

APRIL 10TH, 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, Vern Menzie, Rita Lockhart, John Miron
Fr. Peter Conlin, Augustine Sheppard, Cory Wanjon,
Maureen O'Grady, Fr. Bill Maloney

HOLY WEEK—MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—7PM CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

TUESDAY—5PM Followed by Stations of the Cross
WEDNESDAY—5PM preceded by Penitential Service
at 4:45PM

THURSDAY—5PM Mass of the Last Supper, followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **9PM**

GOOD FRIDAY: 11AM in Nestleton & **3PM** in Millbrook

SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL 8PM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

SATURDAY: 4 PM — For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 9 AM — For those who are sick in the Parish

ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY: 11 AM

For the journey of Truth and Reconciliation with the
Indigenous People of the Church of Canada.

FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

Dear sisters/brothers, parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,
Let us use the antiphon of the mass for Palm Sunday, "The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying; Hosanna in the highest." As we begin the most holy week of the year, let us focus on the Passion of the Lord Jesus, his passion to undergo great suffering and dying to save the world. Our response to this great love of Jesus should be gratitude and humility. We should be grateful for this great love of Jesus, and we should humble ourselves knowing that he came down to earth with great humility when he accepted to live like us in all things except sin. Jesus saved the world through his humble acceptance of his passion, his suffering dying and rising again. Jesus saved the world through humility and obedience to the Father's will as opposed to the sin of pride and disobedience by our first parents. It is also a challenge for us that many times we too might have a rebellious heart that would question and doubt about God's ways. Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, we too are struggling to accept God's will and like Jesus we too should say, "Not my will but your will be done."
As we begin the most holy week of the year 2022, let us examine ourselves in what aspect that our Lent is different from the previous years? For the past two years, we have had a different Lent journey and Holy Week celebrations, because of the pandemic. we had many restrictions that prevented us to do the things that we used to do. This year since some of the restrictions are being lifted, we would be returning to some activities. We start the Holy Week with the commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry to the Holy City of Jerusalem or popularly called Palm Sunday for we used palm leaves to re-enact Jesus' entry when during his time people cut branches of olive trees, spread their cloaks as carpet along his way and welcomed him triumphantly, acclaiming him, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven." There are two gospels to be proclaimed that day both from St. Luke, the first is depicting the triumphant entry and the passion reading starts with Jesus' celebration of the Last Supper until his burial in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Cont'd.... /over

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In the first reading Prophet Isaiah foretold about how the Suffering Servant will undergo great suffering and he endured humiliation to save the world. St. Paul, in the second reading in his letter to the Philippians, mentioned how Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross to save us. This was the only way to save humanity, who became proud of wanting to be like God. The serpent enticed Eve and also enticed Adam; both disobeyed what God had told them not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. It was not the eating that displeased God, but the pride and the disobedience they had shown to God in their love relationship. Through the disobedience of one the whole human race suffered and needed redemption. God in his love and mercy fulfilled the promise of redemption through the humility and obedience of his only begotten Son Jesus. This is what we are celebrating and commemorating in this Paschal Mystery, which runs for three days and so it is called the Easter Triduum, starting on Holy Thursday at the mass of the Last Supper and ending on Easter Sunday.

Please let us try to be faithful with the different liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week.

Please, stay safe and healthy. God bless.....Fr. Tony

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday @ 7:00 PM: Chrism mass in Peterborough, (Renewal of the Priestly Promises and blessings of the Holy Oils)

Tuesday @ 5:00 PM: Mass at St. Thomas More, followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Wednesday @ 5:00 PM preceded by a Penitential Service @ 4:45 PM.

Holy Thursday mass of the Last Supper @ 5:00 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Since I could not find the wooden tabernacle for the repository after the mass of the Last Supper, I borrowed one from a friend and I noticed we have one carpet sitting in the rectory chapel one of those carpets used during the mass of St. John Paul II in 1982. It is a relic and let us use it for the Holy Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Let us ask St. John Paul II for his intercession of whatever needs we have in our life.

Good Friday (Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross) 11:00 AM in Nestleton and 3:00 PM in Millbrook.

Saturday Easter Vigil starts at 8:00 PM. With the blessing of the new fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle, the singing of the Exultet or the Easter Proclamation, followed by the readings that tell of Salvation history, singing of the Gloria, blessing of the water of Baptism, followed by the renewal of our baptismal promises, then the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM in Millbrook and 11:00 AM in Nestleton.

May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Glorious Easter. Remember that we are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song.

The different schedule of confessions in the city parishes are: Before the Chrism mass priests are available for confession in the Cathedral; on Tuesday April 12; whole day confession at St. Alphonsus, and we will have a Penitential Service on Wednesday at 4:45 PM before the mass.

After Easter, I will have my short visit to the Philippines and please, pray for my safe trip. I too will keep you in my prayers and masses, whenever I will have the opportunity to celebrate mass with family and friends.

Prayer for the sick: Erica Perk, Vern Menzie, Fr. Peter Conlin, Fr. Bill Moloney, Rita Lockhart, Augustine Sheppard, John Miron, Cory Wanjon, Maureen O'Grady, Mary Leezard.

Camp Northern Lights, will resume this summer for children ages 9 to 13. Website: campnorthyenlights.com

Contact Fr. Tony for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings, or mass devotions.

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