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Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord, Year B, 24th March 2024

'The journey begins. Go with him.'

Today marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. The readings focus on Jesus's sacrifice for us and express confidence in God's faithfulness.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) highlights the humility of Jesus, who emptied himself of the glory that was his as Son of God. He gives himself away totally in love, coming among us as the suffering servant described by Isaiah in the **First Reading**. Jesus puts others before himself rather than seeking power or honour.

Riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus shows us his way is one of love, compassion, mercy, humility, and service. We hear the crowds welcome him excitedly, shouting 'Hosanna', wanting to make Jesus into the king who will save them from Rome. (**Procession Gospel**)

In the main Gospel, we see the same crowds turn against Jesus, calling for his arrest. He is mocked, beaten, condemned, crucified, and placed in a tomb. Jesus is betrayed by one of his own disciples, denied by another, and abandoned by most.

The **Psalm** describes this humiliation. On the cross Jesus prays the psalm's response: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

We are invited to walk with Jesus through Holy Week. Jesus, in turn, wants to be with us in our experience of this journey. Lord, help us to walk with you, to be strengthened by your example and teaching.

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday - 9 am
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am
4 pm - 4.30 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

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In his intention for February 2024, Pope Francis prays:
FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST - MARCH 2024

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Office is closed on
Monday

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

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Be The Light Ministry

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Catholic Women's League

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

FUNERALS: Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish Events

1. Holy Thursday.

A reminder that Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00pm. There will be no morning Mass that day.

2. Collection on Holy Thursday.

There will be a collection on Holy Thursday for our Pastor. There is no envelope in your box for this collection, as it is a free will collection.

3. Good Friday.

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion Will commence at 3:00pm. This is the only Service that will be held that day.

Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence from meat. Details are on the reverse side of the December page in your Catholic Calendar.

4. Holy Saturday.

You are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast that you began on Good Friday. The Vigil Service begins at 9:00pm. There will be no morning or 5:00pm Mass that day.

5. Catechetical Ministry

The Spring break for our PREP classes are March 18th to March 31st

Classes Resume: Wednesday classes resume on April 3rd Sunday classes resume on April 7th.

6. Knights of Columbus Pancake/Tapsilog Breakfast.

The monthly Knights of Columbus pancake/tapsilog breakfast is held on Sunday, 24th March, 2024, in the Parish Centre after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. A take away option is offered for your convenience.

Holy Week 2024 Schedule

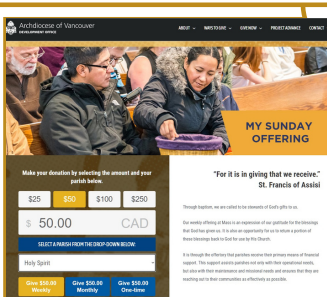
- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Easter Sunday
- March 24 Mass at 9 am & 11 am
- March 28 Mass at 7 pm
- March 29 Service at 3 pm
- March 30 Vigil at 9 pm
- March 31 Mass at 9 am & 11am



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A Walk through Holy Week



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The high holy days of the Christian faith are here. This Sunday, Palm Sunday, we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. During Holy Week, the liturgy focuses on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Here is an overview and an invitation to join in the three days of the Passover feast.

Every year during the weeklong celebration of Passover, our Hebrew ancestors in faith celebrate their liberation from slavery. We Christians recall the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples during the days of our Passover celebration. The Eucharist on Holy Thursday is our ritual, our memorial of redemption through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

On Good Friday, we read the narrative of the passion and death of Jesus from the Gospel of John. We pray for people all over the world and their needs. We venerate the crucifix as a reminder that it was through Jesus' passion and death that he opened our path to salvation. In that Good Friday liturgy, all the congregation is invited to approach and kiss the crucifix in an act of devotion and reverence.

The next evening, at the Easter vigil, we recall key points in the history of salvation by lighting the new fire, blessing the Paschal candle, which is the great symbol of our faith. It is also the time when we read some of the great biblical texts (from Genesis and Exodus, from the prophets and the New Testament). The readings recall the high points of salvation history. Just before reading the narrative of Christ's resurrection, we join together to joyfully sing the Alleluia. During the vigil, some people are baptized, while others are received into full communion with the Church.

This three-day celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord during Holy Week is at the heart of our faith in Jesus, the Christ. We are called to live this mystery every day by living our lives in the same pattern as Christ.

Dan Kroger, OFM *Franciscan Spirit Blog*

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Saints for March

Saint Patrick



Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his Confessio, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

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Mission

Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life

Vision

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.





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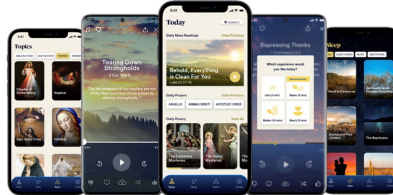
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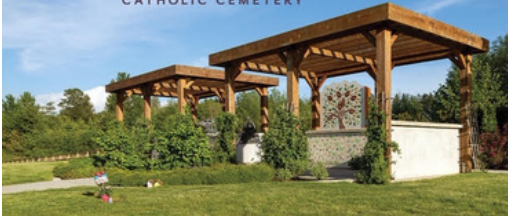
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