

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Palm Sunday**

**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness . . .**

**Philippians 2: 6-11**

**The glory of broken Bamboo**

The Chinese have a beautiful legend about Bamboo.

When the great garden of the earth was first created, Bamboo was the most beautiful and noble plant of all, the favorite the Master of the Garden. Not only was Bamboo beautiful, but Bamboo was among the most modest and gracious of all plants.

One day, the Master of the Garden came to Bamboo. “Bamboo, I must use you,” the Master said gravely.

“Master, I am ready. Use me as you will.”

“Bamboo, I must cut you down.”

Bamboo was stunned. “Cut me down? Can I not serve you as I am?”

“Beloved Bamboo, I cannot use you unless I cut you down.”

Bamboo bent her head. “Master, if you cannot use me unless you cut me down, do as you must.”

“Bamboo, I must also cut away your branches and strip you of your leaves.”

Bamboo pleaded, “Must you take my beautiful branches and leaves?”

“Bamboo, if I do not cut them away, I cannot use you.”

The garden grew still and the wind held its breath, the sun hid its face. Bamboo shivered, then whispered, “Master, cut away.”

And so, the Master of the Garden took the beloved Bamboo and cut Bamboo down. The Master cut off Bamboo’s branches and stripped Bamboo of her leaves, then cleaved Bamboo two and cut out her heart. The Master of the Garden then gently carried Bamboo to a spring of fresh water. The Master put one end of broken Bamboo in the spring and laid Bamboo into the water channel. The clear water raced through Bamboo’s torn body into the waiting fields. Then the rice was planted and, as the days went by, the shoots grew and the harvest came.

On that day, Bamboo, once so glorious in stately beauty, became even more glorious in her brokenness and humility, when Bamboo became the channel of abundant life in the great garden the Master.

***In the second reading for this Palm Sunday, St. Paul beautifully expresses the mystery of this Holy Week: in Jesus, God “empties” himself of his very divinity to take on the cross for the sake of his beloved but fallen humanity. In the Chinese creation tale, Bamboo “empties” itself of its beauty and nobility and so brings life-giving water to the parched earth, transforming the fields into a harvest of rice. As we walk with Jesus this Holy Week, may we learn to “empty” ourselves of our egos, our wants and expectations in order to “redeem” our lives in the liberating love of God, and then become that love for others who are crushed under the weight of their own crosses. May we fill our new “emptiness” with the spirit of Jesus, enabling us to build the Kingdom of God in this time and place of ours.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Chris**

**Parish Information**

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**Weekend Masses:**

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

***To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.***

**Reconciliation:**

By request

**Mass During the Week:**

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

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Discontinued until further notice.

**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.

**FACE MASKS:** *These masks should be worn at all times.*

*They may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing from others.*

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

March 21, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1655.00
Building Fund	35.00
Envelope Cost	10.00
New Years Day	5.00
Lenten Folders	20.00
Catholic Missions of Canada	15.00
Development and Peace	10.00
Ecclesiastical Students	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late James & Dorothy Quigley
Wed. 7pm	Late Gordon Clare
Thu. 7pm	Late Harry Hynes
Fri. 3pm	Passion
Sat. 9pm	Late Anthony & Bernadette George
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Linda Randell.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY:** During lent the Knights will be reciting the Rosary Fridays at 7:00 pm on Bay of Islands Radio (BOIR) 100.1 FM and also on the website boir.ca. Please join us in praying the Rosary together. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Father Terry Boland and BOIR for their cooperation.

**CATHOLIC JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:** At the beginning of each week, during Lent, a short 5-minute reflection will be available on the following week's Gospel. Bishop Bergie from St. Catherine's will be doing the reflections. These reflections can be viewed by going to the cccb.ca website.

**MASSES - COVID ALERT LEVEL 3:** Bishop Bart has issued the following statement to deal with opening of churches with us being in Alert Level 2.

**Beginning on Saturday morning the Province has moved into Alert Level 2. We will be able to host a maximum of 50 people in any one of our venues (if the building cannot house 50, while still observing physical distancing, you can only accommodate the number of people that the building can hold under physical distancing protocol). Contact tracing lists are to be kept. Masks are to be worn throughout the Mass by all those in attendance (new rule for indoor gatherings).**

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING:** Even though we are unable to attend Mass in church at this time, we are continuing with our Bingo Draw to help keep funds flowing into our parish. All donations received for February have been put aside and the draw will be made as soon as Mass resumes. Donations for March draw are now being accepted. Each \$10 donation gives you one chance in the draw. Donors for this month are those with last names starting with N through Y and anyone else who would like to enter. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen's Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy's Lane., or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines, and hopefully we will be able to return to church in the near future.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place on **Good Friday evening at 7:00 pm**. All are invited to come walk the Way of the Cross with us.

**SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:** Now that we know that there will be public celebrations of Holy Week Masses, we have to apply the regulations as given by government. We can only allow 50 people to be in attendance at any one event. That means that admission will be by registration alone. The schedule will be as follows:

**Palm Sunday** Mass Saturday at 4:30 and Sunday at 11am a gloved assistant will give you your Palms as you enter the church. There will be no procession with the Palms. Palms will be blessed from the front of the church.

**Holy Thursday** Mass begins at 7pm. There will be no washing of the feet. You are encouraged to remain behind for Eucharistic Adoration from the end of mass until 9pm.

**Good Friday** Service at 3pm will include the reading of the Passion, the Intercessions, and Holy Communion. There will be no Veneration of the Holy Cross, but an act of adoration will take place.

**Easter vigil:** Mass 9pm Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Easter Sunday:** Mass 11am Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>

## HUMOUR:

One Palm Sunday, a little boy had a sore throat and had to stay home from church with a sitter.

When the rest of the family came home, they were carrying palm branches. The little boy asked what they were for.

His father told him that people held them over Jesus' head when he walked by.

In a sad, disappointed voice, the little boy said, "Wouldn't you know it? The one Sunday I miss, Jesus shows up!"



**4YOUTH:** This is Holy Week, the time when we remember the final days of Jesus' earthly life, beginning with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ending with His resurrection at Easter. The last three days of this week are called the Triduum. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. While the Triduum spans the three-day period that begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening, it is considered **one** celebration because the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus are considered one inseparable event. Busted Halo has a good video on YouTube called *Holy Week in 2 Minutes*. Why not check it out?

## PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – March

**Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God