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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday : 10:30 am Extencicare

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

Passion (Palm) Sunday



Our great week

We begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. Once called the 'Great Week', nowadays we know it as 'Holy Week'. In it we witness the total self-giving of Jesus. St Paul describes it as his "kenosis" (Greek: κένωσις is the act of emptying) or 'self-emptying' by which Jesus made himself entirely receptive to the divine will. See Philippians 2:7 "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Paul goes on to affirm to total vindication of Jesus. "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name."

Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There he was welcomed, applauded and acclaimed by a crowd of well-wishers. On Thursday we will join him at table, to receive his gift of himself in the eucharistic bread and wine. After dining with him we will, in our reflections, go with him along the trail from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him struggling with fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. On Good Friday we will be standing in spirit beside his mother at the foot of the cross, while he hands his spirit back to the Father who sent him.



On Saturday we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice and cruelty of humanity, for which he died. Then, late on Saturday, we will move from the darkness of our Passion journey to the place of the bright Easter fire. There we will join the procession of the great Paschal Candle, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives.

The pain of our compassion with Jesus to Calvary will give way to the hope and joy of Easter. Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is risen, strong and powerful, alive in himself, and alive in us. Then we can hold in our hearts those assuring words that Juliana of Norwich in her vision of Christ Crucified. From his own lips she heard this promise: 'All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well.'

Excerpt from: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/29-march-2026->

Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:10-11**

Healed by his wounds

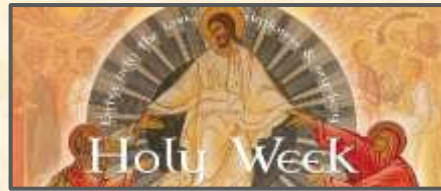
“He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth” (Is 53:7). For the followers of Christ, this Isaiah text evokes a response deep down within us, seeing how they apply to God’s only beloved Son, and how he died for all of us. In the words of St Peter, “without having seen him you have come to believe in him, and so you are filled already with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described” (1 Pet 1:8). Without this sincere love of Christ, we are no true followers of his. We cannot say we fully love him, until we appreciate what he suffered for us.

After hearing the Passion narrative there is no need to retrace in great detail the events there described. But we might reflect how Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life. “Being in the form of God,” as St Paul says, from the moment he came on earth, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are (Phil 2:6f). He, the most high God, suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills.

Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is, to have a thankless child;” and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others.

The sweat-stained features of Jesus were the features of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the cross, the body wounded, the side pierced with a lance, were the flesh of the eternal Word, who dwelt among us. Why did he suffer so much? In the words of Isaiah, “On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole.” May the grace of his Passion bring healing to us.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28, Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

March 29, Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – English Choir

Chrism Mass

March 31, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – St. Paul Cathedral

Mass of the Lord’s Supper/Washing of the Feet

April 2, Thursday -- 7:00 p.m. English Choir

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 12:00 a.m.

Good Friday- Adoration of the Cross & Communion

April 3, 3:00 p.m. French Choir

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 4, 2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Food

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Choir

Easter Sunday

April 5 10:00 a.m. French Choir



CHRISM MASS 2026

March 31, 2026

6:00 p.m.



ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL


4813-50 AVENUE, ST. PAUL



**Easter Vigil
Choir
Practise
April 1
at 6:30 pm**



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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Mar 28	5:00 pm 11:00 a.m.	Church Church	For Parishioners Funeral mass for Annette Sabatier		
Sunday dimanche Mar 29	10:00 am	Church	Blessings & Thanksgiving for Fr Rene's 70 th birthday		Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast After mass
Monday Lundi Mar 30			No Mass		
Tuesday mardi Mar 31	6:00 pm	St Paul Cathedral	Chrism Mass		
Wednesday Mercredi Apr 1	10:30 am	Hospital	+Leo Strzepek	Annette Swiderski	
Thursday jeudi Apr 2	7:00 pm	Bonnylodge	+All deceased members of Chartrand and Lafrance family		Holy Thursday
Friday Vendredi Apr 3	3:00 pm	Church	Adoration of the Cross		Good Friday
Saturday samedi Apr 4	7:00 pm	Church	Easter Vigil For Parishioners		Holy Saturday
Sunday dimanche Apr 5	10:00 am	Church	Jacques & Marguerite Beauchemin	The Family	Easter Sunday

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
Mar 22 Offering	\$3588.00	Offrandes 22 mars
Building Fund	250.00	Remplacement du toit
St Paul Diocesan Caritas	580.00	
<i>*Does not include e-transfers</i>		
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Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

March 2026
Pope's Prayer Intention /
Intention de prière
du Saint-Père

For disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Pour le désarmement et la paix

Prions pour que les nations s'orientent vers un désarmement effectif, en particulier un désarmement nucléaire, et pour que les dirigeants mondiaux choisissent la voie du dialogue et de la diplomatie plutôt que celle de la violence, sans jamais perdre force et espoir.

**Easter Sunday
Next Week's
Readings
April 4**

1st Reading

Acts 10:34a, 36-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 3.1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is..

Gospel - John 20:1-18

According to the Scripture; Jesus must rise from the dead..