a favourite hymn run through your mind as a prayer.</p>	<p><i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></p> <p>Fast from comparing yourself to others. We are all one in God.</p>	<p><i>Holy Thursday</i></p> <p>Recognize your own needs and give them their due. Allow others to help you from time to time.</p>	<p><i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i></p> <p>Fast from complaining. Notice how often you are tempted to complain.</p>	<p><i>Holy Saturday</i></p> <p>Be mindful of all that God has done for you.</p>
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