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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - - April 10, 2022

“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”

St. Boniface Church Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French
livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass—Go to:

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Masks are optional at St Boniface. Consider your recent activities in your decision to wear a mask or not. Please social distance. Stay home if you are sick.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick:
Please call parish office for information.

VOLUNTEERS:

You are welcome, you are needed, you are appreciated.

Now is the time to join your parish in joyful participation. We have many opportunities. Electronic signup sheets are available at links below as well as in person on paper signup sheets in church.

Call Patty Griffin at 612-799-0072 if you need help adding your name to any volunteer opportunity.

CCW Council of Catholic Women is St. Boniface Women's Group

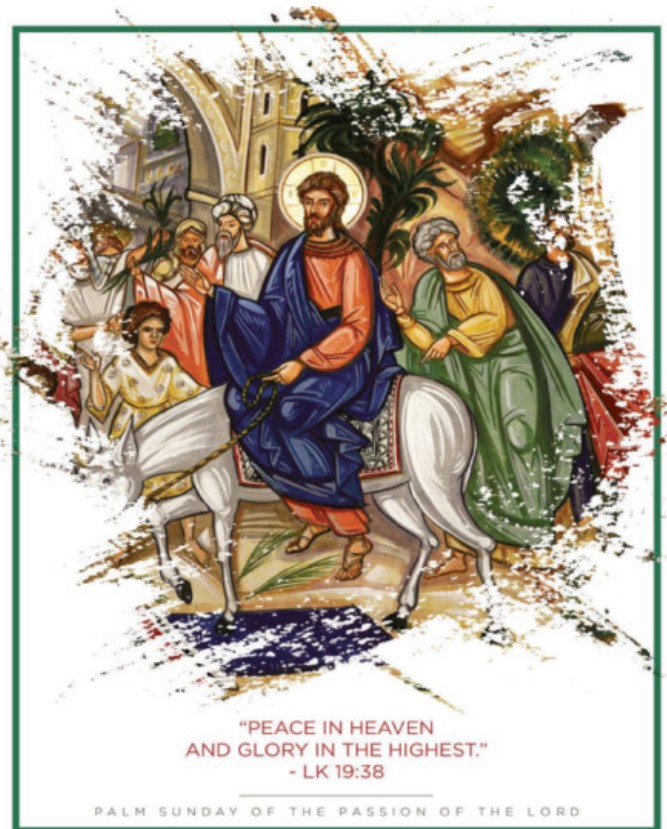
You may sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/TYQFD>

St. Boniface Lectors: Thank you.

We are blessed by your service to our parish.

Readers are needed for the 4:00pm Mass Saturdays
also for the 10:00am Mass Sundays.

You may sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/cqwpf> you may use the paper schedule in the Sacristy or call Patty Griffin 612-799-0072 to be placed on the lector schedule.



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READINGS for the Week of April 10, 2022**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56

Monday: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 I Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday - Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday - Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1—2:2 Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15—15:1 Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]

Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12

Sunday - Easter Sunday - Alleluia!*This is the day the Lord has made;**let us rejoice and be glad.*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Father Biju hears Confessions Saturdays at 3:30pm

(Exception April 17 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil)

MASS INTENTIONSSaturday, April 9, 20224:00pm Steven Patrick†, Paul James Sicora†
Greg and Mary Sicora, Lois Sicora, Judy SicoraSunday, April 10, 202210:00am Birthday of Father Biju Mathew
12:00Noon (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface**HOLY WEEK AT ST. BONIFACE CHURCH****Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Holy Thursday**

(No 9:00am Holy Mass)

6:30pm - Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper

This Holy Mass is livestreamed.Intention: All priests and deacons living and deceased
Eucharistic Adoration follows the Holy Mass**Good Friday, April 15, 2022**

Day of Fast and Abstinence

6:30pm - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

The Good Friday Service is livestreamed.**Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Easter Vigil**

(No 3:30pm Confessions) (No 4:00pm Holy Mass)

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00pm Easter Vigil MassThis Easter Vigil Holy Mass is livestreamed.

Intention: Ray and Mary Rush††, Donnie Uhlenkamp†

Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

10:00am Holy Mass—English; 12:00pm Holy Mass—French

Intention: Parishioners of St. Boniface, Deborah Perrin†

Gospel Meditation**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants**St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women (CCW)****Bake Sale & Spring Plant Sale**

The CCW is hosting a Bake Sale & Plant Sale Orders

Saturday, April 9th & Sunday, April 10th.

The church hall is open from Noon to 3:30pm on Saturday, April 9th, to receive baked goods. The plants from Pletschers' Greenhouse in New Brighton will be available for pick up at an appropriate time for you to plant in May!

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Rice Bowls: What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Please return your Rice Bowl by putting the money in an envelope marked Rice Bowl and place in the collection basket when you come to church or if more convenient, please mail to the church. Thank you.

Our Gifts to the Lord

Information not available for:

March 20 - March 27 - April 3 - April 10, 2022

Thank You for your Lenten Almsgiving!

St. Boniface Pastoral and Finance Council News

The joint Councils met on Tuesday, March 22. We are pleased to announce that several committees have been formed to assist the Councils in the workings of St. Boniface. All are encouraged to review the mission for each of these committees and discern where best you can serve our Parish. Please consider volunteering your talents to help form strong alliances within the Parish to accomplish the Goals we seek to fulfill together. The Committees are as follows:

St. Boniface Liturgical Committee will work with Father Biju to establish standards and scheduling for regular liturgies and plan special liturgies for Lent, the Tridium, Advent, Christmas, and other Holy Days throughout the year. Committee will report to the Pastoral Council.

The Building Committee will establish plans for maintenance and major projects, research and recommend vendors and establish a sign off review process to approve completed projects prior to final payments. The committee will report to the joint Pastoral and Finance Councils for decisions on all projects prior to commitment to any vendors.

The Planning Committee will be responsible for developing the annual budget for Saint Boniface including major projects and long term reserve budget for future projects. This committee will work with the Building Committee to establish expected life cycles of building components so that reserves for these projects can be planned. The Committee will report to the Joint Councils.

Capitol Campaign, Member Engagement and Marketing Committee. Initially this will be a blanket committee until we can build additional participation and may be split off to individual Committees for each of the three missions. The Committee will report to the Joint Councils. The Organizations to explore for a right fit for Saint Boniface in this effort:

Catholic Finance Corporation:

<https://www.catholicfinance.org/home>,

Lynch Development Associates:

<https://www.lynchdevelopment.com/>,

Partners for Sacred Places: <https://sacredplaces.org/>.

Please contact Patty Griffin, (pjg9550@yahoo.com or you may call 612-799-0072) for more information or to volunteer. The next meeting of the Joint Councils is tentatively set for April 19. We would like to recognize the initial membership of all committees at that time.

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Good Friday - The Holy Land Collection

This collection supports the Franciscan community of the Custody of the Holy Land and their activities of nourishing poor parishes, providing humanitarian aid to refugees and more. Deacon Mickey Friesen, Center for Mission

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Divine Mercy Novena - April 15 to April 24, 2022

Seek the Lord's extraordinary mercy on April 24, the Sunday of Divine Mercy this year. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (687, 1541, 1731).

The Palms received on Palm Sunday -

What do you do with a Blessed Palm?

Many display the palm they received behind a crucifix or religious picture in their home. It is traditional for some to braid or weave the palms into the form of a cross. An old Italian custom worth reviving is to present your palm branch to someone you have offended as a sign of reconciliation.

When you bring home blessed palms from Church, display them prominently in your house as a reminder to ask Jesus into your home and heart. Invite Him to dwell in you.

Chrism Holy Mass

The annual Chrism Mass is celebrated Thursday, April 15, at 10:00am at Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul MN.

All are invited to this special Mass which takes its name from the chief anointing oil, the holy chrism, which can only be consecrated by the bishop. The blest oils will be used for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, initiation, holy orders and the anointing of the sick. Also at this Mass, the priests of the diocese come together to renew their priestly promises.

March 29: Feast day of St. Joseph of Arimathea

Patron of Funeral Directors—Joseph of Arimathea was a just and devout man who was looking for the Kingdom of God. Although during Our Lord's public life he was afraid to show himself openly as HIS disciple, after the crucifixion he had the courage to seek out Pilate and ask for the Body of Jesus. Aided by Nicodemus (the man who first came to Jesus at night) he took the Body of the Savior from the Cross, bound it up in wrappings of cloth with a mixture of myrrh and aloes which weighed a hundred pounds, and laid it in his own new tomb which no one had ever been buried (John 19:38-42).

The Stillness of Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back.

Until then, we wait in stillness.

Easter Season Symbols

At Easter Mass, you will see the Paschal candle. At the Service of Light before the Easter Vigil Mass, a priest lit the new candle for the first time from a blessed Easter fire. A Paschal candle made of beeswax, which comes from the nectar of flowers, symbolizes Christ's flesh flowering from the Virgin Mother. Candlelight penetrated the darkness of night as a sign of Easter dispelling darkness in hearts and minds. Carried into church, the large Paschal candle provided the light for small candles held by people at church for the Vigil Mass. The Light of Christ within people's hearts becomes brighter when shared.

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