

PALM SUNDAY – SOME MUSINGS

We enter a week of so many rich and moving rituals and liturgies. It's a week in which we're meant to do some serious reflection on the cost of our salvation. It's a week in which we're meant to reflect on the rituals of our faith and their meaning in our personal lives. Truly, it is a holy week. We will hear the story of our salvation history, of a Father's love for His often errant children, of His steadfast commitment to the covenant He made from the beginning of time. We'll hear the story of His willingness to send His beloved and only Son to live among us and to die for us. We'll hear, in short, a love story. Like all good love stories, it has its good times and its bad times.

How we respond to that story is ours to decide. While it's true that Christ died for all of us, not all of us respond to that love. Some of us at one time or another have turned away from that great sacrifice of love and gone our own way. Sometimes we've returned, humbled and war weary, and at others we've stayed away a very long time, sometimes never to return. When I listen to the telling of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and of His tears and sweat becoming like blood, I realize that our turning away is in part responsible for that great agony.

We enter a week in which we'll hear stories of triumph and defeat, of gain and loss, of love and denial. For me, this week is one in which love is honed or dulled.

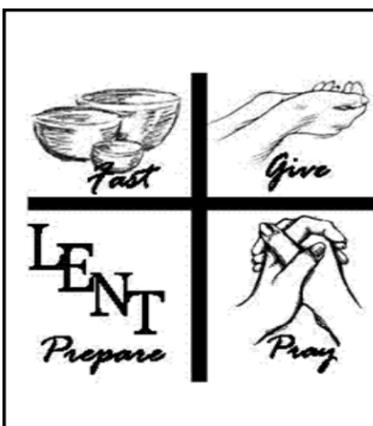
We will begin our Masses this weekend with the reading of Jesus and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the cheering of the crowds who shortly will call for the authorities to crucify Him. We hear how the disciples obtain the colt not asking any questions but trusting that the Master knows what He's about. And these same disciples will deny they know Him and abandon Him to die alone. How quickly the tide of public adulation changes! As I listen to these readings, I'm reminded of my own lack of fidelity, remembering how easy it can be to follow the wrong path, to join the jeering crowd, to turn from my love of God and neighbor.

Jesus will eat the Passover meal with His disciples and will make true His promise to be with us "until the end of the age" when we hear of His leaving us with His Body and Blood. He will do those rituals that the Jewish people have been doing since the time of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. And He will become the paschal, unblemished lamb. It will be His blood that is smeared on the lintels of our hearts to preserve us from eternal separation from Him. It can be easy to forget the long history of our salvation which began after the disobedience of our first parents and would have continued had Jesus not acquiesced to the will of His Father.

Truly we are entering a holy week. Let's make good use of it! Let's do what we can to improve our prayer life, our worship, our charity, our love of one another and our God. Let's become the holy nation, the royal priesthood, the people He's set apart for His own. Let's live holy lives this Holy Week.

Wishing you a holy week full of many small miracles.

Betty Bruch



Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

APRIL 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church
24 Albert St.
Langton, ON



St. Michael's Church
978 St. John's Road
Walsh, ON



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 8:30 am (St. Michael's)
Sunday – 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Tues. – 5:00 pm
Wed. to Fri. – 9:30 am

Reconciliation

20 min. prior to weekday mass
Sat. 4-4:45 pm
Sun. 8-8:20 am, or by appt.(St. Michael's)

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Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 9 am – 4 pm;

Baptisms – Contact Rev. Thomas—6 months notice **Marriages** – Contact Rev. Thomas— one year notice required

Schools – Sacred Heart, Langton - St. Michael's, Walsh - Our Lady of Fatima, Courtland

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our life is full of paradoxes created by human beings. Jesus' life was no exception to this. One fine day we see Jesus amidst a joyous crowd praising him and singing Hosanna. But the hands of the same people who carried the palms in their hands wrung their hands against him in no time. The very lips that sang 'Hosanna to the son of David' shouted: "Crucify him." Even those who associated themselves intimately with him said: "I do not know him." Others wanted to get rid of him.

Many were fascinated by Jesus' teachings and the wonders he performed. But they did not want to undergo the suffering of the Messiah. They wanted to be liberated and enjoy material benefits but did not want a "change of heart" through the way of the cross. But the Gospel stresses precisely that aspect. Jesus "must" die. It is God's will, for "what is written in the scriptures must be fulfilled."

Palm Sunday reminds us of the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, to accomplish his Paschal mystery: to die and to rise again. This same event takes place everyday when we come and offer the Holy Mass. We celebrate the mystery of faith: Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Christ's death has salvific value; it was a death caused by sin, but it destroyed death and restored life.

So we can say today and in this passion week that we commemorate not a tragic event, but an even apparently tragic, something which brought back life in its fullness. And by identifying ourselves with Jesus' suffering, we can also share the glory of his resurrection and the new life.

"WISH YOU ALL ABLESSED AND GRACEFILLED HOLY WEEK!!"

Fr. Thomas

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Apr 16/19	9:30 am	• Ulysse Arnirault	• Trudy Konopetski
Wed Apr 17/19	9:30 am	• Justine Eeckeloo	• Andrew & Ingrid Winne
Thurs Apr 18/19	7:00 pm 8:00 pm-10:00 pm	HOLY THURSDAY MASS at Sacred Heart Church Adoration	
Fri Apr 19/19	11:00 am 3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at St. Michael's Church GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at Sacred Heart Church	
Sat Apr 20/19	8:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY- EASTER VIGIL MASS at Sacred Heart Church	
Sun Apr 21/19	8:30 am 10:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY MASS at St. Michael's Church EASTER SUNDAY MASS at Sacred Heart Church	

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – JANUARY - MARCH 2019

St. Michael's

Regular Envelope	\$ 6775.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 315.00
New Year's Day	\$ 411.50
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 212.00
Loose	\$ 679.15
Sub-Total	\$ 8492.65

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$ 26288.25
Initial Envelope	\$ 704.00
New Year's Day	\$ 1247.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 785.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 1456.85
Sub-Total	\$ 30531.10

Total **\$ 39023.75**
Operating Goal **\$ 40300.00**

Shortfall **\$ 1276.25**

STM Building Fund \$ 645.00
SH Building Fund \$ 2033.00

Total Capital Donations **\$ 2678.00**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – APRIL 7, 2019

St. Michael's

Regular Envelope	\$ 464.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 65.00
STM Building Fund	\$ 140.00

Sub-Total **\$ 679.00**

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$ 1729.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 80.00
Loose	\$ 200.70
SH Building Fund	\$ 280.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2290.45

Total **\$ 2969.45**



CALLING ALL POST-SECONDARY GRADS FROM OUR PARISH

Please join the Sacred Heart, Langton CWL for our Annual Potluck Dinner on Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Langton Community Centre. It is our pleasure to acknowledge your hard work & accomplishments with a small token of our appreciation. Any member of our parish who knows someone graduating from college or university in the spring of 2019 please contact Linda Elku at 519-875-5648 or email at lelku@execulink.com. Please have this information to Linda before May 31, 2019.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Apr 15/19	7:00 pm	Mass of Chrism at St. Peters Cathedral, London
Tues Apr 23/19	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Wed Apr 24/19	9:30 am	Easter School Mass for SHS, OLFS & STMS
	10:30 am	1st Communion Retreat for OLFS
	7:30 am	Finance Committee Meeting

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL NEWS

If anyone has canceled stamps that you have been saving for the CWL convention, please hand them in to a CWL member before the end of April. Thank you. JoAnn

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome on Saturday, April 27 to attend the Development & Peace Caritas Canada annual general meeting for the Diocese of London at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Gilbert Iyamuremye, Director of the Refugee Office for the Diocese of London. The cost of \$15 includes snacks and lunch. Please RSVP and mention your dietary restrictions, if any, to marian.blonde@hotmail.com or gosmit@execulink.com.



2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office at 519-875-4438. Please call the parish office to register no later than May 17, 2019.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or e-mail tribunal@dol.ca



Mass of Chrism

April 15 - 7:00 pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London

Holy Thursday

April 18 - 7:00 pm
Adoration (8:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Good Friday

April 19 - 11:00 am (St. Michael's Church)
- 3:00 pm (Sacred Heart Church)

Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil

April 20 - 8:00 pm (Sacred Heart Church)

Easter Sunday

April 21 - 8:30 am (St. Michael's Church)
- 10:30 am (Sacred Heart Church)