

April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday
Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

April 13th, 2025
Palm Sunday
Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

<u>Lohnes Complex*</u>	First Friday of each month - 2 pm * Note: No mass at the church on this day.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	To be determined at a later date.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Postponed until further notice.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>Family Connections:</u>	At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS Apr. 5 - 6

Regular Sunday	1552.00
Loose Offering	110.00
Parish Dues	50.00
Building Fund	135.00
Lenten Folders	190.00
Mass Stipends/Baptism Fees	100.00
Votive Candles	29.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
Living with Christ	17.00
Easter Flowers in Memory	215.00
Development & Peace	320.00
Bingo Proceeds	600.00

MASS INTENTIONS Apr. 15 - 20

Apr. 15	The Hynes Family
Apr. 16	Special Intentions: Joseph Power
Apr. 17	The Late Brian, Annie & Thomas Griffin (Sr.) & George Hynes
Apr. 18	Good Friday
Apr. 19	The Late Bud Dunphy The Late Amelia Rolls The Late Mary Wheeler & Brian Griffin
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 19 – Easter Vigil	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	John Carroll
April 20 – Easter Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Marie Pennell	Eileen Moore

NO MASSES: Remember from **April 22nd to April 25th**, there is no mass during this time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The final one is 10:30a.m. on Good Friday.

MASS SCHEDULE – Holy Week

Holy Thursday – April 17th, 2025

– **Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper**

4:30 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

Good Friday – April 18th, 2025

– **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**

10:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

– Sacred Heart Parish

3:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

5:00 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea

Holy Saturday – April 19th, 2025

– **Easter Vigil – The Lord’s Resurrection**

9:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

Easter Sunday – April 20th, 2025

– **The Lord’s Resurrection**

9:30 a.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

11:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

REHERSALS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Thursday April 17th at 10a.m.

Friday April 18th at 10.a.m.

Saturday April 19th at 10a.m.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday – April 17th, 2025

Reader: Lynette Taylor

Good Friday – April 18th, 2025

Reader: Joan Penney

The Passion: Jacqueline Neville

Sherri Lynn Brake

Holy Saturday – April 19th, 2025

1st Reading: Art Hall

3rd Reading: Mike Leonard

5th Reading: Victor Murphy

7th Reading: Calvin Gillis

Epistle: Eileen Moore

SSVP MEETING:

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 16 at 2pm** in the lower level of the Cathedral. All members are asked to make every effort to attend. New members are always welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

Considering all the disruptions, and the consequent plight of the Christian community and Holy Sites, and the ongoing hostilities, the Pope is making a special appeal for you to be generous in your response. This collection will help alleviate some of the hardship caused by lack of pilgrims and tourists to the area. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

GIFT CARD TREE:

We have reached our goal of \$2000 in donations. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. We are waiting for the license from the lottery commission and should have it soon. The draw date is Father’s Day June 15th, 2025. Call the office if you would like to volunteer to sell tickets at the stores. Thank you.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING:

The Corner Brook and District Labour Council will hold a National Day of Mourning **Wreath-laying Ceremony** this year. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral, Mt. Bernard Ave. **Monday, April 28th at 2:00 P.M.**

The National Day of Mourning Monument with engraved names on it, will be provided to accompany those wishing to lay a wreath. It is open to the public. For further information, or if you wish to lay a wreath on behalf of a loved one or organization, please contact Jim O’Neill at (709) 634-3695 or by email: jloneill@nf.sympatico.ca

BISHOP O’REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:

The next meeting will be at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday **April 15th at 7:45 P.M.** We would ask that all Sir Knights please try to attend.

MARY’S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS:

May month is **Sacred Heart Parish’s turn** to help with **Mary’s Kitchen**. We need 4 Volunteers, at least two desserts to be provided, plus a few hours of your time. If interested, please sign the volunteer sheet at the back of the church. SSVP thanks you for your help.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 29th**, at 6:30pm in the church meeting room.

Reflection:

Weep not for me but for yourselves

This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem, if not in body, at least in mind.

They stand at the foot of the cross, beating their breasts, and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.

They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

But when the week is over, they return to their homes to resume their deep-seated spites and the burden of things they can’t forgive.

Let us not then weep for Jesus.

Let us weep for our own sins.

Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able to forgive others who sin against us.