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–PALM SUNDAY OF LENT– –Deacon Terry Murphy

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week, the most solemn and sacred period in the Church calendar. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection.

It is a pivotal moment in the journey towards Christ’s passion. Jesus rides into Jerusalem, where the crowds hail Him as King. Ordinary people, like you and me, wave their palm branches in jubilant celebration, eager to crown Him as the long-awaited Messiah.

Amid their cries, there is a significant word that echoes throughout the streets: “Hosanna.” It is a term that means praise and adoration, but in the time of Jesus, it was a plea for salvation. It meant, “Save us now.”

Jesus’ entire mission was salvation. But the crowds who called out “Hosanna” did not fully realize the nature of the salvation Jesus was offering. Jesus was not coming to save them from a political revolution or the oppressive rule of the Romans. He was coming to offer a spiritual salvation that would reconcile humanity to God and free us from sin and death.

His sacrifice would secure eternal life for everyone who believes in Him and follows Him.

This week we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus’ dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

This week, ask yourselves some questions: Will you cry “Hosanna” and truly recognize the gift of salvation? Will you turn to your brothers and sisters and try to be Christ-like? Will you take up your cross and follow Him? Or will you say with the crowds, “Crucify Him” and like Pilate, wash your hands of Him? –

PARISH LITURGIES

–PALM SUNDAY OF LENT–

Tuesday March 31 - *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:30 am + Joseph Lia

Wednesday April 01 - *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:30 am + Moira Coffey

Thursday April 02 - *Thursday of Holy Week*

7:00 am Holy Thursday

Friday April 03 - *Friday of The Passion of Our Lord*

11:00 am Good Friday Children’s Service w/ Passion Play
3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy

Saturday April 04 - *Holy Saturday*

11:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food

–EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD–

Saturday April 04

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday April 05

8:30 am Easter Sunday

10:15 am Easter Sunday

12:00 pm Easter Sunday



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MEDITATIONS

Following the Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent, we have invited you to watch a brief reflection from Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR. Today, we enter Holy Week to prepare ourselves to relive the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus. To finish the meditation videos we were watching, sign up for Formed for free (signup.formed.org) and then search for the series [Made For Heaven—Lent with Fr. Agustino Torres](#). There is one video remaining for you to watch for Easter Sunday.

OLD BLESSED PALMS

Do you have blessed palms from previous Palm Sundays? Bring your blessed palms from previous years to church this week and we will dispose of them appropriately. Baskets will be at each

YOUNG VINCENTIANS

An important part of our Lenten practices is almsgiving. If you have any spare change, there is a glass jar on the sanctuary steps for anyone who would like to contribute to it for Lent. The change collected will be donated to our Young Vincentians Youth Group. Thank you for your generosity!

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 03, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 03, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or CanadaHelps, accessible at: commissariat.ca in the “Support Us” link.

—Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m, Commissary of the Holy Land In Canada



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Rebecca

HOLY WEEK 2026 MASS TIMES

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Thursday April 02, 2026	7:00 pm	
<i>Good Friday</i>	Friday April 03, 2026	11:00 am	Children’s Service
		3:00 pm	Solemn Service
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Saturday April 04, 2026	11:00 am	Blessing of the Easter Food
<i>Easter—The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Saturday April 04, 2026	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
	Sunday April 05, 2026	8:30 am	Easter Morning
		10:15 am	
		12:00 pm	With Bishop Lob-singer

MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate the Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, March 30th at 2:00 pm. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30 pm. The Celebration will be livestreamed with links on the diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica website.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Dear Parishioners of St. Dominic Parish, Oakville,

I regret to inform you that Reverend Ranjan D'Sa OCD, has been suspended from priestly ministry as a result of an allegation of sexual harassment brought forward to the Halton Regional Police Service. This suspension took effect on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

In accord with our Diocesan Safeguarding Policies, Father D'Sa has been removed from the parish and is not permitted to exercise any priestly ministry.

Reverend Rajesh Dsouza OCD, will provide pastoral service to the Parish during the coming week, and another Carmelite Priest will be assigned to St. Dominic Parish as Temporary Administrator, effective, Monday, March 30, 2026.

Given that police are continuing their investigation, it is not possible to provide you with any further details at this time.

The Diocese is committed to safeguarding all members of the Church. In your charity, I ask you to pray for Father D'Sa, for the complainant and her family.

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton

WHEN LIFE CHANGES GRIEF PROGRAM

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. Part Two (for those who have completed part one). The Ongoing Journey, will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West on Wednesday evenings from April 8 – May 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocese home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, March 30	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Tuesday, March 31	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Wednesday, April 01	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thursday, April 02	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 03	The Passion of Our Lord
Saturday, April 04	Holy Saturday

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RETREATS 2025



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Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre is offering retreats for both men and women. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The date

of the Women's Retreat is April 16-19, 2026 and the date of the Men's Retreat is May 21-24, 2026. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.actscanada.org

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026

The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honoured and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

"Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done."

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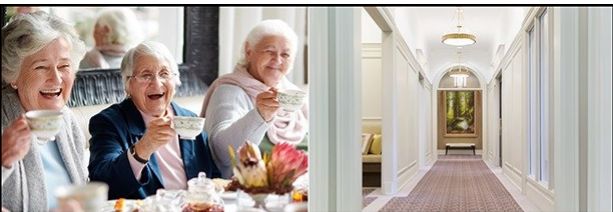
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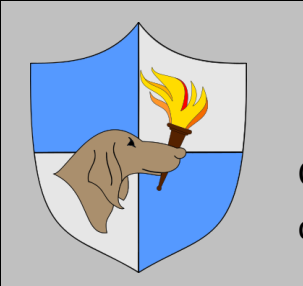
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