

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday April 2

- Mass at 7:00pm followed by adoration until midnight
- Confessions from 9pm-11pm

Good Friday April 3

- 12:00pm Preaching on the Seven Last Words with Father Penna
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 7:00pm Tenebrae service

Easter Vigil April 4

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

Easter Sunday April 5

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:00am Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen
- Note there will be no 8:00pm Mass

***There will be no Daily Mass on Tuesday & Thursday of Holy Week**



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5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

Remember the Tomb of COVID?

I think we forget our dark trials too quickly. Or maybe it is that one of the gifts of the Lord is that we do forget pain quickly. But in forgetting do we neglect praising the Lord for rescue and receiving the wisdom that God presents us through our trials? It was only five years ago that St. Paul's parish – along with the whole Church – found herself living Holy Week amid the challenges of COVID. Here is the Bulletin from the beginning of Passiontide (this Sunday) from 2021. What gift rests in this memory?

"The Paschal Feasts await. Did you get the plural? **FeastS**. The fast will soon be done. Like our journey as wayfarers on earth, our Lenten Journey "*from COVID to Covenant*" will end. But there is a price to pay for the Feasts. There is Food to prepare for the Feasts. Jesus pays the price. Jesus provides the Food. Holy Week is the Week of God's Holy One – saving us, paying the price for the Feast of Freedom, giving us Eternity and Love not as ideas or hopes – but as **Real Food, Real Flesh today**. Prayerfully, with fasting and weeping, we walk together with Him ... through a last meal and goodbyes, through betrayal and abandonment, through government and community oppression and torture, through rejection and execution, through suffering and humiliating death, through His Mother's heartbreak and family terror, through Hell, to Resurrection transforming us, transforming all. Resurrection poured out as water of New Life **for** Shuvanni, Kennedy, Fiorenzo, Ryan, Perry, Keyra, Alex, Anh Minh, Annissa, and Andre! [elect and confirm-andi) and Poured out in New Life for us!

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Are we filled with hope through the promise of vaccinated protection from the Virus? This is but an icon of the Real Hope of our protection from Evil and the defeat of Death. Yes, we can wrestle mightily with the threats and viruses that threaten our bodies, but our bodies will die – unless the Lord comes in Final Glory before then – but **death will not hold our bodies**. In Christ our Bodies are transformed in Resurrection. Death cannot hold us anymore. Our eyes will not close into nothingness. Our Eyes will Open to see the Face of God, the Loving eyes of Christ, the Eyes of the Communion of Angels and Saints, Eyes shining with the Light of the Holy Spirit. This is how we Feast – tasting this Resurrection now in tasting the Resurrected Body of Jesus in the Eucharist.

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We Feast with new found insight. Deprived of the Feasts last year – How was it so?!? We know the absolute need of the Eucharistic Feasts. We will Feast in the face of whatever comes – we will not cower before any Pharaoh or Chariots threatening fear and disease. We have tasted solitude – and have found there the Presence of God ... calling us to care for those who are so very alone. We have discovered amidst all the distraction and boredom what it means to live: to *really* live is "*to have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus*" (Phil 2:5). The Preface of the Mass for Lent is the preface of our new life as we move "*from COVID to Covenant*": We have moved with "the joy of minds purified" to have the "*mind and heart of Christ Jesus*".

We have added extra masses for Palm Sunday and Easter. We are limited to 30% but nothing limits our participation at home alone or with our family. Easter is an OCTAVE – EIGHT DAYS OF EASTER SUNDAY – there is no reason not to gather on one of the days. (Fr. Stefano Penna, March 18, 2021)

Only five years ago, we met Jesus calling us from a tomb of death, calling for us to be freed from the death-wraps of controlling fear. How have we answered that call? Have we allowed the joy Easter victory to be dulled by the routine of surrendering to materialism, family division, diversion, and ever increasing social and governmental control of our lives? Have we learned to trust in God's love rather than in the gifts of wealth that—while beautiful—can only fail?

Two weeks of fasting and prayer await. Let us fast from forgetting what God has done for us. Let us fix our eyes and hearts on Him.

MONDAY, March 23, 2026

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (OM)

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Deacon Donat & Marian Davatz)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, March 24, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Larry & Diane Taylor)
7:00 pm - Lenten Mission with Father Penna

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2026

Annunciation of the Lord (S)

11:30 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Lisa & Mike Wells)
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**
7:00 pm - **Mass**

THURSDAY, March 26, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Mary Willa Littler)
4:30 pm - RCIC
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, March 27, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Marius Simonot)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 28, 2026

10:00 am - Confirmation Prep
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Erin Stevens)
1:00 pm - Lectio Divina
1:30 pm - Altar Server Rehearsals

SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
12:30 pm - **Eritrean Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

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, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm (closed over noon hour).



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:30pm during lent

Join us for Soup and Bread following the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Vigil, Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm

Lenten Mission with Father Penna

"How the Passion begins with the Annunciation"



Wednesday, March 25 Holy Mass at 12:10pm and 7:00pm

Registration for First Holy Communion

For children in grade 2 or higher. **The classes start April 22 and meet Wednesday evenings at 4:30pm.** Registration is open until April 16.

To register, see the parish website at stpaulscc.com

OFFERING for March 15, 2026

Cash Donations	\$	915.60
Envelopes	\$	2,080.00
Renovations	\$	430.00

"Radiant With Him" Women's Retreat April 17-

18 - St. John Bosco Parish is hosting a women's retreat 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, April 17** and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday April 18** (lunch included). All women are invited! The keynote speaker is Danielle Gaudet. Registration is \$60 for the two days or \$15 for Friday only. Register now at <https://radiantwithhim.eventbrite.com>. Contact Ruth Brown at (306) 227-7577 for all inquiries.

Teen-Aid Fundraising Dinner "Created for

Greatness": Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 pm at St. Anne's Parish Hall. Features a live and silent auction and entertainment. To register, visit teenaidask.ca or call 306-373-3645. Visit teenaidask.ca for details on the **art contest** for students in grade 6, 7 or 8 and the **speech contest** for students in grade 12.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm



"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

Silent Retreat - Journey to the tomb: A Walk

Through Holy Week. Join Father Gregory Hrynkiw and the Academy of our Lady for a day long reflection on the last week of Christ's life, beginning in the temple and ending in the tomb. **Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 am - 3:00pm** at **Our Lady of Lourdes**. Cost is \$50 - individuals, \$90 - couples, \$40 - high school students. Register before March 25 by emailing office.ourlady@gmail.com

Holy Week

Chrim Mass - 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 31 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

The priests of the diocese gather with Bishop Mark to renew their commitment to ministry. The Sacred Oils for use in the celebration of sacraments throughout the year are also blessed by Bishop Mark. **Frances Oakes, Iris Kalyniuk, Cecile Charlebois and Pauline Heinen** will be representing our parish this year!

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

Preaching by Father Penna

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm Good Friday

This marvelous ancient prayer of psalms and readings open the depths of the Passion of Christ. All are welcome.

At the Easter Vigil, Saturday April 4, we joyfully anticipate **Luke, Annika, & Samantha's** baptism, and we welcome our candidates **Graham, Jade, JiEun, Donal, Kayden, Diana, Drake & Roy** 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! -- note, no 8 pm Mass on Easter Sunday