

March 24, 2024

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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2049 Scarth Street, Regina, SK S4P 2H5



**PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE LORD'S PASSION**



**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM**

**Processional: CBW III # 62**  
*All Glory, Praise and Honour*

**Responsorial Psalm: CBW III**  
# 63 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**Gospel Acclamation: CBWIII #**  
260 *Praise to you, Lord, King of Eternal Glory*

**Preparation of Gifts: CBWIII**  
# 379 *Behold the Wood*

**Eucharistic Acclamations: Journey**  
Song # 227-232.

**Communion Procession: CBWIII**  
# 610 *Taste and See*

**Recessional: CBW III # 435**  
*Lift High the Cross*

*Acclamation during the Passion:*



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**11:30 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**12:05 PM, The Eucharist**

**Thursday, March 28th**  
**7:00 PM • Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday, March 29th**  
**3:00 PM • The Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, March 30th**  
**8:00 PM • The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Easter Sunday, March 31st**  
**10:00 AM • Easter Day Mass**

**Easter Week, April 1-5**  
**12:05 PM, The Eucharist**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation by request after Mass**

## PARISH OFFICE

**Tuesday to Thursday • 11:00-2:00 PM**

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## HOLY FATHER ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

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*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

This is the most searing of all sufferings, the suffering of the spirit. At his most tragic hour, Jesus experiences abandonment by God. Prior to that moment, he had never called the Father by his generic name, "God". To convey the impact of this, the Gospel also reports his words in Aramaic. These are the only words of Jesus from the cross that have come down to us in the original language.

The real event is the extreme abasement, being forsaken by the Father, forsaken by God. We find it hard even to grasp what great suffering he embraced out of love for us. He sees the gates of heaven close, he finds himself at the bitter edge, the shipwreck of life, the collapse of certainty. And he cries out: "Why?" A "why" that embraces every other "why" ever spoken. "Why, God?" (...) Why did it have to come to this? He did it for us. There is no other answer. For us.

Brothers and sisters, today this is not merely a show. Every one of us, hearing of Jesus' abandonment, can say: for me. This abandonment is the price he paid for me. He became one with each of us in order to be completely and definitively one with us to the very end. He experienced abandonment in order not to leave us prey to despair, in order to stay at our side forever.

*(Homily, 2 April 2023)*

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION • MARCH

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**For the New Martyrs:**

*For those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.*

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## Processions in Holy Week

YOU MAY feel you deserve applause when you get out of bed or off the couch and go to church. After all, many Catholics don't even do that much. You do. During Holy Week, however, going to church is not enough. Just when you think you can settle into your favorite pew, you will be asked to stand up, leave your place, and walk. Many Catholics resist. They become pew potatoes. But those who join the processions of Holy Week will find their faith and charity rewarded.

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, for example, the Mass may begin outdoors. Instead of going directly into the church as usual, you may gather in another area—indoors or out. The priest will bless the palm branches; he or the deacon will proclaim the Gospel, and then all process into the church acclaiming Christ.

On Thursday of the Lord's Supper, the evening Mass does not conclude in the usual way. Instead, a procession forms right after Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is brought to a special chapel or tabernacle. You may be invited to join this procession, singing hymns of praise and moving to a place where you may pray privately in the course of the night.

During the Good Friday liturgy, you will be invited forward to adore the Cross.

At the Easter Vigil, as on Palm Sunday, you may be invited to start Mass outside the church. There a fire may be burning, signifying the Resurrection of Christ, the light that shatters darkness. Carrying candles, you enter the church following a pillar of fire, as our ancestors marched from slavery to freedom.

The processions of Holy Week draw us into the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. It is worthwhile to get up out of the pew.

## March 24, 2024

Liturgical Ministry		
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	March 23 5:10 PM	March 24 10 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Dolly Dyck	Marie Alercon
Community Leader	Rosita Ongsu	KCs
S1/S3 & Lector 1	James Sawka	KCs
S2 & Lector 2	Larry Ongsu	KCs
Passion Narrator	Jim Gallagher	Tashia Toupin
Usher/ Collection	Gordon Pilon	KCs

	Mass of the Lord's Supper March 28th, 7 PM	Passion of the Lord March 29th, 3 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Wadsworth & Dolly Dyck	Dolly Dyck
Community Leader	Charmaine Elash	Tashia Toupin
Lector 1	Stella Ilozumba	Debbie O'Malley (S1/3)
Lector 2	Kes Meson	Terry O'Malley (S2)
Passion Narrator	Jim Gallagher	Jim Gallagher
Usher/ Collection	Gordon Pilon	Ron Girard

EASTER	March 30 8 PM	March 31 10 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Alercon & Marian Centre	Marie Alercon
Community Leader	Rosita Ongsu	Connie Barrett
Genesis 1.1-2.2	Terry O'Malley	Lector 1 – James Sawka
Genesis 22.1-1-18	Debby O'Malley	Lector 2- Kym Lovely
Exodus 14.15-31 ; 15.20, 1	Maga Droubi	—
Is 54.5-14	Marian Centre	—
Is. 55.1-11	Brayden Gabrielson	—
Baruch 3.9 – 15, 32-4.4	Larry Ongsu	—
Ezekiel 36.16-17, 18-28	Stella Ilozumba	—
Romans 6.3-11	Charmaine Elash	—
Genesis 1.1-2.2	Terry O'Malley	—

### REGULAR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

- Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via e-transfer (interac) to: [\*\*blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net\*\*](mailto:blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net)
- Auto-Deposit Forms for regular (e.g. monthly or weekly) donating to Blessed Sacrament Parish are available at the entrance of the church, from parish office or at: [\*\*https://blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/\*\*](https://blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/)

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Mass intentions are posted on the bulletin boards and will be announced at each Mass.  
Please contact the parish office to request Mass intentions.*



# Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday

## Join a new phase of the Synod! Tell the Pope What You're Thinking

How can we be a synodal Church in mission? The Synod of Bishops is reaching out for feedback on its Oct 2023 report, [bit.ly/A-Synodal-Church-in-Mission](https://bit.ly/A-Synodal-Church-in-Mission). You are invited to attend a listening session to offer feedback on the October 2023 Synod document. Your contributions will feed into the 2024 Synod next fall. Attend a listening session in your parish or gather some friends for your own discussion. Prepare some notes and send us your thoughts. A Spiritual Conversation Guide is available at [bit.ly/Spiritual-Conversation-Guide](https://bit.ly/Spiritual-Conversation-Guide)

Or, you might want to join a Zoom discussion (attend one or all, no commitment required). Before coming, read the marked sections of the Oct. 2023 Synod Report at

•Part III. Weaving Bonds, Building Communities - Apr. 6 @ 10 am

– read sections 14 and 18

•Draft report on 2024 Archdiocesan phase - Apr. 13 @ 10am

All sessions at [bit.ly/YQR-Synod-2024](https://bit.ly/YQR-Synod-2024) No registration. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Nick Jesson, Archdiocesan Synod Coordinator, [njesson@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:njesson@archregina.sk.ca), or visit [archregina.sk.ca/group/synod-2021-2024/](https://archregina.sk.ca/group/synod-2021-2024/)

## Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. Those who are unable to attend the service, you may contribute by Interact e-transfer to [teresainte@bellnet.ca](mailto:teresainte@bellnet.ca) or online at [commissariat.ca/supporting-us](https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us) – receipts will be issued.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*  
– Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day, we are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day, we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day, we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

**TF #393: Dr. John Jalsevac On Classical Education - Part 2** - In this three-part series, Dr. Brett Salkeld and Dr. John Jalsevac, headmaster of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School in Peterborough, Ontario, discuss the growing popularity of Classical education and its distinct approach to student formation and education.

[thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/dr-john-jalsevac-on-classical-education-part-2](https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/dr-john-jalsevac-on-classical-education-part-2)

## Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Reaping our Rights campaign with your Share Lent donation. 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](https://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

## The National Mental Health Ministry Conference

Is in Chicago on April 25 - 27, 2024. The conference aims to equip Leaders for Mental Health Ministry. There is an opportunity to join the conference virtually for \$88.88 USD / parish teams for the same price. More information here or contact Peter Oliver at 306-955-2427 or [peter@chassk.ca](mailto:peter@chassk.ca)

<p>Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.</p>	<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>of the Lord's Passion</i></p>
	<p><b>Why we have Palms at Mass</b> In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.</p>
<p><i>"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"</i></p>	
<p>Palm Sunday Mass begins in a separate location, usually a parish hall or outside (weather permitting). The Gospel is proclaimed, the palms are blessed, and we process to the Church for the remainder of the Mass, waving our palms and signing the refrain 'Hosanna, Hosanna, in the Highest'.</p>	<p>&gt; Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the following year's Ash Wednesday observance.</p>
<p>The Passion of Christ is often proclaimed by three persons who take on the roles of the Narrator, the people, and Jesus. The part of Jesus is proclaimed by the priest or deacon of the parish.</p>	<p>&gt; The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.</p>
	<p>&gt; The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.</p>

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