

APRIL 10, 2022: Palm Sunday of Lent

THE BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF PALMS: As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road . . . Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out." Luke 19: 28-40

No to War

It was a bitterly cold night in Moscow 24 hours after Russian troops crossed the border into Ukraine. Despite the stinging cold and the danger, thousands of Muscovites rallied in the central part of the Russian capital to protest the invasion.

They chanted "No more war! No more war!" Some carried antiwar banners and placards; some waved blue and yellow flags, the national colors of Ukraine.

Similar protests erupted throughout Russia. Throughout Russia, thousands of angry Russian citizens swarmed the streets to protest President Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Police in full riot gear detained one protester after another. The Russian government warned that it would track down protest organizers and participants, threatening "severe punishment for mass riots." Those arrested would be tried as criminals and terrorists. Almost 2,000 people in 53 Russian cities were detained that first day of the invasion, more than 1,000 of them in Moscow and over 340 people in the second-largest city of Saint Petersburg. Because of the government's severe restrictions on personal freedom and human rights, Russians typically avoid such confrontations, but the protests have continued, despite the Kremlin's continued crackdown on the growing antiwar sentiment Putin's government calls "treason."

One prominent Russian antiwar analyst and journalist told *The Washington Post* [February 25, 2022] that, despite the fear of retaliation, people needed to speak out after "the deafening silence of the initial horror."

"Our old life is gone, and a new life is coming. It's poorer, more dangerous, and more limited, but that's no reason to change your principles. Good and evil do not change places just because our personal circumstances change."

The "demonstration" that takes place in the Palm Sunday Gospel causes as much alarm to the Pharisees as the protests of the Russian people threaten their leaders in the wake of the invasion of their Ukrainian neighbors. The people who line Jesus' path and lay their cloaks on the road are expressing their hope in God's peace of justice and mercy — their action challenges the Roman concept of "peace": "peace" that is control manipulated by fear and intimidation. The liturgy of this Passion Sunday challenges us to decide what "demonstration" we are part of: Do we "stand" with the Palm Sunday procession that speaks loudly and clearly for the peace of the Gospel Jesus, or do we disappear into the Good Friday crowd demanding the "crucifixion" of reconciliation and justice that require sacrifice and selflessness on our part? May we find within ourselves this Holy Week the wisdom and courage to "lay our cloaks" on the ground for the sake of the peace of the Risen Christ — peace that is centered in respect and justice for all God's daughters and sons.

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**April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday**

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Cancelled due to Covid regulations.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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April 2nd -3rd, 2022

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| Regular Sunday | \$1,223.00 |
| Building Fund | 95.00 |
| Lenten Folders | 130.00 |
| Development & Peace - Ukraine | 500.00 |
| Flowers | 25.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue. 7 pm | Deceased member of Jones Family |
| Wed. 7 pm | Late Jim Power |
| Thu. 7 pm | Late Ambrose and Ellan Oldford |
| Fri. 3 pm | The Passion |
| Sat. 9:00 pm | Deceased member of Joyce Family |
| Sun. 11 am | Parish Community |

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible study program continues on Sunday 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Stations of the Cross at **7:00 pm on the Fridays of Lent**. A different version of the stations will be used each week.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to the family of Jim Power whose funeral we celebrated last week. May he rest in peace

CHURCH CLEANING: We are looking for help with cleaning our church for Easter. If you are able and willing to help with the cleaning in any capacity, please be here on Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30am. Many hands make light work. Please, help us prepare for the Easter celebrations.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: A Lenten penitential service will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday - April 14, 2022 - 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish. **Washing of the feet will take place.**

7:00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Good Friday - April 15, 2022 -

3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

3:00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 16, 2022 –

9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

9:00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022 –

11:00 am at Sacred Heart Parish

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: Development and Peace is accepting humanitarian donations for Ukraine and will be distributed through Caritas Ukraine, an affiliate of Caritas International. Any support for those who are suffering due to the war can place a donation in a blank envelope with the words “Help for Ukraine” written on it. Cheques should be made payable to Holy Redeemer Parish so that the parish can send the entire amount to the Diocese for payment to Development and Peace. Tax receipts will then be issued by the Parish.

LADIES GROUP: There will be a meeting of the Sacred Heart Ladies group on Monday, Apr 11 at 6:30pm in the church meeting room. All members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome.

SSVP: Looking for beds, tables and chairs, sofas, and the like. We will be pleased to come and get your donation; please call 638-9010 to arrange a pickup. Thank you for your support.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - SHARE LENT: We encourage all parishioners to be as generous and supportive as possible. You can give to your Share Lent collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for praying for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

SACRED HEART PARISH CUSTODIAN: After discussion with the finance committee and parish council we are looking at the possibility of dividing this position into two parts. 8 hours per week will be dedicated to the church upkeep and cleaning, 20 hours per month will be dedicated to maintenance of the church building and parish grounds.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2022:



For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the

poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

KITCHEN PARTY: Sponsored by Holy Redeemer Parish; Friday, April 29, 2022, beginning at 8:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion. Music by The Griffins and Woody & the Peckers. Bar and dance. Tickets \$10.00; available at the Parish Office, or info.hrp@nl.rogers.com and at the Door.

50/50 TICKETS – Our Lady Star of the Sea: The tickets for our 50/50 draw for 2022 are now available. Please contact Robyn (640-4659) or Kathleen (789-3428) if you wish to purchase tickets. **All tickets are due to be returned no later than May 3, 2020. The draw will take place on May 7, 2022.**

BINGO – Our Lady Star of the Sea: Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish will be having a bingo on **Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm** in the Church basement.. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

HUMOUR: One Sunday at Sunday school the young priest was teaching the children the 23rd Psalm.

He told the children about sheep, that they weren’t smart and needed lots of guidance, and that a shepherd’s job was to stay close to the sheep, protect them from wild animals and keep them from wandering off and doing dumb things that would get them hurt or killed.

Then the minister put his hands out to the side, palms up in a dramatic gesture, and with raised eyebrows said to the children, “If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?” He was pretty obviously indicating himself. A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young visitor said, “Jesus, Jesus is the shepherd.”

The young minister, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, “Well, then, who am I?”

The little boy frowned thoughtfully and then said with a shrug, “I guess you must be a sheep dog.”