



Mar 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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A different kind of King

Palm Sunday is easy to misunderstand if we only see it as a joyful moment. Jesus enters Jerusalem, people welcome him, and there is a sense of anticipation, but underneath that there is something far more striking.

He does not arrive the way people expect. There is no show of strength, no attempt to take power, no effort to dominate the moment. Instead, He comes in simply, upon a donkey, choosing humility over spectacle. And that choice is intentional.

Because everything around Jesus points in the opposite direction. People are looking for a leader who will take control, rise up, and win. Someone who will assert strength in a way the world understands. But Jesus refuses that path. He does not meet power with more power. He meets it with something entirely different.

He chooses to enter in a way that looks small, but carries a completely different kind of strength. Palm Sunday then, is not just about how Jesus entered Jerusalem. It is about the kind of life He invites us into. A life where strength is not measured by how much we control, but by how much we are willing to give. A life where love is not just a feeling, but a decision we keep making, especially when it costs us something.

So as we step into Holy Week, it might be worth asking what our own "palms" look like. Not grand gestures, but small, quiet offerings. A kind word when it would be easier to stay silent. A moment of patience when you are stretched. Choosing to forgive, even when it is not returned.

These are the ways we honour Him now.

Holy Week does not begin with noise or spectacle, but with a King who comes gently. And He invites us to walk with him in the same way, one steady step at a time.

This Week

Monday, Mar 30

6:30pm	Meeting	ALPHA
7:00pm	Mass	+Jose Dos Santos Ladeira

Tuesday, Mar 31

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	Int Apota Tjong
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
2:00pm	Event	SAS Stations of the Cross
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education Program
7:00pm	Mass	Int Linda Chehab

Wednesday, Apr 01

8:00am	Mass	+Mate Nikolic
7:00pm	Mass	+Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Holy Thursday, Apr 02—

8:00am	No Mass	(Parish office closes at 12 pm)
9:15am	Meeting	Rosary Group
7:00pm	Mass	Mass of the Lord's Supper —For the deceased Missionary Oblates

Good Friday, Apr 03—

12:00pm	Mass	(Parish office will be closed)
03:00pm	Mass	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
7:00pm	Event	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Apr 04

2:00pm	Event	Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:30pm	Vigil	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates

Easter Sunday, Apr 05—

9:00am	Mass	The Resurrection of the Lord
11:00am	Mass	+David Owen
5:00pm	Mass	+Aggie Bentley
		Int Edyta & Pawel Tomaszewski

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We are grateful for these gifts
Sunday: \$ 15,302.90

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Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, April 4 | 2:00 PM | Church

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful tradition as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

The Blessing of Easter Baskets is a long-standing custom in many cultures, where families bring the foods they will enjoy on Easter to be blessed. These baskets often include bread, eggs, meats, and other festive foods—each symbolizing new life and the joy of the Resurrection.

We warmly invite you and your family to bring your unique basket(s) and take part in this brief and prayerful blessing service.

All are welcome—come share in this cherished tradition as we ready our hearts and homes for Easter!

Extra Lenten Confessions

As we journey through Lent, we invite you to take advantage of additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Final day for extra Confessions will be **Tuesday 31st March 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm**. Lent is a beautiful season of renewal and grace and we encourage everyone to make time to encounter the Lord's mercy in confession.

Honouring Peter Allen – Retirement Announcement

After more than three decades of faithful service, we announce with deep gratitude the retirement of our Parish Musical Director, **Peter Allen**. Since 1991, Peter has generously shared his remarkable gifts as a composer, audio technician, musician and choral director, enriching our liturgies with beauty, reverence, and inspiring choral and symphonic music. His dedication has shaped countless Masses, celebrations, and special moments in the life of our parish.



Peter's final day as Musical Director will be on Easter Sunday, a fitting culmination of his ministry among us.

Peter will continue as a member of the choir and as audio technician.

We invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating and honouring Peter's years of service **on Sunday, April 12th at the 11:00am Mass**, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Please join us in thanking Peter for his extraordinary contribution and wishing him many blessings.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING HOLY WEEK

As we journey through Holy Week, let's remember that Good Friday is an Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics around the world. Fasting means eating only one full meal (with two smaller meals if needed), and abstinence means refraining from meat. It's a small act of love and reflection, uniting us with Christ's sacrifice. Let's carry the spirit of the week with humility and grace, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter Sunday.

**GOOD FRIDAY PARKING UPDATE**

Please note that the school parking area will be made available during the Good Friday Services. Kindly be mindful of the parking regulations around the church to avoid fines and blockages. Thank you!



Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of

God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.

Join our parish praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm.

DATE	EVENT
April 3 rd	<i>7:00pm Good Friday – Everyone's Way of the Cross</i>
	<i>We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.</i>
	<i>Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the World.</i>

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to - welcome and invite all to participate - celebrate in Word and Sacrament - foster evangelization and spiritual formation - advocate for social justice - care for our common home.



INVITES YOU TO OUR

2026 Easter Dinner Dance

**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2026
5PM - 11PM**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH
2028 W 7TH AVE
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5:00 PM - MASS

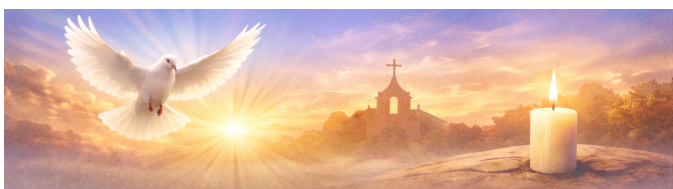
**6:15PM - 11:00 PM - DINNER
AND DANCE**

**EARLY BIRD ENDS ON
EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 6TH 2026**

**TICKETS START FROM \$36
SCAN FOR TICKETS
AND FOR MORE INFORMATION**



OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20S AND 30S



Formation Sessions for Baptised Catholics Not Yet Confirmed – Spring 2026

Adults who have been baptised in the Catholic Church but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend three formation sessions at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, and 20, 2026, from 7:00–8:30 pm.**

Attendance at all three sessions is required, and registration is necessary. Participants will then be confirmed in their home parishes on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. Please contact Linda Arnold @ larnold25@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office for more info.



Archdiocese of Vancouver

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

This Good Friday, support the Church of the Holy Land and help bring hope during these difficult times. Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked.

Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever. The continuing hope and prayer of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land is for peace and a sense of security. Thank you for making a difference!

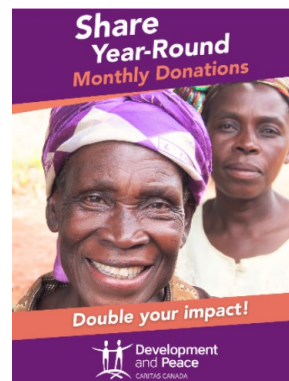
Double your impact by becoming a monthly donor by May 24, 2026

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year: becoming a Share Year-Round monthly donor.

As a Share Year-Round donor, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year and forge bonds of solidarity across borders. What's more, you automatically become a member of our movement, joining a community of over 13,000 committed people who share your values.

Sign up as a monthly donor (or increase your monthly donation if you are already one) before May 24, 2026, and your annual contributions (or increase thereof) will be matched dollar for dollar!

So why not double your impact today by turning your one-off donation into a monthly gift at devp.org/shareyearround



EMAIL FRAUD WARNING

Our parish has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to recent internet phishing scams. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

Never respond to emails requesting gift cards, or any form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender or the Parish Office to verify any requests.

The Feast of Divine Mercy

The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and prepares us for the Feast of Divine Mercy, which is the first Sunday after Easter.

The Divine Mercy Novena always begins just before 3:00pm on Good Friday and is immediately followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

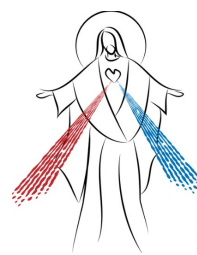
This year, the Faithful are invited to pray the Novena on their own every day at 3:00pm, beginning April 03rd until Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 12th in church at 2:30-3:30pm**

The Divine Mercy Novena and chaplet can be prayed anytime, but Jesus specifically asked for it to be prayed for the 9 days preceding the Feast of The Divine Mercy, and at the hour of mercy, 3:00pm.

On the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th the following is scheduled:

- **2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- **3:10pm Silent Meditation**

Regarding the Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus stated, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary, 699)".



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

Procession of the Oils, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall which will be open until 11:00pm to enable the faithful to remain in prayer and meditation. Remember to bring your bells to be rung during the Gloria. There is no 8:00am Mass

Good Friday – April 3rd

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 12noon & 3:00pm

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion

Second Collection: The Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

Good Friday – 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Theme: Everyone's Way of the Cross

The Parish hall will be closed during the day. No Confessions in the evening.

Holy Saturday – April 4th

Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 2:00pm

Have your Easter food and treats blessed in the church. Traditionally the faithful brought meats, bread, eggs, vegetables, and wine as a way of consecrating the whole of the Easter season. Items to bring, however are not limited to those above.

Easter Vigil – 8:30pm

The Church and the Parish Centre will be closed on Holy Saturday until 7:30pm (*excluding Blessing Service at 2:00pm. There is no 8:00am Mass*).

Throughout the day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday.

Service will begin in the Parish Courtyard.

Easter Sunday – April 5th

Resurrection of the Lord – 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Easter Monday – April 6th 10:00am Mass only

The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday (12noon), Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Friday 9:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:00am-12noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Monday is the Priest's day off.

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

604.736-4455 EXT.221

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Wednesday 6:35pm-6:50pm
Thursday-Saturday 7:35am-7:50am
Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Spouse Name

Children: Name(s) & Date of Birth

Mailing Address

City

Phone

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