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#### Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
11:00 a.m.

#### Confessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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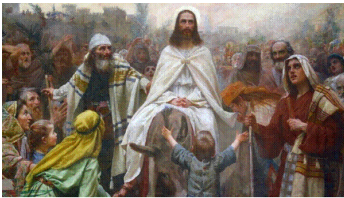
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# April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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 of the 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.

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, April 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intentions

### Tuesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mario Galliera †

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Confession

### Wednesday, April 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Confession

### Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. (Livestream) - John Toczek †

Maria & Mietek Jakubowski †

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Confession

### Friday, April 18

9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Confession

3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Confession

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 20 - Easter

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Special Intention

Rosa Celetti † | John Basler †



Catholic Women's League  
Corner: April 12 / 13

- We will be pre-selling tulips at \$10/bunch to be picked up on Mother's Day weekend. Pre-sale is on April 25/26 at all Masses.
- On Tuesday, April 15, we will meet in the Serenity Room to pray the rosary. Social time will follow in the Divinity room with coffee/tea and treats. Everyone is welcome.

**The Annual Good Friday Collection** is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously.

### Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Turn Debt into Hope campaign with your Share Lent donation. Your donation will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.