CHURCH OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



St. Mary's Church ~ est. 1859~

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Schedules

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday	7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
1st Friday of the Month	7:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Adoration:

Times may vary due to weddings or funerals		
Monday	7:00 p.m.	– 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday	5:30 p.m.	– 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	- 12 noon.
1st Friday of the month	10:00 a.m.	– 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

By appointment or,		
Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	– 6:15 p.m.
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	– 4:30 p.m.
1st Friday of the month	8:00 a.m.	– 9:00 a.m.,
	6:00 p.m.	- 6:30 p.m.

Parish Schools

St. Mary Elementary	705-324-3113
St. Dominic Elementary	705-878-3660
St. John Paul II Elementary	705-324-7445
St. Thomas Aquinas HIghschool	705-878-4117

St. Mary's Cemetery

Peter Robson 705-328-0918 email: cemetery@stmaryslindsay.ca website: www.cemetery.stmaryslindsay.ca

Sacraments

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to our priests and the ushers. A registration form is in the church for you to complete and return to the usher or parish office.

Marriage: Engaged couples can contact the parish office to arrange their first meeting with the priest. This meeting should occur 6 months to one year before the proposed marriage date.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms are offered at the end of the month. A pre-baptism online meeting is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Classes start the beginning of October. Please call the parish office to register.

Catechism Classes (October to May):

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion: After the 11 a.m. Mass Confirmation: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick: If you have a family member or know someone near death please call the rectory and request the sacrament of the sick.

Homebound Ministry: If you know someone who is unable to attend church please call the parish office and we can arrange a visit.

Funerals: Please call the parish office to discuss funeral Mass arrangements. The office works closely with funeral homes to meet your planning needs.

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Readings for March 24 Palm Sunday – Passion Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

MASSES FOR THE WEEK March 24 - 31

Monday March 25

7:30 a.m.	뷰 Adele Hopkins / Anna Hopkins
2:00 p.m.	Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral,
	Peterborough

Tuesday March 26

7:30 a.m. 非 Claudette Wintjes / Lynnie Murphy & Faye Quinn

5:30 p.m. Adoration

Wednesday March 27

7:30 a.m.	뷰 Claudette Wintjes / Teresa Mulligan
5:30 p.m.	Ädoration
7:00 p.m.	뷰 Holy Souls in Purgatory / McNish Family

Thursday March 28 – Holy Thursday Easter Triduum begins at evening Mass

7:00 p.m. 非 Claudette Wintjes / Catholic Mom's Group 8:00 p.m. – midnight Adoration in the sacristy and confessions

Friday March 29 – Good Friday Worldwide day of fast and abstinence

3:00 p.m.Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord7:00 p.m.Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30 – Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m.	Blessing of Easter food
8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil (longer and Solemn Mass)

For the People of our Parish

Sunday March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. 뷰 Jim & Micheal King & Jacob Tamlin / King Family
- 11:00 a.m. 뷰 Herb Spreng / Natalie & John Jackson

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Especially for Bob Garland, Marg Wansbrough, Rylee Stewart, Kathleen Walden, Cathy and Tom Bushell, Nicole Lessard, Norm Forget, Charlene Lavergne, Michael Smith, James Callaghan, Paul

Bouwmeester, Charlene Ashmore, Peter Giorgini, Norma Goller, Emma Junkin, Sara King, Myrna Morgan, Paul Nicholls, Ron O'Connor, Suzanne O'Leary, Genevieve Rodrigues, Ellie Roy, Julya Laviolette. May the Lord's healing hand touch them.

And for the deceased members of our parish

Especially Brian Devan, Noel Lucas, Vince Donnelly. May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.



EASTER FOOD BLESSING

March 30th at 11:00 a.m. join us for the Easter Blessing of Food.

The Easter blessing of food is a cherished tradition in many Eastern European countries. It typically occurs on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday and involves bringing a basket of symbolic foods to church to be blessed by a priest. The foods in the basket each have their own meaning and are often enjoyed as part of the Easter Sunday meal, marking the end of Lent and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here's a brief overview of the symbolism of some common items found in an Easter basket:

Bread: Symbolizes Jesus, the Bread of Life, and God's provision for His people.

Eggs: Represent new life and the resurrection of Christ.

Meat: Often ham or sausage, symbolizes joy and abundance. **Butter:** Shaped like a lamb, signifies the Lamb of God and the richness of salvation.

Salt: Represents purification and the preservation of one's faith.

Horseradish: Symbolizes the bitter sacrifice of Christ.

Cheese: Stands for the moderation Christians should have in all things.

The basket is usually lined with a white linen cloth representing the shroud of Christ and the resurrection which may be decorated with greenery or ribbons to symbolize spring and renewal.

GOOD FRIDAY

Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

OFFICE UPDATES

April 2nd through April 5th Father Dominic and Father Simon will be away. Mass and Adoration will be cancelled for these dates. We will have Mass on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. The office will remain open for regular office hours.

WAY OF THE CROSS

During lent on Friday evenings, we will have the Stations of the Cross. Various parish groups will be leading them and you are invited to come especially for these Lenten devotions. They run approximately a half hour. The schedule is:



March 29 7:00 p.m. Parish Priests

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is looking for volunteers once a month for the 9:00 am or 11:00 am masses on Sunday. Please contact the office for more information.

JOIN OUR USHER TEAM

Your welcoming personality would be a great addition to our ushering team! Help greet parishioners, take up collections and present the gifts during mass. The schedule is flexible, participate once or twice a month. Help support your parish with this important duty. Contact the parish office for information.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member or friend that is not able to come to church and would like to go to confession and receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 705-324-4828 and someone will go and visit them.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Join us in the Sacristy for a faith video presentation and refreshments.

April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m - Marriage and Relationship.



April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – What you need to know about Catholic Mass

May our Faith Journey bring us greater peace and joy!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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

Your support for the Reaping our Rights campaign with your Share Lent donation was a success. These donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

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.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

SOCIETY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Easter is Coming

There is a programme offered to Neighbours in Need for an Easter Family Dinner. The number of meals available are limited. The Lindsay Community Market may be the backup for many families, individuals and seniors. Donations of pasta, canned vegetables, meat or fish are always welcomed. Treats such as cookies or chocolate would also be appreciated.

Save the Date: Spring Gently Used Clothing Drive – April 20/21, 2024.

Please bring your clothing bags to the parking lot of St. Mary's Church. A truck will be available to collect your donations 30 minutes before and after each weekend Mass.

LEGION OF MARY – ROSARY

Every Tuesday at 11am we come together in Victoria Park, downtown Lindsay, to pray Our Lady's Rosary. With Spring just around the corner, why not consider joining us? Everyone is most welcome!

OUR LADY PILGRIM STATUE

Would you like to have Our Lady of Fatima's Pilgrim Statue visit your home? Request forms are available at the back of the church. Simply provide your contact information and your requested date and place the completed form in the brown box marked "Pilgrim Statue".

One of the members of the Legion of Mary will call you to arrange a time for delivery of the statue to your home. Visits are for a one-week period from Sunday and until the following Saturday.

CELTIC NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us on Celtic Night especially the performers who volunteered their talents and the people who provided snacks. The kitchen help was also much appreciated. The night brought in \$330 for the decoration fund which was given to the parish. Thanks again from The Meenan Family.

SUPPORT CARDS

Every time you buy a gift card, you are donating 5% to our Property Maintenance fund. Gift cards will be available at the Rectory Office, by request. Please call ahead of time to place your order. Only cash and cheque payments are accepted. Gift cards are available from the following stores and denominations:

Canadian Tire: \$25, \$50, \$100 Giant Tiger: \$25, \$50 Food Basics: \$25, \$50, \$100 Home Hardware: \$25, \$50, \$100 Lamantia: \$20 Tim Hortons: \$10, \$25, \$50 President's Choice: \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's: \$25, \$50, \$100



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on **29 March 2024**. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or <u>CanadaHelps.org</u> by visiting <u>http://www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us</u>

Please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Church. Thank you

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH	
Offertory	\$3,672
Preauthorized offering	\$2,374
Total	\$6 046

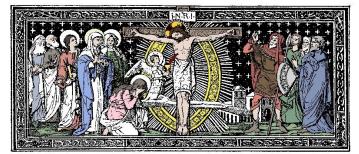
Thank you parishioners who are using <u>Pre-authorized offering</u> <u>System</u> and <u>Canadahelps.org</u>. If you haven't yet been added to the Pre-authorized Offering System or would like to use donation envelopes, please email office@stmaryslindsay.ca or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.



This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



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The Passion of Jesus Holy Thursday and Good Friday

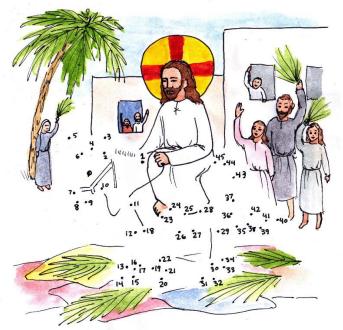


DO: TO SUFFER AND DIE TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE HE DID THIS WE ARE ALL ABLE TO GO TO HEAVEN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!

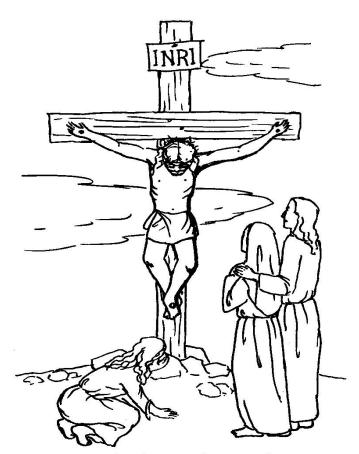
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The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 24th, 2024



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!



A Good Friday picture for you to colour.

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Thank you for your generosity!



