# **Holy Rosary Catholic Community**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon

Our Lord's Day Liturgies Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

# Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Catholic Funeral Rites**

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us.



Holy Rosary was formed out of portions of the Cathedral parish in Hamilton, St. John's, Burlington and St. Thomas, Waterdown. Father Bernard Harrigan was the first Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1947 in the chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Rosary School was built in 1951. Under the leadership of Father Blake Ryan (1953-1964) a new Church and rectory were built. The 400 seat church was dedicated on May 1, 1955. In 1987, during the pastorate of Father Anthony Ciavarro, the church was redesigned with a 180 degree rotation. Beautiful stained glass, statuary, and sculpture adorn the renewed space. Other pastors who served the parish were: Msgr. Bernard Harrigan, Father Blake Ryan, Father Harold Smith, Father Carlo Bianchi, Father Anthony Ciavarro, Father Ron Cote, Father Frank Trzupek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today there are over 600 registered families.

#### WELCOME TO HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Welcome to Holy Rosary Church as we celebrate *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* and the beginning of *HOLY WEEK*. Holy Week is like no other week in the Church's calendar. It is a week of intense prayer and emotion. We encourage families of the Parish to join in all the Liturgical celebrations of Holy Week. You will find enclosed with this bulletin an outline of the Holy Week Liturgies and a description of each Liturgy. Keep it handy for the times of the Liturgies. *Will your family be represented at the Liturgies of Holy Week?* 

#### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon. April 14 – 8:00 a.m.	Elsie Picone
Mon. April 14 – 7:00 p.m.	Mass of Chrism at the
	Cathedral Basilica
Tues. April 15 – 8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of
-	Silvestro Family
Wed. April 16 – 8:00 a.m.	Carolina Puzzuoli





April 20

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 13, 2014

Mt. 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66

The Lenten cycle brings us to this "mixed Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering". Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus' triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, and then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution. Isaiah's strange and gripping "Song of the Servant of God" was to become the song of Jesus. It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: "I have not rebelled, have not turned back."

It is to become our song. as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. How are we to react when we hear account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ's, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave". We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.



On Palm Sunday, we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem. the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion. On Palm Sunday, near the end of Lent, we have come in touch with the greatness and poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season, we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God's grace in communion, community, and scripture. On Palm Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus. Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness of God, but he did not cling to it. "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave," Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians says. Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience even death. "Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name." Sometimes in a single day, we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbour, or our neighbour fails to love us. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All of human life he redeems and makes his own. (Paul J. Turner, LTP, Chicago).

UPCOMING EVENT

CWL DINNER & FASHION SHOW – Mon. April 28 @ 6pm

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast. Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life. The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

#### -Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00 P.M.

Toward the end of this Holy Thursday gospel we hear Jesus say, "I have given you a model to follow." The action he desires of us isn't simply to clean the feet of folks! It is far more than that and requires far more from us than a simple cleaning job. When he had completed his servant task of foot washing, Jesus asked his disciples, "Do you realize what I have done for you?" It takes us a whole lifetime to realize and live what Jesus modeled and expects of his followers, a sacrifice of self so total that love becomes personified by self-giving action. In John's gospel we have an account of the institution of the Eucharist, on this sacred night we read the account recorded in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "this is my body that is for you...This cup...is my blood." By giving his Body and Blood as our nourishment - by inviting us even in this life to share already in the messianic banquet - Jesus models for us a most profound service: the sacrifice of his very Body and Blood. This sacred night with its ritual of foot washing is a profound remembrance of what our Christian living is all about. Jesus invites each of us to be washed and, indeed, we have been washed in the waters of baptism. Jesus raises humble service of others to a new level as a symbol of love. The simple gesture of Jesus in the gospel reminds us that love knows no bounds, excludes no one, is a remarkable gesture of self-sacrifice, yes, Jesus loved us to the end. But the end isn't the cross. The end is the ongoing invitation to stand at the messianic table and be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. We come to the table worthily when we do as the Master has done: ourselves in self-sacrifice for the good of others.

#### **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Donations for Easter flowers would be very much appreciated. Specially marked envelopes are available in the Narthex.

#### THE VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT - 8:00 P.M.

On the happiest night of the year, we hear one of the most shocking stories of the Bible. God asked Abraham to kill his son. Abraham had waited a hundred years for the birth of his first child. Now, God asked him to kill his son, "Isaac, your only one, whom you love." Today, this story seems horrible. The story seems contrary to all that we believe. The reason we remember this story at the Easter Vigil is because it shares some similarities with the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus was also an only son, the one whom God loved. Jesus also was selected for sacrifice. Although no heavenly messenger stopped the crucifixion, the way one stopped the slaying of Isaac, Jesus was rescued from death in a different way. He went through death, not around it. He escaped to the other side of death into eternal life. We remember this story not because it shows how God asks difficult things, we remember this story because it shows how God redeems. This is the happiest night of the year, but you may be carrying sorrow to your prayers. Rejoice. God rules over life and death. Jesus is Risen. He is our Lord and SAVIOUR. Alleluia!

The **EASTER VIGIL** is the central and most important liturgy of the Christian year. The origins of the Easter Vigil are in the Hebrew observation of the Passover. Jews annually recall the first Passover in which God delivered them from slavery at the hands of Pharaoh, by allowing the angel of death to "pass over" their homes, and by leading them safely through the Red So in this magnificent way the Church expresses liturgically the meaning of her Lord's Pasch, his Passover. This liturgy may be new to many. It is however, the oldest Easter Service of the Church, taking place in the darkness of Easter Eve. It may seem strange to some that our Lord's passage from death to life and our passage with him from death to life is celebrated at night, what we would normally think of as the night before Easter. However, we should remind ourselves that the great salvation acts in Scripture take place in darkness. Recall that the angel of death passed over the houses of the children of Israel about midnight - and the people of Israel left Egypt by night. In the New Testament, we remember that the birth of Our Lord took place at **night.** The death of Jesus, even though taking place during the day, took place in darkness. And so it should not surprise us that the gospel records imply that Jesus rose from the dead - passed over from death to life - at night! And so the Church has traditionally celebrated the great salvation events at night. All of Lent has been building up to this liturgy. The Vigil understandably reaches its climax in this first Eucharist of the Resurrection. The paschal candle, symbolizing the risen Christ has been lighted; we have heard the lessons which speak of the roots of our faith in the Old Testament people of God; we have renewed our baptismal covenant. And now we join in the celebration of the Sacrament in which our Risen Lord himself comes to be truly present among his people. Easter is the New Testament's Passover. God's Old Testament people celebrated their deliverance from Egypt each year in the Passover meal in which they ate the Passover lamb. We are God's **new** Israel; we share week by week in that meal Christ gave us in which we celebrate our deliverance from sin and death. We eat and drink the body and blood of the true Passover, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



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