

Sunday, April 13, 2025



# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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### TODAY'S MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

SATURDAY 5:10 AM • SUNDAY 10 AM

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Processional: CBW III # 62

*All Glory, Praise and Honour*

Responsorial Psalm: CBW III # 63

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

Preparation of Gifts: CBW III # 379

*Behold the Wood of the Cross*

Eucharistic Acclamations:

CBW 227-232.

Communion: CBW III # 610

*Taste and See*

Recessional: CBW III # 435

*Lift High the Cross*

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### BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

Swieconka(*sh-vee-en-soon-kah*) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood, the typical Easter evergreen. Poles take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

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### *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

*Sat., April 12th, 5:10 pm • Sunday, April 13th, 10 am*

### *Weekday Eucharist of Holy Week*

*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 12:05 PM*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation before these Masses*

## TRIDUUM

### *Holy Thursday, April 17th*

*7:00 PM • Mass of the Lord's Supper*

### *Good Friday, April 18th*

*9:00 am • Ge'ez (Eritrean) Rite*

*3:00 PM • The Passion of the Lord*

### *Saturday, April 19th*

*8:00 PM • The Great Vigil of Easter*

### *Easter Sunday, April 20th*

*10:00 AM • Easter Day Mass*

*Blessing of the Easter baskets at the Vigil and Easter morning.  
Reception follows the Vigil and Easter Morning*

### *Easter Week • Monday to Friday*

*12:05 pm • Mass in the Octave of Easter*

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Parish Offices will be closed during Easter Week

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### HOLY FATHER'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies

*Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.*

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*Blessed Sacrament Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

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## CALENDAR

Holy Thursday, April 17th	Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 PM
Good Friday, April 18th	Passion of the Lord, 3 PM • Ge'ez Rite (Good Shepherd Community) 9-12 noon
Holy Saturday, April 19th	Easter Vigil, 8 PM • Reception follows the liturgy
Easter Sunday, April 20th	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection, 10 AM • Reception follows the liturgy
Octave of Easter, April 27th	Children's Liturgy, 10 am Mass
Sunday, May 4th	Baptism(s) at the 10 am Mass
Sunday, May 25th	Confirmation and First Communion for children, 10 am, Archbishop Bolen
Pentecost Sunday, June 8th	Parish AGM, after 10 am Mass • <i>a picnic will follow</i>

## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 2025

<i>Donations via Direct Deposit</i>	<b>\$3,320.00</b>
<i>Donation Envelopes</i>	<b>\$5,564.15</b>
<i>Loose Collection</i>	<b>\$1,823.85</b>
<b>Total Regular Donations this Month (March)</b>	<b>\$10,708.00</b>
<b>Amount Needed Each Month for Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>-\$2,792.00</b>
<i>Building Fund (collected)</i>	<b>\$805.00</b>
<u><i>Other Collections in March</i></u>	
<i>Diocesan Collections</i>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<i>Marian Centre</i>	<b>\$1,983.80</b>

- A complete 2024 Parish Financial Report will be distributed before the Parish Annual General meeting on June 8th.
- 2025 AGM is scheduled for Pentecost, June 8th, after the 10 am Eucharist, followed by a cookout.

## DONATIONS

Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via **E-transfer (interac)** to:

**[blessedsacrament@sasktel.net](mailto:blessedsacrament@sasktel.net)**

*Auto-Deposit Forms* are available at the entrances of the church or



**[blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/](http://blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/)**

## GRANT RECEIVED

We received good news that a grant in the amount of \$107,203.18 has been made to Blessed Sacrament Parish by an anonymous donor through the South Saskatchewan Community Fund (SSCF). The grant was towards the cost ((50% of the invoiced amount of \$214,406.35) incurred by the parish for the repainting of Blessed Sacrament Church.



We are indeed grateful for the generous and ongoing support of the anonymous donor and the SSCF for our historic Church.

## PIANO DONATED

A parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated to our church a full [6'1"] grand piano made by Wm. Knabe & Co.. The piano is in excellent condition and, in addition to the donation of the piano, the donor is covering all the costs of the move to our church.

We are grateful to donor for their generosity in gifting us with this exquisite liturgical musical instrument.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have a "Children's Liturgy" every other Sunday at 10 am Mass - the next children's liturgy is today, April 13th.

If you would like to be involved in the children's liturgy as an adult leader or assistant, please contact Fr. Jim or the parish office.

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## Palms

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The Catholic faithful use palm branches at Mass on Palm Sunday and bring them home for devotional purposes. Palm Sunday is the popular name for the Sunday before Easter, though its full title is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Two Gospel passages are proclaimed at Mass that day: one tells of people waving branches or spreading cloaks to welcome Jesus in triumph to Jerusalem, and the other tells of his passion and death.



Any branches may be used in the liturgy, but parishes usually provide palm branches, as mentioned in John's Gospel (12:13). The faithful hold them at the beginning of the Mass for the blessing and procession.

After Mass, people may bring the branches home as a sacramental. Various customs have developed.

Some place branches behind a wall-mounted crucifix or other religious image. Others cleverly fold them into crosses. Still others incorporate blessed branches into improvised prayers for protection during harmful weather.

Used palm branches are burned the following year, and the ashes are placed on the heads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. Some parishes burn their own ashes. People who wish to dispose of old palm branches may offer them back for burning or dispose of them at home in some reverent manner.

Palm branches appear in religious art as a symbol of martyrdom. In the Book of Revelation (7:9), a great multitude praises God with palm branches in hand. In the apocryphal gospel of pseudo-Matthew (20-21), a palm tree miraculously bends over to nourish the Holy Family on the flight into Egypt, and an angel plants one of its branches in paradise, making the palm a sign of victory in any contest.

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## PARISH OFFICE • HOLY WEEK HOURS

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**Monday to Thursday • 10:00–2:00 PM**

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**Caretaker Teklesenbet Mebrahtu** (*contact via parish office*).

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## Palm Sunday Commemoration

**THE OPENING** of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called “The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem.” The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember.

They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.



# Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



## HOLY WEEK/EASTER

*Livestream*

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL  
 HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 PM  
 GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00 PM  
 EASTER VIGIL: 8:30 PM  
 RESURRECTION PARISH  
 EASTER SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

[youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](https://youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina)

### 102nd Annual Regina Diocesan CWL Convention Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

St. Joseph's Parish, Moose Jaw, SK

The Regina Diocesan CWL executive and Moose Jaw Region are pleased to invite you to our 102nd annual Diocesan Convention.

**Speaker:** Rev. Deacon Lamont Dyck – Presence, Ministry and Community.

**Workshop:** Here I am Lord – How Remarkable Women Lead.

Contact the Convention Registrar at [regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com](mailto:regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com)

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.



*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"*

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'.

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.



## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Why we have Palms at Mass**  
 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.



> 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.

> The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

> 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.

### Thinking Faith S02 E04: Navigating Faith, Euthanasia, and Hope with Amanda Achtman - Part 1

In this episode of Thinking Faith, Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett Salkeld welcome Amanda Achtman to share her mission of preventing euthanasia and spreading hope. Amanda reflects on how her journey from Calgary to Ottawa, her personal experiences, and her grandfather's influence shaped her vocation. She discusses the role of intergenerational bonds, her work educating dioceses on euthanasia, and her efforts to empower youth through the hope-filled witness of young saints like Blessed Carlo Acutis, who can inspire purpose, virtue, and vocation in the face of today's challenges.

Find out more about Amanda Achtman at [dyingtomeetyou.com](https://dyingtomeetyou.com)

Find our faces on YouTube: [youtube/u4v7UIr736g?si=YAZQyO8ITG\\_1qHDt](https://youtube.com/watch?v=u4v7UIr736g&si=YAZQyO8ITG_1qHDt)

[thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/navigating-faith-euthanasia-and-hope-with-amanda-achtman-part-1](https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/navigating-faith-euthanasia-and-hope-with-amanda-achtman-part-1)

### 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. 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.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)*

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

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