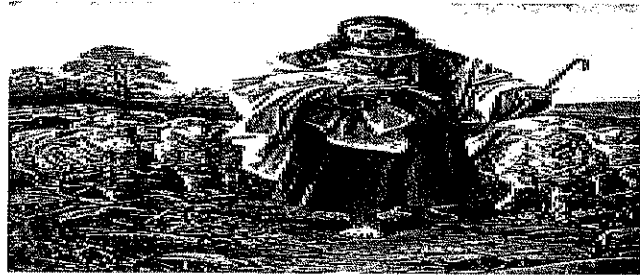


PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 13, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Holy Thursday April 17	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Ben & Bridie Making, Ricky St. Croix Dan, Mary Ann & Dermot White; Mona, Doug & Brian Fleming In Thanksgiving
Good Friday April 18	3:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:00 pm	St. Mary's St. Vincent's St. Joseph's Mount Carmel North Harbour	The Celebration of The Passion of The Lord Lay Ministry Lay Ministry Lay Ministry Lay Ministry
Holy Saturday April 19	5:00 pm	St. Joseph's	Easter Vigil "Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
Easter Sunday April 20	9:30 am 11:15 am	St. Mary's Mount Carmel	Pierre Critch; Theresa Christopher Gabe, Theresa & Steve Fagan Raymond, Gerard & Margaret McGrath; Mike & Glynn Power Dick & Kathleen Fowler & deceased members of the Fowler & Hawco Families

HOLY WEEK MINISTRY LIST

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned ministry duties,
it's important to communicate with someone who can take your place.

Holy Thursday April 17	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	<p>Cross Bearer: Dermot Fleming Reader: Frances Fleming Collectors: Pat Gibbons, Brian Fleming Gift Bearers: Carmelita Halleran, Marcella Fleming Eucharistic Minister: Mary Fleming</p>
Good Friday	3:00 pm	St. Mary's	<p>The Celebration of The Passion of The Lord Celebrant – Fr. Nelson Readers: Denise White, Bill Breen, Helena Critch Collectors: Joseph Kielly, Hubert Kielly Eucharistic Minister: Jeanette Critch</p>
Good Friday	3:00 pm	St. Vincent's	<p>Lay Ministry – Angela Fleming Readers: Anna Roche, Verna Hayward, Rita Raymond Collectors: Pat Gibbons, Brian Fleming Eucharistic Minister: Patrick Tobin</p>
Good Friday	3:00 pm	St. Joseph's	<p>Lay Ministry: Howard Power Readers: Lucille Gambin, Mary Dobbin, Hugh Lawlor Collectors: Bill McDonald, Pat Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne</p>
Good Friday	3:00 pm	Mount Carmel	<p>Lay Ministry: Bertha Fowler Readers: Mary Nolan, Eugene McDonald, Donna Critch Collectors: Victor Cole, Don Power Eucharistic Minister: Heather Marrie</p>
Good Friday	3:00 pm	North Harbour	<p>Lay Ministry: Ann Power Readers: Dolly Nash, Marie Tremblet, Paula Power Collector: Iggy Philpot Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot</p>
Holy Saturday April 19	5:00 pm	St. Joseph's	<p>Cross Bearer: Benny Furey Readers: Howard Power, Tony Healey, Hugh Lawlor, Lucille Gambin, Rose Fagan Collectors: Bill McDonald, Pat Singleton Gift Bearers: Karen Hearn, Margaret Power Eucharistic Minister: Donal Greene</p>
Easter Sunday April 20	9:30 am	St. Mary's	<p>Cross Bearer: Ron Molloy Reader: Uriel Kielly Collectors: Joseph Kielly, Hubert Kielly Gift Bearers: Bill & Veronica Breen Eucharistic Minister: Des Yetman</p>
Easter Sunday April 20	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	<p>Cross Bearer: Victor Cole Reader: Marie Bonia Collectors: George Critch, Iggy Philpot Gift Bearers: Madeline McDonald, Sharon Foley Eucharistic Minister: Heather Marrie</p>

COMMUNITY STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Good Friday following The Celebration of The Passion of The Lord.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: (April 13 -19) In memory of Hugh Kielly – Our Lady of Assumption Church

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

April 5, 6, 10: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel, North Harbour

Weekly Offering: \$1676.05 Dev & Peace Offering: \$280.00 Lenten Offering: \$45.00

Initial Offering: \$5.00 Sanctuary Light: \$10.00 Sanctuary Light (*prepaid for June*): \$6.00

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: \$10.00

Our Lady of Assumption Church Memoriam: \$25.00 – In memory of Tanya Hurley

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR MARCH:

1st Prize Winner: Jim Dalton Ticket # 00185 Drawn by Sylvester Yetman. Witness: Shirley Kielly.

2nd Prize Winner: Father Gerard Power Ticket # 00191 Drawn by Betty McDonald. Witness: Sylvester Yetman.

Congratulations! Jim and Fr. Gerard. Thank you, Shirley, Sylvester and Betty.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

EASTER BINGO.... Royal Canadian Legion Riverhead. Saturday April 19th. Doors open 7:30 Bingo starts 8:30 pm. Jackpot to go, Toonie Jar to go. Wheel Spins, Nevada. Come out for an evening of fun!!

Good Friday Fish n Chips.... Hosted by R.C.L Ladies Auxiliary. Take out 4 - 4:45 pm. Eat in starts at 5 pm. 1 pc \$11/

2 pc \$14, additional piece \$4. Poutine \$8/ Fries \$6/ Onion Rings \$6. Dressing/ Gravy 1.50 each. Gluten Free option available. Call Patti at 709 525 2664 to place orders.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER CECIL CRITCH TO ITALY: ROME AND ASSISI -NOVEMBER 5-13, 2025 (optional) 2 DAY EXTENSION TO VENICE AND PADUA Highlights: Rome, All Major Basilicas in Rome, Catacombs, Vatican City and Sistine Chapel, Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis with visit to the tomb of St. Clare and Carlo Acutis, Papal Audience, Papal Audience, Daily Mass, immersion in Italian Food and Culture, 2-day Extension (optional) Padua: Basilica of St. Anthony, full day tour of Venice For Details, Contact COLLEEN WILLIAMS, CWT Harvey's Travel, Mt Pearl, (709) 747-5018.

Parish Office Will Be Close Tuesday, April 22

LIVING FAITH

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HOLY WEEK

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

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The second gospel reading is called the Passion and tells a very different story-- the story of how—not long after the joyous welcome into Jerusalem, Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified and buried.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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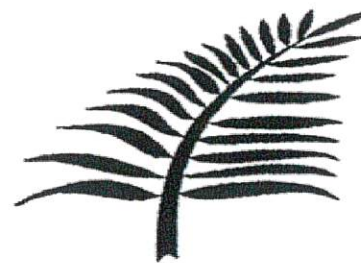
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The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly Reflections for the Lenten Season

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie, has launched the 2025 video series titled [Journey Through Lent](#). Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter season. You can visit this link again every Monday (26 February, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March and 7 April) to access videos for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

Subscribe to our weekly Catechetical resource. E-mail: Familycatechesis@rcsj.org



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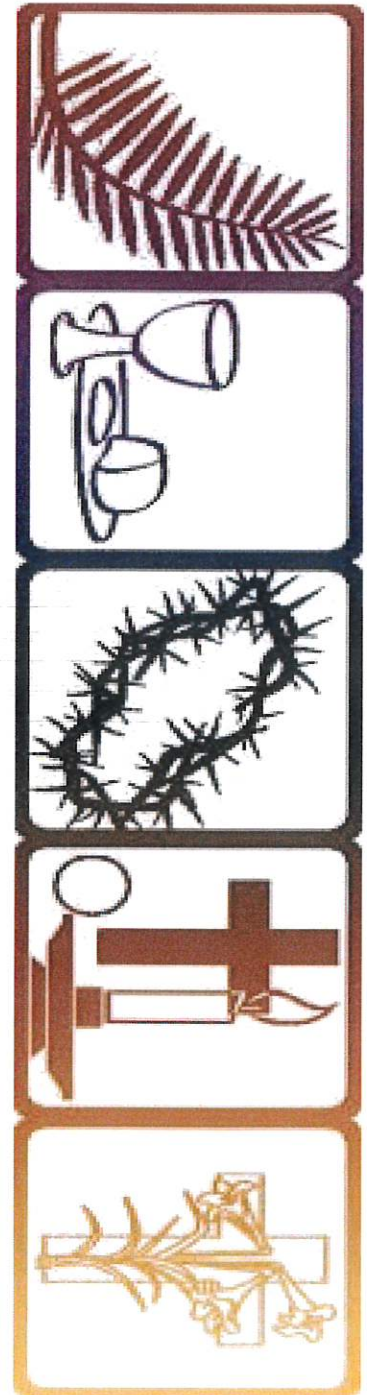
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IS THIS STORY TOO DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN?

Many people debate about taking children to Mass during Holy Week. Certainly, the Liturgies can be longer—Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Some ask, is this story too hard for children? After all, even though Palm Sunday starts out pretty joyful, in fact, Jesus' last days were filled with betrayal, loneliness, doubt, pain and violence.

But, the story of Jesus' suffering and death is not as unfamiliar to children as we may like to believe. Most children know pain. Some children know death. They know what it's like to feel lonely, to feel afraid, to feel bullied, to feel hurt. We need to tell the story in an age-appropriate way, describing how people were mean to Jesus and eventually hurt him, and how Jesus could have run away, but he didn't because he loved people too much to abandon them. This story connects with children's own pain and lets them know that they need not experience it alone. It's a story that also tells them it does get better, that there is hope beyond pain, and that God doesn't abandon them in the dark but leads them to the light. That's a story every child longs for. And I suspect, every adult too.

The other important aspect of the story of Holy Week is that it does not end in the tomb. The most important part of the story is that Jesus rose from the dead. There is always hope. The resurrection of Jesus opens up the possibility of eternal life for all of us. With Jesus, it's never a question of "is this all there is?" There is always a way through pain, sorrow and loss. Jesus is there, hands outstretched, offering hope. And whenever it seems hard to find Jesus, look for His helpers. Whenever there is misfortune, the helpers of Jesus are there, hands and hearts outstretched, offering comfort and help.



JUBILEE, DEBT AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

At its core, the jubilee vision about debt includes five principles of Catholic Social Teaching that should inspire us to take action.



DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



COMMON GOOD



SOLIDARITY



PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR



**ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY
CARE FOR CREATION**

1. Dignity of the Human Person

The starting point for Catholic social teaching is our belief in the dignity of human life. We believe that every human being is created in the image of God, is loved by God. This belief requires not only that we treat all people in ways that reflect their inherent dignity, but that we measure every policy and program by whether it enhances or diminishes human life and dignity. This principle of upholding the dignity of the human person is violated when the debt crisis contributes to suffering among the world's poor.

2. Common Good

In the Catholic tradition, sacred and social are not distinct categories. We realize our human potential in social relationship to others and we have an obligation to build a society that gives all people the opportunity to realize their basic human rights. We do this by promoting the common good, which we define as the sum of those conditions in society that make it possible for all people to achieve their full human potential. Our tradition demands that our decisions and actions, our policies and programs promote the common good. By creating suffering and draining resources from such basic needs as health care and education, the debt crisis violates the common good.

3. Solidarity

The principle of solidarity reminds us that we are one human family, that we are our sisters' and brothers' keepers, whether they live across the street or across the globe. It calls us to pursue justice throughout the world no matter how distant the issues may seem. In the case of international debt, the principle of solidarity requires that we act to resolve the crisis and its dire consequences for the world's poorest people.

4. Preferential Option for the Poor

While Catholic teaching demands that we care about all of our sisters and brothers, the poor and vulnerable have a particular claim on our concern because their needs are the greatest. The preferential option for the poor and vulnerable reminds us that a key measure of all policies and programs is how they affect the least among us. The sad truth about the debt crisis is that it is often the weakest members of society—the young who need education, the ill who need health care, the poor who need jobs—who, through no fault of their own, pay the greatest price.

5. Ecological Responsibility – Care for Creation

In the Catholic tradition, care for the environment is more than a scientific challenge. It is a moral obligation. God has given us the responsibility of protecting the earth and living in right relationship with the plants and animals that inhabit it. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation.