

April 5 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

*[Christ Jesus] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*  
*Philippians 2: 6-11*

Ultimate freedom

During the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959, Buddhist monks were the targets of violence and persecutions in order to undermine the deeply rooted spirituality of the Tibetan people. As Chinese forces would invade Tibetan villages, the monks would flee into the mountains.

But when the Chinese invaded one particular village, all the monks had fled — except one. On learning that a single monk dared to remain, the enraged Chinese commander marched up to the monastery and kicked in the gate. There in the courtyard stood the lone defiant monk.

“Do you know who I am?” the commander roared. “I am he who can run you through with a sword without batting an eyelash.

The monk replied: “And do you know who I am? I am he who can *let* you run me through with a sword without batting an eyelash.”

**The commander cannot comprehend this “crazy” monk standing before him – but the monk possesses a centeredness in God that enables him to detach himself from ambitions and quests for power and wealth in order the find peace and hope in the certainty of God’s reign. The monk mirrors the Jesus of Holy Week, who “empties” himself of his divinity to take on our humanity in order to restore us to the peace and compassion of God. In our remembering the passion and death of Jesus, we realize the destruction our sins can wreak. Jesus’ body becomes a looking glass in which we see ourselves in the arrogance and intolerance of those who bring him to the cross. But in his broken, scarred body, we realize the possibilities for re-creating our lives and worlds in his Gospel of justice and compassion. God takes on our humanity in its brokenness in order to heal us of that brokenness: to open our eyes to realize our need for one another; to open our ears to hear the cries for compassion, forgiveness and justice around us; to open our spirits to embrace one another in our disappointments and pain. This week we meet a God of such great love for us that he becomes one of us in order to make us whole in such love.**

connectionsmediaworks.com

April 5, 2020  
Passion (Palm) Sunday

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Dianne Russell

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 REGULATIONS, OUR OFFICE REMAINS OPEN BUT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE IN PERSON. IF YOU NEED SERVICES PLEASE CALL 785-5025**

465 Curling Street  
Corner Brook, NL, A2H 3K8  
Tel: (709) 785-5025

curlingparish@hotmail.com  
www.sacredheartrcparish.ca

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

March 29, 2020

Regular Sunday	
Building Fund	
Lent Folders	
Mass Stipends	

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Special Intention
Wed, 10 am	Late Joseph Grant
Thur, 7 pm	Late Joan & Jack Hearn
Fri, 10 am	Late Gertrude Noseworthy
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Thomas Collier
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Even though we are not in church for these important Holy Days, it is still important to honour the times when these services will normally take place. Use your Sunday missal to obtain the readings and prayers for Holy Week services.

- **Holy Thursday, April 9**  
Mass of the Lord Supper  
Washing of Feet, Exposition
- **Good Friday, April 10**  
The Passion  
Veneration of the Cross
- **Good Friday, April 10**  
Stations of the Cross
- **Holy Saturday, April 11**  
Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday, April 12**  
Easter Mass



**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2020;** Easter Mission Special – Touching Gods Compassion: Bishop Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catherines, Ontario, will reflect on the Sacraments of Baptism and Anointing as we prepare for the Easter Celebration of the resurrection. This mission will take place Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7. This scheduled time is 8pm and 11pm ET (9:30pm NT and 12:30am NT) Visit [dailytvmass.com](http://dailytvmass.com) for more information.

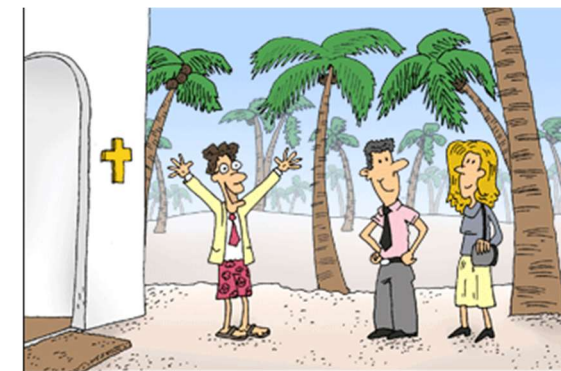
**PARISH OFFERINGS:** Thank you to the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly offering. So far this has been done by dropping their collection in our mailbox. While our first concern as a parish is our praise of God through the prayers we offer Him and the prayers we offer for each other, still financial realities are always present. We encourage parishioners to continue to provide for the parish through the weekly offering. If you wish, this offering can be dropped off at our mailbox, but please call the parish office and let us know that you have done this. We do not want to leave money unattended. Thank you for your support.

**CANCELLATION OF MASS:** Due to the Covid-19 regulations, weekday and weekend masses will not be celebrated in this church for the time being. Masses will be live streamed on Sundays at 10:30 am and Monday to Friday at 9 am. Please visit our parish website [sacredheartrcparish.ca](http://sacredheartrcparish.ca) or our diocesan website [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com) for more information.

### HUMOUR:

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go to church, and he shows up."



Thanks to Robert  
**ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY**  
04-18-2011

**THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS:** Due to the restrictions surrounding the Corona Virus (Covid-19), the celebration of the Chrism Mass is also postponed.

## The Memorare

Remember O most loving Virgin Mary that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession and was left unaided. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness, I fly to you O Mother, Virgin of virgins, to you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen



*"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps....."*  
**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**