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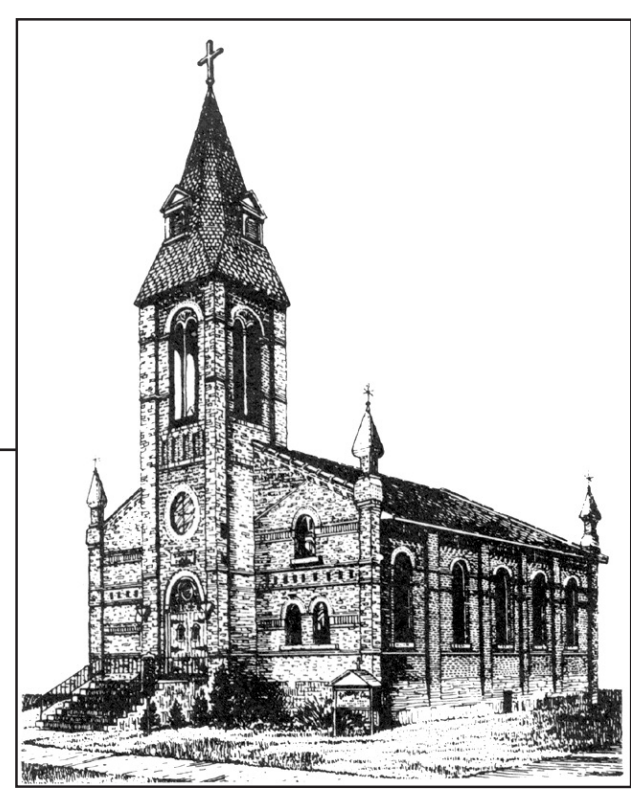
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7:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

As we approach Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday (next weekend), our Lenten preparations are coming to a close as this season of grace moves us to contemplate the tremendous and life-changing mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Our Blessed Lord. As this is my first Holy Week at St. Mary's, I will be attentive to the crowd sizes, etc.

Tuesday, April 12 – 7:30 am Holy Hour, 8:30 am Mass
 Wednesday, April 13 – 7:00 pm Mass

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7:00 pm.

followed by a time of adoration in the parish hall

Good Friday – April 15

The Passion of Our Lord
 3:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

The Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16

8:00 pm.

St. Augustine called this “the Mother of All Vigils”
 (Those who attend the Vigil of Easter need not attend Mass on Easter Sunday.)

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17

9:00 am & 11:00 am

The parish hall will be used for overflow with sound-only of the Mass.

Genuflecting, Bowing and Respect

Much of our Catholic way of life, with its outward signs that show due respect to the Trinity, Christ, the Cross, the Blessed Mothers and also the saints of the Church, has either largely been lost or has not been understood by many Catholics. For example, when the new Roman Missal was released for use in



Canada in 2011, we saw the restoration of many things that had been changed or dropped after the Vatican Council, like saying ‘And with your spirit’ instead of saying, ‘And also with you.’ When I was a boy growing up, we were taught to bow our heads every time we heard the name of Jesus in Mass,

in school prayer or really at any time. It helped to make us aware of the sacredness of Jesus’ name and that some form of bodily action and reverence was necessary but also worthy as a sign of respect for Christ and his holy name. If you went to a St. Michael’s Choir School concert, any song they sang that contained Jesus’ name, saw a bow of all of the choir’s heads at its utterance. To this day, I bow my head when I hear the beautiful and powerful name of Jesus spoken. (All too often, however, that name by which we are saved and upon which we call in our need is profaned and used as a mockery toward the One who is love incarnate.)

Monastery life also has a custom of enacting a ‘profound bow’, (pictured in the left column) which is bowing from the hip, when the name of the Trinity is either said or sung. Catholics are instructed to do a profound bow (bending from the hips) when in the Apostles Creed we speak of the incarnation. The instruction in the Roman Missal, p.503, no 19, states that just after we say “And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord”,... “At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary..., all bow. Again, this is a profound bow, bowing from the hips, when we acknowledge that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We stand erect again, before we continue with...”suffered under Pontius Pilate...”.

A simple bow, bowing from the shoulders, and appears as a bowing of the head is done whenever one is carrying something in liturgy, e.g., the processional cross, a candle, a lectionary, etc. The simple bow is also the one called for by the Church just prior to an individual’s reception of Communion. As soon as a communicant has received Communion, the next person in line



as soon as they see the priest bows, even before the priest says ‘The Body of Christ’. Due to the protocols called for during the pandemic and the six-foot distancing as people approached the Eucharist, many now bow after the priest has said ‘The Body of Christ’. So, it should be, approach, simple bow, ‘The Body of Christ’, the persons, ‘Amen’ response and hands or mouth open to receive the Eucharist. Some people receive Holy Communion and then kneel at the sanctuary step or genuflect to the Tabernacle, but these are not necessary since YOU are now the Tabernacle as you have just received Him. And, during Communion, there are usually no hosts in the Tabernacle toward which one would genuflect.

Genuflecting, simply dropping one’s right knee to the floor and rising again, if one is able, is seriously lacking in most parishes today. As people arrive at the church for baptisms, funerals, weddings, Confirmations and most any liturgy outside of weekday and Sunday Masses, sadly, the majority of visitors don’t genuflect at all. Many people have not been taught to perform this venerable sign in recognition that Jesus is truly present in this place in the Tabernacle as churches are regarded as meeting places and not sacred places. For those who, due to frailty or inability to genuflect, one may stop before entering their pew, and facing the Tabernacle, give a profound bow or a simple bow if they have mobility difficulties.

A genuflection signifies adoration. The instruction on the Roman Missal states: “A bow of the head is made when Three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saint in whose honour Mass is being celebrated.”

The sacred gestures we make in church are not only personal signs of our respect for the sacred and holy space and at the names of those who are holy, but also as a witness to others. When children see others making the sign of the cross, genuflecting and bowing they wonder what this means if they themselves have not been taught to do this. And so often the questions of children are important reminders to us all about sacred signs that convey so much meaning, reverence and respect for that which is sacred, principally, our faith. (FrC)



Tuesday April 12

7:30am **HOLY HOUR**

8:30am Intentions of Michelle Spencer
 Requested by Ken Wright

Wednesday April 13

7:00pm +Audrey Stover

Requested by Chris Godin & Family

Blessing of the Food

Saturday April 16

9:00am

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth,
 Lynda McKay, Fr. Jim Petrie, Ken Buchan

Pray for those who have died recently...



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 From April 10 to April 16, 22

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There is both great joy and terrible sorrow associated with this day, the Sunday that begins Holy Week the Sunday that portends the crucifixion of Our Lord.



It is a time of despair, perplexity and contradiction. The very people who applaud Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem that morning, shouting out “Hosanna” and words of adoration will, within a week, be crying, “Crucify Him.” They will go from acclaiming Him as the new King of Israel to urging His life be traded in favor of a convicted criminal; they will first praise Him and then mock Him. Even friends entering Jerusalem at His side will desert Jesus. All this discord will take place during one week beginning on what we call Palm Sunday.

**Passion (Palm) Sunday
 April 10, 2022
 ShareLife Agencies Need your Support**

The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife funded that agency that helps seniors. They note:

“This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through ShareLife’s support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our Food Delivery program. Your support is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough! Our parishioners have contributed \$8002.00 toward our goal of \$45,000.00

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**Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land
 On Good Friday**

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for “Commissariat of the Holy Land”, or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support, Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada



Now we are at the heart of Jesus’ mission: to suffer appallingly and to die without faltering in his love for us. This is where the gospel begins and ends. Yet it is hard to contemplate. We shy away from the pain and injustice of the passion.

