

Palm Sunday

*"Blessed are you, who have come
in your abundant mercy!"* 2025



Saturday, April 12 5:00 pm † Francoise Emery -Elizabeth Szawara & Family

Sunday, April 13 9:00 am Missa Pro Popula 11:00 am † Elaine Pezanoski -Jay

Mon. April 14 No Mass Adoration 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **CHRISM MASS***

Tues. April 15 12:05 pm † Maureen Burns-Lyons -Paul & Brenda Hanley

Wed. April 16 10:00 am Mass at Streamway Villa
12:05 pm † Al Jacob -David & Jeannie Thomas

***Monday, April 14 at 2:00 pm Chrism Mass** at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral,
Peterborough **NOTE TIME CHANGE** All are invited to this beautiful and sacred celebration where
the holy oils, (chrism) are blessed by the Bishop for the sacraments. Also, the priests of the diocese gather around
the Bishop as a sign of unity, and renew their priestly promised. Consider attending this holy liturgy.



The Sacred Paschal Triduum: Holy Week Schedule

Through his paschal mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By
dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. The Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the
suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, it is the high point of the liturgical year.

The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Note: No Noon Mass nor regular 3-6 pm Adoration

Thursday 7:00 pm † Jean Farrell -John & Family

Adoration Until Midnight Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, a procession of the Blessed
Sacrament to St. Joseph's Chapel will take place, with silent Adoration until midnight in the Chapel.

Please use sign up sheets at the back of the church to mark your availability for this adoration.

Passion of the Lord: Good Friday, April 18

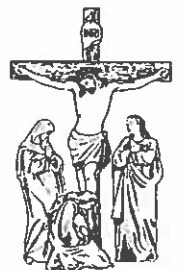
WAY OF THE CROSS Procession in Peterborough, begins at 10:00 am at the Cathedral

Paschal Fast: The Church of God fasts today to honour the suffering and death of the Lord
Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Friday, 12:05 pm Stations of the Cross **2:30 pm** Holy Rosary -Sorrowful Mysteries

3:00 pm **Good Friday Celebration** -Liturgy of the Word,
Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion



Holy Saturday, April 19 7:00 PM **Note: No 5:00 pm Mass**

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil – the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the
dead – is to be considered the "mother of all vigils." During this night the people of God keep watch as they wait
for the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation.

Saturday 7:00 pm **Solemn Easter Vigil** † Gino Riccio -Stella Riccio

Easter Sunday 9:00 am Missa Pro Populo **11:00 am** Special Int Susan Clement -Family

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**Palm Sunday** reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present-day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,' -John 11:25* **As we begin Holy Week...***we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.* May we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross. His Word reveals such great truths in every part of the Gospel. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King... *We have so much to be grateful for this week.*

### Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday

Join Millions of faithful around the globe in the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed for **9 days**, with these intentions in mine: **Day 1**-all mankind, especially sinners; **Day 2**-the souls of priests and religious; **Day 3**-all devout and faithful souls **Day 4**-those who do not believe in Jesus or do not know him yet; **Day 5**-those who separated themselves from the Church; **Day 6**-meek and humble souls and souls of children; **Day 7**-souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy; **Day 8**-souls who are in purgatory; **Day 9**-souls who have become lukewarm. **Pick up a pamphlet, with the Novena/prayers, at the back of the church.** **Mark your calendar: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will take place Sunday, **April 27th at 3:00 pm** in the Church. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, scripture readings, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, and Benediction. All parishioners are welcome to this special celebration.



**Development & Peace** Thank you to all who supported our *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign through your monetary donation and/or the signing of our petition for gov't debt relief to the global south. *If you missed the opportunity to sign the petition, signup sheets are available on the clipboard at the back of the church.* God bless you for caring!

**Please Note: The office will be Closed Good Friday, April 18 & Easter Monday, April 21.**

**FYI...there will be several adults who will be initiated into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19. Please keep these OCIA candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.**

### † Outdoor Way of the Cross †

**On Good Friday, April 18th, 2025**, the young people will once again reenact the Stations of the Cross in the streets of downtown Peterborough! Beginning with a prayer service at the **Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 AM**, the young actors will don period-authentic costumes and re-present Jesus' Passion and crucifixion at each intersection along Hunter Street, concluding on the front steps of Immaculate Conception Parish. It is a powerful and moving testimony of faith from our young people and it is an inspiring event for both young and old. All are welcome!

### National March for Life in Ottawa

-May 8th, 2025 Would you like to attend the annual March for Life rally in Ottawa? The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to Ottawa leaving the Cobourg Columbus Centre at 8:00 am Thursday May 8th returning to Cobourg at 7:00 pm.

\$30/seat, \$20/student/child > Interac e-Transfer to email [fs1970@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:fs1970@ontariokofc.ca) indicating adults or student/child for bus seat. *Would you like to sponsor someone to go to the March for Life? Pay for one seat or a group of seats. Please contact call/text - Peter Riccio 905-269-1214*



**Reminder:** All artificial decorations are to be removed from gravesites by **April 30th**, as per By-Law 507. Thank you...this helps to maintain the natural beauty of the Cemetery and provide efficient maintenance and safety.



**Mark your calendar: April 22 at 1:15 pm the CWL** will host a general meeting with guest speaker Meghan Flindall, executive director of Northumberland Fareshare. Meeting will be held in the Church.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Lent Food Drive

Despite the ice storm over the second weekend of the St. Vincent De Paul Society Lent Food Drive, a total of 900 pounds of food and \$700 cash were donated by St. Michael's parishioners over the two weekends of the Drive. These contributions have been transferred to the Fare Share Food Bank where it will be distributed to the many in our community dealing with food insecurity. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

**Summary of Your Generosity:** Sunday Offertory for the month of March \$22,649 ~ Building & Property Care Fund \$2240 ~ (amounts include POP monthly donations)