

Holy Week Schedule

April 13 Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:00 am & 10:00 am & 8:00 pm

April 15 Chrism Mass

7:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral

April 17 Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm followed by adoration until midnight

April 18 Good Friday

12:00pm Seven Last Words of Christ with Father Penna

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm Tenebrae service (All are welcome)

April 19 Easter Vigil

8:30pm Mass followed by Agape meal in the Parish hall

April 20 Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass with Father Penna

10:00am Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen

NO 8:00pm Mass

*There will be NO Daily Mass/Confessions at St. Paul's on Tuesday & Thursday of Holy Week



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"I have learned more from the crucifix than from any other book"

St. Thomas Aquinas

Br. Domini Caserta O.P. overheard a voice from the Crucifix speak to St. Thomas

"You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward will you receive from me for your labor?"

St. Thomas' response was simple: "Domine, non nisi Te." "Lord, nothing except you."

Lord, nothing except you.

Holy Week invites us to live this with intensity.

Lord, nothing except you.

We are to live it at the foot of the Cross.

But the Cross is hidden this week in our churches! Why?

In the final words of St. Luke's Passion we find the reason:

"When all who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts." (Lk. 23: 50)

The curious spectators who really had no clue what was happening were overcome with sorrow,

how much more must we hang our heads before what has happened.

They were looking for momentary distraction by Roman brutality.

We look upon what our dear Jesus endures ... because of our brutality.

Yes ... my brutality ... your brutality ... our brutality

Was it not the Jews? Was it not the Romans? St. Robert Bellarmine answers:

Since our sins made the Lord Christ suffer the torment of the cross, those who plunge themselves into disorders and **crimes crucify the Son of God anew in their hearts** (for he is in them) and hold him up to contempt. And it can be seen that our crime in this case is greater in us than in the Jews. As for them, according to the witness of the Apostle, "None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." We, however, profess to know him. and when we deny him by our deeds, **we in some way seem to lay violent hands on him.** (CCC§ 598)

St. Francis of Assisi is much more direct:

Nor did demons crucify him; it is you who have crucified him and crucify him still, when you delight in your vices and sins.

That is what we first learn at the foot of the Cross:

"He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed."

So we are silent – we beat our breasts – we fast – we pray – we share ... and we listen to a deeper learning from the Cross:

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

'A guest,' I answered, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

(George Herbert)

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY, April 14, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Erin Sterens)
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, April 15, 2025

7:00 pm - **Chrism Mass at Holy Family Cathedral**

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Deceased homeless of Saskatoon)
 4:00 pm - Altar Server Rehearsal

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17, 2025

7:00 pm - **Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 2025

12:00 pm - Preaching by Father Penna on the **Seven Last Words of Christ**
 3:00 pm - **Good Friday Solemn Liturgy**
 7:30 pm - Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, 2025

8:30 pm - **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 2025

8:00 am - **Mass**
 10:00 am - **Mass with Bishop Mark**

CALL FOR EASTER FLOWERS!

We welcome all donations of Lilies or Easter flowers to fill our Co-Cathedral for Easter. Please drop off at the parish office before Thursday. Monetary donations are also appreciated! Thank you.



The annual **Outdoor Good Friday Way of the Cross** in downtown Saskatoon is an opportunity to follow the cross, witness, pray and reflect on the scriptural Way of the Cross written by St. John Paul II. The prayer walk begins at 10 a.m. Good Friday, April 18, in front of the King's Bench Courthouse at 520 Spadina Crescent East (please arrive at 9:45 a.m.) and runs until approximately 11:45 a.m., ending at St. Paul Co-Cathedral.

Lectio Divina - A Bible prayer session on the Sunday readings will be held 1 p.m. **Saturday, April 26** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, Bring your Bible or Bible app or "Living With Christ." For more info contact Sr. Marlene, MACE, at: srmarlene@sasktel.net.

Teen-Aid Fundraiser "Created for Greatness" will be held 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at St. Anne Hall; live and silent auction and entertainment. Register at: <https://teenaidssask.ca> or call (306) 373-3645.

OFFERING for April 6, 2025

Cash Donations	\$	917.45
Envelopes	\$	3,075.00
Renovations	\$	1835.00
Development & Peace	\$	685.00

Celebrating Generations of Faith at St.

Paul's Co-Cathedral

A Gala event featuring Faith, Food and Fellowship

Thursday, May 29 at 6:00pm

Bishop Mahoney Hall

- Elegant dinner including a gourmet meal, refreshments & musical performances
- All funds will go towards the renovations
- Tickets are \$100 each or \$800 per table
- For tickets, contact Dave or Jon, or call the parish office (cash or cheque only)
- Contact: **Dave Dutchak** at 306-229-1460 / davedutchak@gmail.com, or **Jon Neufeld** at 306-260-8588

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Thursday
 After Mass until midnight



Please note, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Wednesday

"The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy." -St John Henry Newman

The **Passion of Christ film (2004)** will be shown during Holy Week 7 p.m. **Wednesday, April 16** at the Roxy Theatre, 320-20th Street West, Saskatoon (Rating is Restricted-18A); tickets \$12. See: <https://ticketing.mymagiclantern.ca>

Holy Week

Chrism Mass - 7pm Tuesday, April 15 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

The priests of the diocese gather with Bishop Mark to renew their commitment to ministry. The Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism for use in the celebration of sacraments throughout the year are also blessed by Bishop Mark. **Clement & Rachele Ng & their family** will be representing our parish this year!

Seven Last Words of Christ - 12:00pm - 2:00pm Good Friday

Preaching by Father Penna

Tenebrae - 730pm Good Friday

This marvelous ancient prayer of psalms and readings open the depths of the Passion of

At the **Easter Vigil Mass**, Saturday April 19, we joyfully anticipate **Colton's baptism**, and we welcome our candidates **Cameron, Jada, Ian, Jecebel and Sidney** into full communion with the Church. Please pray for our newest members as they continue their journey of Faith.

After Mass, we feast! Stay for the **Agape Meal to celebrate!**



Easter Sunday, bring your **Easter food** to Mass for a blessing!