

## Who Is this Man?

**H**e is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with “a well-trained tongue” who knows “how to answer the weary” (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What does Jesus' self-emptying tell us about God?
- ★ How would your world change if you chose to serve others rather than control them?



He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and]... humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8



*Christ became obedient for us to death,  
even to death on a Cross.  
Therefore, God exalted him,  
and gave him the name above every name.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:  
St. Bernard's (Moncton), St. Vincent (Sackville)  
& St. Clement's (Port Elgin)**

**HOLY WEEK AND ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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| St. Bernard's | <del>Thurs. @ 9:30 AM</del> - Cancelled until further notice<br><del>4 PM Saturday &amp; 11 AM Sunday Masses</del> - Cancelled until further notice |
| St. Vincent   | <del>9 AM Sunday Mass</del> - Cancelled until further notice  |
| St. Clement's | <del>Every 2nd Saturday @ 7 PM</del> - Cancelled until further notice   |

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**ST. BERNARD'S PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)**



## Parish contributions

It is a fact that parishes rely on weekly collections.

Expenses to run a church remain constant.

If you are able to, we ask that consideration be given to continuing your weekly / monthly donation during this COVID-19 crisis.

### Optional way of contributing to St. Bernard's during the COVID-19 closure:

1. **Online:** St. Bernard's website @ [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)  
(through CanadaHelps)  
Click on "Donate" and fill in accordingly.  
Methods of payment accepted: Credit card or PayPal.
2. **Mail:** Cheques may be mailed. Please ensure you include your name, address and envelope # if applicable.
3. **Or, simply put your regular weekly / monthly donations aside** until St. Bernard's re-opens and donate at that time.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless all at this difficult time.**



O God, We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit;  
We know we are in a war against COVID - 19 together,  
& the more together we are, the better and stronger we

will emerge: We know the challenges are enormous, yet so are the opportunities;  
That whether we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time;  
We commit to using that time to the max, to help those in greater need in whatever way we can;  
We know we all have the opportunity, and time, to be life savers and life enhancers;  
We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well;  
We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure & vaccine;  
We give thanks for our leaders, federal, provincial and local, for their dedication to all of us;  
We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk;  
We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies.  
We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully;  
For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges.  
We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available,  
And that we all – family, friends, all Canadians, the entire world may be healed in body & spirit.  
We ask you, O God, to bless our leaders, our front line care givers, our life savers & life enhancers. We ask you, O God, to bless Canada, to bless the world, to bless everyone.  
Amen.

*Composed by Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka & Archbishop Terrence Prendergast*



*A time to mourn...*

*Our sincere sympathies to the families of.....*

**Edmond McDuff**

Husband of (late) Anne

**Fr. Raymond Desjardins, C.Ss.R.,**

**Priest assistant @ St. Anne-Elsipogtog & St. Kateri-Indian Island**

**Desire Brun**

**Kay Beaton, wife of (late) Bernard, mother of Allan, Mary and Charlotte Anne**



*Ecclesiastes 3...*

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.*

*We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

**Chris Fortin**

**Bernie Cormier**

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**Nancy Gatien**

**Rob Robichaud**

**Marjorie Moore**

**Neil Coyle**

**Dan Martin**

**Ronald Briffett**

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### **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

**In Memory of:**

**Donated by:**

**Address:**

**Envelope #**

**Amount \$**



**Hospital Chaplains**  
**(Collection held on Good Friday - April 10, 2020)**

This collection goes toward the salaries of the Chaplains  
who minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals.  
and to their families.

**Thank you to all those who support this collection.**

**When you put  
your cares in  
God's hands,  
He puts His  
peace in your  
heart. Amen.**

*In these uncertain times...*

*While we need to spend time physically apart,  
we still need to be there for each other.  
Keep each other and the needs of all in prayer.*

*Pray, pray and pray some more.*

*We have the time.*

*Pray for & support our Archbishop, Valéry Vienneau,  
during this difficult time.*



**With Masses being cancelled across the country, the Daily  
TV Mass offers Mass each day on TV & on the internet.**

**Vision TV:**

**Sunday:** 9AM, **Monday-Friday:** 9AM & 1PM, **Saturday:** 9AM & 10:30AM & 11:30PM

**Internet:**

[www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)



**As we enter into Holy Week  
our thoughts turn to the journey of Jesus to the Cross.  
Join Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick  
on this walk with Jesus on the Way of The Cross.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6YqGa7pl2w>





**During the COVID-19 pandemic,**  
**Living with Christ is offering free prayer resources and downloads**  
**of the daily Mass texts.**  
**Just go to [livingwithchrist.ca](http://livingwithchrist.ca) to view the free resources.**



#### **2020 New Brunswick Low-Income Seniors' Benefit**

To assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick, the government offers an annual benefit to qualifying applicants. Applications for the 2020 Low-income Seniors' Benefit will be available on April 1.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to the state of emergency announced on March 19 as a result of COVID-19, and to support physical distancing measures, eligible New Brunswickers are strongly encouraged to apply online. Application form will not be available at Service New Brunswick Centres but individuals may apply online, or print the application, complete it and mail it to Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue Administration Division, PO Box 1900, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5G4.

**The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2020.**

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the \$400 benefit, a person must have been a resident of NB on Dec. 31, 2019, and have received one of the following federal benefits under the *Old Age Security Act*: Guaranteed Income Supplement (65 years or older), Allowance for Survivor Program (between 60 and 64 years old) and or Allowance Program (between 60 and 64 years old)

**Please note:** Persons in receipt of a Federal allowance who are under the age of 60 do not qualify for this benefit. Where both spouses receive the GIS and reside in the same household, only one \$400.00 benefit will be granted. However, where spouses live separately (for example, one residing in a nursing home), both will be eligible for the benefit.

**More information about the program, and on how to apply, is available from Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue Administration Division, at 1-800-669-7070.**

If you do not currently receive the GIS or one of the other federal benefits and would like more information, please contact the federal Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada at: 1-800-277-9914 for service in English, or 1-800-277-9915 for service in French.



## Holy Week at home - 2020



Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life of earth, beginning with his messianic entrance.

**Sacred Paschal Triduum:** For three full days, from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the *paschal mystery of Jesus Christ*. This is his work of saving us *by his dying and rising*, seen as one act of God's love and mercy for us. We also celebrate because Jesus has brought us into his paschal mystery by baptism. With him we are baptized into death to sin, and with him we rise to live a new life for God.

In Holy Week the people of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.

### Paschal Triduum

The **Easter Triduum** or **Holy Triduum** is the three-day celebration of the **Paschal Mystery**: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

**PASCHAL:** associated with the Hebrew **Passover**, referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God

**TRIDUUM:** derived from the Latin for **three days**

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: **by his death**, Christ liberates us from sin; **by his Resurrection**, he opens for us the way to a new life.

The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of **Lent** to **Easter**.

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.

*The Roman Missal*

**DAY 1:**  
sundown on Holy Thursday  
to sundown on Good Friday

**DAY 2:**  
sundown on Good Friday  
to sundown on Holy Saturday

**DAY 3:**  
sundown on Holy Saturday  
to sundown on Easter Sunday



#### HOLY THURSDAY:

"Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."

#### GOOD FRIDAY:

"In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."

#### HOLY SATURDAY:

"The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."

## *Holy Week at home - 2020*

### *Re-live the week that changed the world*

#### **Palm Sunday**

**Readings: 1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 50.4-7, Psalm 22: 7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Philipians 2.6-11, Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**



We celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is also referred to as "Passion Sunday." It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.



#### **The Chrism Mass - Cancelled Tuesday, April 7/20**

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will still bless the oils for the anointing of the sick, chrism for baptism, confirmation, and ordination; and the oil of catechumens for those preparing for baptism. These oils will be given to each parish. In normal circumstances, the Chrism Mass is presided over by our Archbishop and is concelebrated by the Priests from all parts of the Diocese. It is a sign of unity and communion of the priest with their Bishop. It is also a time of the Renewal of Priestly Promises.

### *Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**Readings: 1<sup>st</sup>: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18,**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11: 23-26, Gospel: John 13: 1-15**

**Oils:** Under normal circumstances this would be the evening we would receive the oils that were previously blessed at the Chrism Mass.

**This Holy Thursday - take time this evening to remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the last supper of Jesus with his disciples.** Before he offers himself on the cross, Jesus takes bread and says, "This is my body". He takes a cup of wine, and says, "This is my blood of the new covenant, bloodshed to save all sinners. Do this in memory of me." We obey him each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

**Procession:** In normal circumstances, at the end of the Mass, the Eucharistic food for the Good Friday celebration is carried reverently from the church and then reserved in a place of honor in the Parish Hall. The altar is stripped, crosses are removed. *We leave in silence.* The church community would then normally be invited to spend time in prayer and adoration, praising the name of the Lord Jesus, by whose death and resurrection we are saved. *We can still do this at home - imagine ourselves gathered at St. Bernard's with our community worshipping our loving Lord. Spend some time in complete silence with Him.*



## *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

Readings: 1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 52: 13 - 53:12, Psalm 31:1 & 5, 11-12, 14-15, 16 & 24  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Gospel: John 18: 1 - 19:42

### PASCHAL FAST

The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

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



**Spirit of the day:** As we spent time in silence on Thursday we are invited to continue this silence on Friday. The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is **Good Friday**, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life, and makes it possible for us to be saved. This is indeed a good day for the world.



**Afternoon @ 3:00 o'clock:** Remember what Jesus has done for us. Read the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John (note readings & Gospel above) and then offer prayer for the world, for God's people, & the Church. Venerate the cross at home. We will continue to wait until we can eat the life-giving body of the Lord in communion.

John 3:16  
THE GREATEST  
**LOVE**  
**STORY**

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.*

## Holy Saturday

9 readings - 7 from the Old Testament & 2 from the New (Epistle & Gospel)

*The number of readings from the Old Testament may be reduced*

At least 3 should be read from Old Testament - (Exodus 14: 15-31; 15:20, 1 must be read)

Choices from Old Testament are:

1<sup>st</sup>: Genesis 1:1, 26-31a, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18,

3<sup>rd</sup>: Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20, 1 4<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 54:5-14, 5<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 55: 1-11,

6<sup>th</sup>: Baruch 3: 9-15, 32 - 4.4, 7<sup>th</sup>: Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28

**Epistle:** Romans 6:3-11, **Gospel:** Matthew 28: 1-10



On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb, and the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors. In the modern Church, **Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest. The paschal fast continues, and we avoid entertainments and distractions as on Good Friday.**

**The Easter Vigil - is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night. It has four distinct stages:**



**Light:** Normally there would be the blessing of the new fire, & the priest would light the Easter candle. This represents the risen Lord, and is a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



**Liturgy of the word:** The readings from God's word lead us from creation through God's saving works to his greatest work, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. (readings are listed above)



**Christian initiation:** This evening, we would not have had any elect for baptism. Our baptism into the death and rising of the Lord Jesus is at the center of this celebration (Rom. 6:3-11). Normal circumstances - in each parish water for baptism would have been solemnly blessed. The people would renew their baptismal vows. **Tonight is celebrated as the baptismal anniversary of the whole Christian community.**



**Eucharist:** **We so eagerly look forward to when we can gather again as a community for Eucharist.** In normal circumstances, the first Mass of Easter is celebrated with great splendor. We rejoice because Christ has been raised from the dead and because we are renewed in him.

## *Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord*

Readings: 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8,  
Gospel: John 20: 1-18 or John: 20: 1-9



*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.  
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



*Most especially this year during these difficult times....*

*May the promise of Easter fill  
you with renewed  
Faith, Hope, Love & Joy  
God's Blessings to all - Happy Easter!  
Fr. Allison & Fr. Charlie*



**For fifty days**, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.

# Dear Padre,

## How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

**T**he Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble

king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy... somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.*

—PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 6

*Monday of Holy Week*

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

APRIL 7

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

APRIL 8

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

APRIL 9

*Holy Thursday*

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

APRIL 10

*Good Friday*

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday

APRIL 11

*Holy Saturday*

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,

26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2,

9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

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

Mt 28:1-10

### Sunday

APRIL 12

*Easter*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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