

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Palm - Passion Sunday

April 13th, 2025.

Hosanna ! Hosanna ! Blessings on Jesus our King !

This weekend, we celebrate **Palm Sunday** and enter into the celebration of the solemn memorial of the Passion of Jesus Christ singing our "Hosanna ! Hosanna to the Son of David !". We symbolically enter Jerusalem, which is the key image and metaphor of all that will happen during these, the Church's high holy days. The Temple is the place of Sacrifice. Jesus is the Lamb of the New Covenant. He is the sacrificial gift that celebrates reconciliation and a new communion with God.

From the celebration of the *Scrutinies* over these past three Sundays, we know that Jesus is the **Living Water, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and Life**. Today we celebrate him as Son of David, our Lord and King, in Whom the love of God is made real. Following Jesus' example, we are all asked to accept and join in His mission, and empty ourselves in service to God and God's kingdom of people.

Palm Sunday is both an ending and a beginning: it is the culmination of our Lenten Season, and the beginning of our Holy Week. We look toward the heart of our faith in the celebration of the Holy Triduum – the *Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Christ*.

The Passion of Jesus calls our attention to some of the mystery of this event. God's plan of salvation is fulfilled through the great act of sacrificial love of Jesus Christ our Lord. As we listen attentively to the proclamation of the Gospel Passion Reading of Jesus' life and death, the Gospel tells us of the betrayals of His friends, Jesus' expressions of knowledge and wisdom, His agony in the garden, His prophesying, the accusations, tauntings and scourging laid upon Him. Sometimes, we, too, go along with the crowd, along with society's dictation, and our joyous "Hosannas!"

turn to "Crucify him! Crucify him!" In His infinite love for each and everyone of us, Jesus freely and willingly gives His life for ours, and is crucified on the cross, a vicious and painful capital punishment.



The search for the meaning of the death of Jesus has occupied the Christian consciousness since the event took place. How could such a thing have happened? Why did God plan it this way, and allow it to happen? How does the mystery of God's plan have meaning for our lives now?

We know though, through God's Word, and the gift and grace of faith, the immense joy that results from this cruel event. Jesus rose from the dead, and conquered death forever, and for all. We recollect the suffering of Jesus, but we need not despair. Our hope of salvation is guaranteed, is indeed promised, through Jesus' great sacrifice, mercy, and deep, everlasting love.

Holy Week & The Sacred Triduum

The Roman Catholic Church's Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum (pronounced **Tri-doo-umm**) will begin after our solemn commemoration and remembrance on this Palm-Passion Sunday. The Triduum - the days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil - is considered one holy liturgical celebration. We are all encouraged to participate on all three days.

May God's Word on this day, and throughout the journey of this coming Holy Week, speak directly to the depths of our hearts and souls. May we keep this week holy with quiet prayer, meditation and contemplation, so that we may truly give God our humble hearts filled with sincere thanks and praise.

We continue our journey each day as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. We ask you, O Lord, open our hearts to offer You thanks and praise with repentance, humility and sincerity. You passionately endured suffering and death to show us the depth of Your love for us, and generously gift us with salvation. Strengthen us, and give us the courage to always reject evil, and lead us away from all temptation.

We gather solemnly on this Palm Sunday to commemorate humbly and gratefully the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. As in past years, please **gather in the Gym** to begin with the proclamation of the first Gospel, followed by our procession outside (weather permitting) singing our joyous Hosannas, and entering into the church through the front doors. (Parishioners & Friends with health issues or limited mobility may certainly go directly into the church.)



FIRST READING (Isaiah 50:4-7) ~ 'I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. I know that I shall not be put to shame.'
SECOND READING (Philippians 2:6-11) ~ Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.
GOSPEL (Luke 23:1-49) ~ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah of all, may we allow our lives to be transformed by the generous and infinite grace of God raising us to new life through the wondrous mystery of Your Paschal mystery.

O Lord, heal us. O Lord, heal us.
 Jesus Savior of the world.

Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By Jesus' wounds, we have been healed. (1 Peter 2)



When we chose and accepted our piece of palm branch today, we promised to live as pilgrims, to move through this life with, and in Jesus our Lord. Like the Israelites in the desert, we are only passing through. Like Christ himself, we go about carrying good news, even when we walk the way of tears.... We are indeed Beloved!

Excerpts by David Phillipart, Liturgy Training Publ.

Blessing of Easter Foods - Holy Saturday - Apr. 19th at 1:00pm in the front narthex of the church.

Attention Parents and Guardians: We would like to preserve the safety of all children while they are in Christ the King Church. May we ask please, that parents and guardians maintain a vigilance and take responsibility for the safety of their child/children whether up in the balcony, around staircases, the vigil lights, in the washrooms, and in the parking lot. We know that children are naturally curious and spontaneous and do not want anything untoward to happen. A gracious thank you.
 ~ CTK Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC")

Christ Jesus knows our hearts and thoughts, and even in our human sinfulness and weakness, the Lord God feels we are still worth dying for. He desires that we might be filled with hope, becoming transformed by His great and boundless love. With deepened and intense faithfulness, may the angry cries of "Crucify Him" turn to joyous songs of *Ali _ _ _ _ ia!*


Parish Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 12th, 2025	Vigil of Palm-Passion Sunday
GATHER IN THE GYM to begin today's liturgy. 4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.	
Sunday, Apr. 13th	PALM-PASSION SUNDAY
GATHER IN THE GYM to begin today's liturgy. 9am Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights 11am Mass ~ For Dinali Marianne Batgalla+. By Indrajith & Marian Gunasekera & Family	



Monday, Apr. 14th	Holy Week
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.	
Tuesday, Apr. 15th	Holy Week
No Mass today in our Parish. CHRISM MASS 7:30pm Mass - * celebrated at St. Boniface Cathedral + All Parishioners are invited to participate in this special liturgy at St. Boniface Cathedral. Archbishop Le Gatt concelebrates Mass with the Priests of our Archdiocese. The Sacred Oils are consecrated and blessed, and distributed to representatives from each Parish to bring back to the Church community for the sacramental life throughout the year: + Oil of the Sick (for healing) + Oil of Catechumens (for enlightenment & exorcism) + Oil of Chrism (for anointing at Baptisms & Confirmations)	
Wednesday, Apr. 16th	Holy Week
No morning Mass today.	

2025 HOLY TRIDUUM Schedule

+ Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper Apr. 17th at 7:00pm ~ For Pope Francis, Archbishop Le Gatt, for our Pastor Fr. Chrys & all the Clergy. ~ "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free." The Liturgy of the Sacred Triduum opens with this verse on Holy Thursday, which sets the tone for the next three days. We are drawn into the Paschal mystery on this evening by listening to God's Holy Word. We then reenact: + The Washing of Feet ~ The command in the Gospel to serve is shown by the loving actions of Jesus as he humbled himself by becoming the servant and washed the feet of his disciples ("Mandatum") - "I have given you the example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13:15) Twelve CTK Parishioners will come forward to have their feet washed in commemoration of this commission, which is given to all the Baptized. + Eucharist: The Liturgy continues with the Last Supper, which we celebrate each time we gather for Mass to share the Word and the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. + Procession & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~ After sharing at the table of Eucharist, we will follow in procession downstairs to Lennox Hall. Everyone is invited to stay a while in prayer and adoration right after the Mass; or if you prefer, you may go home and come back a little later, entering at the parking lot doors. Adoration will continue until 12midnight. ...continued...	
	
	
	

HOLY TRIDUUM continued...



+ Good Friday Service

The Passion of the Lord Jesus

Apr. 18th at 3:00pm ~ For needs & intentions of all Parishioners.

~ On Good Friday, and if possible on Holy Saturday, we are called to fast, refrain from snacking, and focus on that aspect of our faith which sees Christ as the ultimate source of our nourishment.

+ **Proclamation of the Word** ~ The celebration of the Lord's Passion begins in silence to indicate that this is a continuation of the Paschal celebration which began on Holy Thursday. The Presider falls prostrate before the veiled Cross and all pray in silence. The Scriptures proclaimed today give an even more profound understanding of the ritual of service we celebrated last evening, with the agony in the garden, the betrayal by Judas, the abandoning by the disciples, the painful journey to the Cross ...

+ **Universal Intercessions** ~ On this Solemn day, we join the whole Church throughout the world in praying the Universal Intercessions ("Prayers of the Faithful"), which will be sung today. As we commemorate Jesus' self-giving, our prayer of petition and intercession is especially significant.

~ On this central day of our Paschal celebration, we fall in adoration to the Cross of Christ Jesus which has won for us salvation. This is the one true Cross through which all are saved. The central action of the Holy Triduum is the veneration of the Cross which establishes our eternal Passover from sin to salvation, from death to life.

~ If you wish, and are comfortable, you are invited to remove your footwear as you come forward to venerate the Cross.

+ Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the

Lord Jesus Christ

(**Note:** NO 4pm Mass on Saturday, Apr. 19th)

Saturday, Apr. 19th at 8:00pm ~ For the newly Baptized & Confirmed

The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the church's tradition. It is also the most significant celebrations of the entire liturgical year. All Parishioners and Friends, as disciples of the Risen Christ and members of His body, the Church, are encouraged to participate in this night's liturgy. Though the Easter Vigil is a long liturgy, it flows very smoothly, unfolding in four distinct parts.



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| 1. Liturgy of the Word | 3. Liturgy of Baptism |
| 2. Liturgy of the Light | 4. Liturgy of Eucharist |

Through its progression, the Vigil immerses us deeper and deeper into the Paschal Mystery of Christ. We hear the magnificent story of salvation history of the whole world's salvation and light the new fire and candles, which literally chases the darkness away. We experience the risen Christ in our midst, raising our voices in the singing of *Alleluia*! We participate in the saving waters of Baptism and share in the table of Eucharist. The beauty of this special liturgy exhilarates and fills us with renewed faith and hope in God's saving promises.

A reception for all will be held downstairs in Lennox Hall right after the celebration of the most holy Easter Vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ Apr. 20th

9am Easter Sunday Mass ~ For Dad Henry Krakue+.

By the Chira Family.

11am Easter Sunday Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.



May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, George Berthelette, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Linda Desmarais, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Lisa Hackett, Manfred Hirschfeld, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet ...for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... for improved health for Pope Francis... for all the Elect preparing for Baptism at Easter Vigil, and Confirmation Candidates...



SAVE THE DATE !!

Christ the King Mini-Folklorama : Unity through Diversity Event ~ New Date: Saturday, June 21st from

5:30 - 8:30pm. This Event is a wonderful coming together of all the diverse cultures Christ the King has in a celebration of food, music, dance and song, and hopefully traditional attire! Watch for sign-up sheets at the parking lot entrance.

Plan to come!

Mark your Calendars ! **Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM")** ~ Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our **PCAM** is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ**. All Parishioners are invited to attend. A **sign-up** sheet is available at the parking lot entrance. Sign-up now !

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.) NEWS

- 1/ **'Anniversary' Meeting** - Apr. 22nd at 10:30am.
- 2/ **St. Boniface Diocesan Annual Convention** will be hosted by the Morden Council: Saturday, Apr. 26th. Guest Speaker will be Leah Perrault, "*Here I Am, Lord*". A bus is available. Contact Yvette 204-255-4288 for details.
- 3/ **Next CWL Meeting** - May 7th at 10:30am.
- 4/ **Thank you** to CWL Members who made the delicious soups served last Sunday - *Solidarity Sunday*. Thank you to Parishioners & Friends for your generous support. The proceeds of \$1,841.10 will be forwarded to *Development & Peace*.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

- 1/ **Next Executive Meeting** ~ Wednesday, Apr. 23rd @ 7pm.
- 2/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tickets for \$10.00.
- 3/ **Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner** ~ In the gym on June 14th, right after Mass. Tickets \$20 ea. from one of the Knights.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, let us really listen to the Gospel of the Passion of our Lord Jesus with a thankful, humble heart.

**ACCUSED BLESSINGS BODY CARRY CHRIST
 COMMEND CROSS CROWD CRUCIFY CRY
 DENIED FELL FORGIVE GUILTY HOSANNA
 HOUR JESUS KING KINGDOM LORD PALM
 PASSION POWER PRAY PROCESSION
 REMEMBER SAVE SCORN SHOUTS SING
 SON OF GOD TOMB WAVE WEEP
 WOMEN WRAP**



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Christ the King School is accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year (must be 4 years old by December 2025). Go to their application website: <https://www.ctkschool.ca/ctk-application-20252026/> Junior Kindergarten receives a full tax receipt on fees for Income Tax for daycare. For further info, please contact CTK School at 204-257-0027 or office@ctkschool.ca

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
 Building Relationships
 Faith and Worship
 Compassion and Generosity

Faith Formation News

Confirmation
Confirmation Retreat ~ Saturday, May 3rd, Time TBD.
Confirmation Celebration ~ Thursday, May 15th at 7pm

Last Sacramental Preparation Classes
 for First Eucharist & Confirmation Candidates will be Saturday, Apr. 26th from 1-3pm.
First Eucharist Retreat - Saturday, June 14th Time TBD.
First Eucharist Celebration ~ Sunday, June 22nd @ 11am Mass.

"Wall-Rosary Fundraiser" ~ Thank you for your kind participation! Total proceeds of \$263.00 was give to CTK Church.



> **Youth Group Meet-Up** ~ All Youth (12-18 yrs) are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. The next Meet-up will be on Good Friday, Mar. 18th from 7-9pm. Come to Lennox Hall for a time of reflection and prayer as we meditate on Jesus' Journey to the Sacred Cross.

> The Next Mass with Children will be June 29th @ 11am Mass.

Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or
 phone 431-373-0572.
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> **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Meetings will start up again in the Fall 2025. Individuals feeling called to grow closer to the Lord, and celebrate the **Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist** are invited to email the Parish Office at contact@ctkp.ca

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Women's Retreat ~ Tuesday, Apr. 29th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We are excited to announce that we will be having a Women's Retreat here at Christ the King. All women - parishioners & friends - 18 years and up are invited and welcome to take part. The theme of this Retreat is: *"Siena: We are the Clay"*. The evening will be based on St. Catherine of Siena's life and legacy and our role in the Church and the world as women. If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet on the counter at the parking lot entrance. Stay tuned for more details!

Sunday Collection - Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$ 2,955.85
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 30.00
- Development & Peace - Solidarity Sunday \$ 1,841.10

Thank you for your kind offerings !

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page
 > www.ctkp.ca
 CTK School > www.ctkschool.ca
 St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca

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 faithfully our joyous Hosannas to
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 Give us the courage and strength,
 O Jesus, to always invite you into
 our hearts, and keep our focus on You !*

