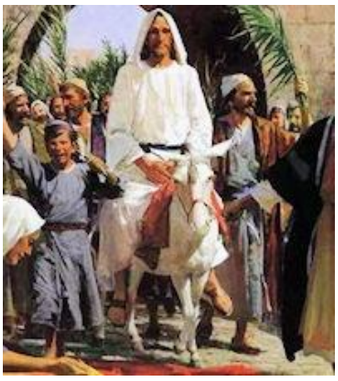


Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt (Jn 12:13-15)!"

Today is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration:

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

The palms are blessed with the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).
Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel. (Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

Collection

March 17th – No collection as mass was cancelled.

Tentative list of events that will take place at the Johnstown Parish Hall. More information will be added later. Additional events could be added.

Sunday July 7 - Strawberry Festival - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday July 7 - Guadalupe Mass - 2:00 pm
Sunday August 11 - Cemetery Mass - 9:30 am
Sunday August 11 - Pancake Breakfast - 10:15 am
Friday August 23 - Milling Frolic 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Notices:

1: Community Drop-in All are welcome on Wednesday mornings 9:00 am - 11:30 am at the District 10 Volunteer Fire Department for a social gathering. The coffee pots will be hot and the conversation will be flowing. Sponsored by the Bras d'Or Lakers Club.

2: Fish Cake Supper - Friday March 29th, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Eat In or Take Out - Fish Cakes, Homemade Beans, Chow, Biscuits, Cost $12.00, Johnstown Parish Hall. If you would like to donate a package of salted cod bits, or would like to order a meal please contact the following:

3: Help Needed: If you can come and help peel potatoes and make the fish cakes, we will be at the hall on Friday March 29th at 11:00 am. All help is welcome.

4: Holy Week Celebrations

Chrism Mass Monday, March 25, 2024, at 3:00 pm
Celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral
Notes: Parishioners of all parishes are welcome to join all Holy Week celebrations: Following the instructions on the Sacred Triduum from the Clergy Days, November, 2023, and with the Bishop's permission, the following schedule is close to the ideal.

This year the Sacred Triduum will be held at St. John the Baptist Church.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
Thursday, March 28, 2024
SJB 4:00 PM

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Friday, March 29, 2024
SJB 3:00 PM

Note: Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday service consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. There should be no physical contact with the Cross, but veneration may be expressed by a reverent bow or a genuflection.

The Resurrection of the Lord
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Saturday, March 30, 2024
SJB: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, 2024
SH 9:30 AM
HGA 11:00 AM

5: Emergency First Aid Course open to seniors over 55 in the District 10 Volunteer Fire Department area, Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm with an hour for lunch. No charge for this course. Limited seating available. For more information or to confirm your attendance, call Debbie Johnston at 902-304-0558."

6: Food Handler's Certification course for seniors over 55 in the District 10 Volunteer Fire Department area around the end of April 2024. Date and time to be announced later. No charge for this course. Limited seating available. Call Debbie Johnston at 902-304-0558 to confirm your attendance.

7: Beginner - intermediate Gaelic workshop Red Islands Firehall Saturday, April 13 10-3 Instructor: Stacey MacLean (head teacher of the Gaelic elementary school in Mabou) $10 , lunch included Register: Cathy at 902-217-2088

8: Beginner Gaelic classes Red Islands firehall 6 weeks, Tuesdays April 16 - May 21 1- 3:30 $30 Register: Cathy at 902-217-2088

9: Chair Yoga: Red Islands Fire Hall, Red Islands Wednesdays, for 8 weeks, beginning April 10 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm, Fee: $25 Instructor: Lynne Doucette
Registering & Payment Options → Register online by visiting http://www.richmondcounty.ca → Register by phoning 902.226.0663 → Pay online via credit card or hybrid card → Pay by cash/cheque/debit at the municipal administration office → Pay via credit card over the phone

10: Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series Deepening our Exploration of the Climate Crisis through Laudato Si Fr. Darlene O'Leary PhD. - Coordinator Martha Justice Ministry, NGO liaison at the United Nations Wednesday April 3rd at 2 pm in the Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite (Multipurpose Room) at Cape Breton University. Sponsored by CBU Chaplaincy and Newman Society All are welcome to this free community lecture, refreshments provided.