

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday of Lent
April 6th, 2025



"Jesus confronts the Pharisees' hypocrisy and their attempt to condemn a woman caught in adultery, ultimately offering her forgiveness and a path to a life free from sin, emphasizing mercy and the possibility of redemption."

(Pope Francis on *John 8:1-11*)

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Forgiveness, a cornerstone of many faiths and a powerful tool for personal healing, involves letting go of resentment and anger, allowing for healing and reconciliation. It's a choice that benefits both the forgiver and the forgiven, fostering a sense of freedom and peace.

Have you forgiven those who would invite your forgiveness?

HOLY THURSDAY—April 17: (Incense will be used)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm.

Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

You are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18: (A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Confessions from 8:00—11:00am.

Services at 12:00 noon and 3:00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY—April 19: (NO 5:00pm Mass)

Blessing of Easter food baskets will take place at 12:30pm.

EASTER VIGIL: 9:00pm (Incense will be used). Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES at HOLY TRINITY—April 20:

Mass at 9:00 and 11:00am (Incense will be used at the 11:00am Mass only). Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

(NO Children's Liturgy and NO 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Easter Triduum



EASTER VIGIL PHOTOGRAPHER:

There is an urgent need for a second photographer for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19th, beginning at 9:00pm. If you are able to assist with this, please contact the office.



SATURDAY, May 3

You are invited to join us following the 5:00pm Mass. Food and child care will be available.

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist.
If God had something more precious,
He would have given it to us.

St. John Vianney



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS— HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL:

For more information contact Brad Medernach at 780-984-1728. Membership kofc.org/JoinUs



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

For more information please contact Sister Susan at 780-968-5543 or email her at holytrinitycwl.president@gmail.com

Tickets will be on sale for our *Mental Health (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)* workshop on **May 3rd** (at a minimal cost of \$5) on **April 5th, 6th and 12th, 13th** at the back of the church or by contacting Sr. Susan at the above email.

All women in the parish are invited to become a League member. Contact Sr. Susan if you would like to become a member of this wonderful organization!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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WEEK AT A GLANCE...

DOWNSTAIRS:

OL—Our Lady's; SJ—St. Joseph; MD—Martin de Porres; C—Church; Chpl.—Chapel; BR—Board Rm. S—Society.

UPSTAIRS:

KC—Knights of Columbus Room; CWL—Catholic Women's League; KR—Kateri Room; CR—Classrooms; LZM—St. Louis and Zelig Martin; SF—St. Faustina Youth Room; CA—Blessed Carlos Acutis; SA—St. Anne's Kitchen; SJPII—St. John Paul II Classroom; STL—St. Therese of Lisieux; AR—All rooms upstairs, excluding the KC Room.

Monday April 7 9:30am MASS

6:00pm Encounter

Tuesday April 8 6:30pm MASS

(Confessions from 5:00—6:15pm)

11:00am Funeral—Cutul—C

Noon Canadian Blood Services—H

12:30pm Choir—S—C

1:00pm Small Christian Communities—MD

6:30pm Holy Communion—CWL, KR

7:00pm Separated & Divorced—MD

7:00pm Grief—OL, S

7:00pm Bible Study—H

Wednesday April 9 9:30am MASS

(Adoration from 10:00—9:00pm; Divine Mercy at 3:00pm)

(Office will be closed from 10:30am until 1:00pm)

10:30am Staff Meeting—BR

2:30pm Pastoral Ministry—OL

6:00pm Catechism/RCIC—CWL, KR, CA, JP, STL

6:00pm Pastoral Ministry—OL, SJ

7:00pm K of C—Executive—KC

Thursday April 10 9:30am MASS

10:00am Bible Study—H

10:00am Quilters—KC

1:30pm Choir—B—C

6:30pm Holy Communion—CWL, KR

7:00PM RCIA—OL

7:00pm Choir—Vigil—C

Friday April 11 6:30pm MASS

(No 9:30am Mass, Confessions or Adoration)

10:00am Healing Shawls—CWL

6:00pm Stations of the Cross—C

Saturday April 12 5:00pm MASS

(Confessions from 4:00—4:45pm)

10:00am Holy Communion—CWL, KR

12:30pm Preparing Palms—H

1:00pm Holy Communion—CWL, KR

1:00pm Decorating—C

3:30pm Confirmation—KR, CWL, KC

Sunday April 13

9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm Mass

8:30am Rosary for Family in Purgatory—Chpl

10:30am Rosary for the Unborn—OL

7:00pm Youth

Lenten Veiling: Why Are the Statues Covered?

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. Psalm 137:1-2

The Lenten practice of veiling statuary is to evoke the image of exile. Since the time of our exile from paradise, the veil has kept us from seeing heaven. Lenten veiling deprives us from those images that may bring us comfort and invites us to have sorrow for sin.

One of the possible origins of Lenten veiling has its source in the Middle Ages, when the cross usually was quite ornate with jewels and bright embellishments. As a result, during Lent it was covered as a sign of penitence. Additionally, the covering of statues may have its origins as being symbolic of "sack cloth and ashes".

It was a common practice to veil statuary in the church for the entire Lenten season prior to the 1960s. In 1985, the sacramental practice was revised to introduce the option to veil statuary during the last two weeks of Lent. Therefore, the statues of Our Lady and St Joseph will be veiled starting the April 5th weekend and the candles next to them will be removed for that period for safety. We invite you to use the votive prayer candles at the entry of the church during this time.

The main cross (sanctuary crucifix) and the processional cross also will be veiled during the last two weeks of Lent. The exception is Palm Sunday when the processional cross will be uncovered and decorated for Palm Sunday Mass, and then covered again for Holy Week.

May our Lenten fast sharpen our hunger for Our Lord!
Your Arts and Environment Team

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI EUCCHARISTIC MASS and PROCESSION:

Sunday, June 22 following the 11:00am Mass

Please think about volunteering to help us prepare for the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 22. We need altar servers, singers, musicians, prayer leaders, decoration and luncheon preparations.

Please apply on Flocknote under Parish Communication or email birdiep@shaw.ca



Confirmation Candidates in Action!



On Saturday, March 29th, a small group of Confirmation candidates lived out their discipleship and faith by placing The *Jubilee Prayer* cards in the front covers of the *Journeysongs* hymnals, reflecting the call of Jubilee 2025: *Pilgrims of Hope*, a journey of faith and renewal inspired by Pope Francis.

A heartfelt thank you to the PPC for trusting them with this task. More discipleship highlights will be shared in the coming weeks as the candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 25 at 2:00pm.

Please keep these young disciples in your prayers.

Upcoming events:

Hosting the Stations of the Cross: April 11: 6—7pm
Preparing of the Palms: April 12: 12:30 – 3:30pm

God bless,
Jeri Wilson
Sacramental Preparation Coordinator
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist this Lent!



Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

Pick up your free copy on the table located outside the hall doors.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT:



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada's **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Help create hope for and fulfill the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give **Thank you for your solidarity!**

EASTER FLOWERS FOR CHURCH DECORATION:



Name: _____

\$20.00 each _____

Name(s) to be remembered: _____

The flowers will remain in the Church during the Easter Season as a memorial of a loved one who has passed on or someone that is not able to be present with us at Easter. Thank you for your donation.



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