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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
"Home of the Franciscans of Halifax"*

*Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Wed. March 28 9:00am Antonio Reggi †

Liturgy



PALM SUNDAY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Today, **Palm Sunday**, we usher in Holy Week with palm branches in hand, remembering the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, and the beginning of the week that leads us to the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord – the Paschal Triduum.

On that first Palm Sunday, "A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road." In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. It was common practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king or war hero by laying out a path of branches for him to ride or walk over. With this same purpose, palm was used by the people of Jerusalem to honor Jesus, their King, as he arrived in victory and triumph. Again, at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).

Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey was also highly symbolic. The donkey was a symbol of peace and those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. Even as the countless multitudes waved the palm branches and shouted for joy, they missed the true reason for Jesus' presence. They could neither see nor understand the cross.

These blessed palm that we receive today will, next year, be collected and burned to become the ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday.



TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH – **MASS OF CHRISM**
12:00 NOON – ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH – **HOLY THURSDAY**
6:00 PM MASS **BRING YOUR BELLS!**
(FOLLOWED BY ONE HOUR OF ADORATION)

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – **GOOD FRIDAY**
3:00 PM – PASSION OF THE LORD
7:00 PM – WAY OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST – **EASTER VIGIL**
6:00 PM **BRING YOUR BELLS!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST – **EASTER SUNDAY**
11:00 AM MASS (NO 7:00 PM MASS)



Franciscan Lenten Holy Hour Series

The Franciscan Choir has hosted a series of Holy Hours every Tuesday during Lent. The gathering included an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, sung vespers, and other sacred song. This Tuesday, March 27th, from 7:00-8:00 pm will be the final Holy Hour. All are welcome! We thank the Franciscan Choir for their dedication and faithfulness in hosting these times of prayer.

Weekday Mass Times:

Wednesday 9:00am at St. Theresa's
No Saturday 9:00am at St. Catherine's

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 11:00 am
No 7:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Confessions at St. Catherine's:

No confessions during Holy Week

Lectio Divina: No Lectio Divina on Thursday, March 29th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am–4:30 pm
in St. Theresa's Chapel



Chrism Mass
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

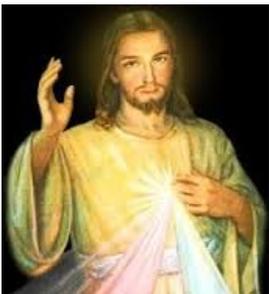
Mass of Chrism: March 27th at 12:00 noon
Join Archbishop Mancini, all the priests of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, and the faithful at this year's Mass of Chrism on March 27th at 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed.

During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the Diocese for use in the coming year. All are welcome to take part in this special liturgy. Please note: Parking at the Cathedral is very limited. Please consider carpooling or making use of public transportation.

Bell Ringing on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil – On Holy Thursday, parishioners are invited to bring bells from home, to be rung during the singing of the "Gloria". The bells then remain silent until the Easter Vigil at which time they can ring again.

On March 30th, Good Friday, there will be a **Diocesan collection for the Holy Lands**. This collection has been designated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to support Pope Francis' work in the Holy Lands.



Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet - Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland, who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that

Blessed Faustina make a special **Novena** before the Feast of Mercy, **from Good Friday through the following Saturday**. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy). Information on the Novena can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Religious Education



Younger members of our community will be involved in the entrance procession today, Palm Sunday.

Our Gatherings will resume on April 8th

Parish News



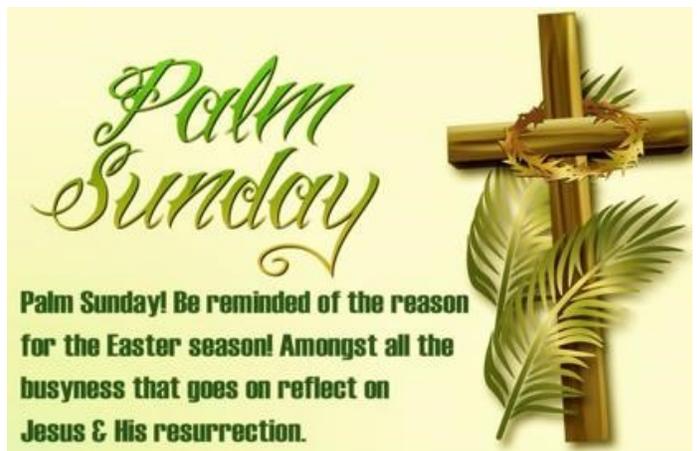
Saturday, April 28th, 2018
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Each year, our **Annual Spring Fair** raises over \$5,000 to support the Parish finances. Although the funds are appreciated, the most important aspect of any Parish Fair is the opportunity it gives for people to work together, for former parishioners to return, and for all to gather to enjoy a day of fun and friendship.

Committee members and Table Convenors do a lot of preparation behind the scenes to prepare for the day and, on the day itself, it takes many parishioners to ensure those who attend receive a warm welcome at the various tables. We also rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners for their donations to the various tables - Baked Goods, Fudge, Sewing, New-to-You (Flea Market – no clothing or linen, please), Straw Game (prizes needed), Children's Games, and Books. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Fair, please call Paul McKenna at 902-477-0743.

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