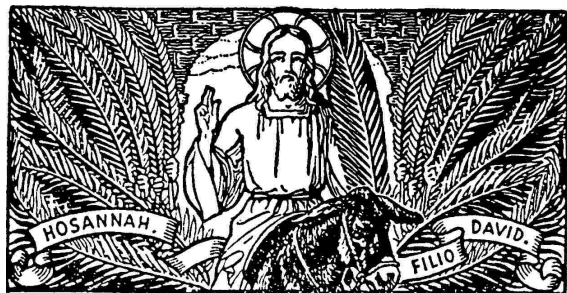


# Holy Week Schedule

## St. Mary's Parish, Lindsay 2025



### Saturday April 5 – Day of Reconciliation (Diocese wide)

9:30 a.m. - 12noon Confessions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Confessions

### Saturday April 12 – Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. Mass with Blessing of palms  
Passion narrative (Luke)

### Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of palms  
Passion narrative (Luke)  
11:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms

### Monday April 14

7:30 a.m. Mass  
2:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral,  
Peterborough

### Tuesday April 15

7:30 a.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. Adoration

### Wednesday April 16

7:30 a.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. Adoration  
7:00 p.m. Mass

### Holy Thursday April 17 - Easter Triduum begins at evening Mass

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Procession with Eucharist  
8:00p.m. - midnight Adoration at the altar of repose in the sacristy  
(with confessions)

### Good Friday April 18 - *Worldwide day of fast and abstinence*

3:00 p.m. Liturgy - Passion Narrative (John)  
Veneration of Cross  
Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Parish Priests

### Holy Saturday April 19 - *Voluntary day of fast*

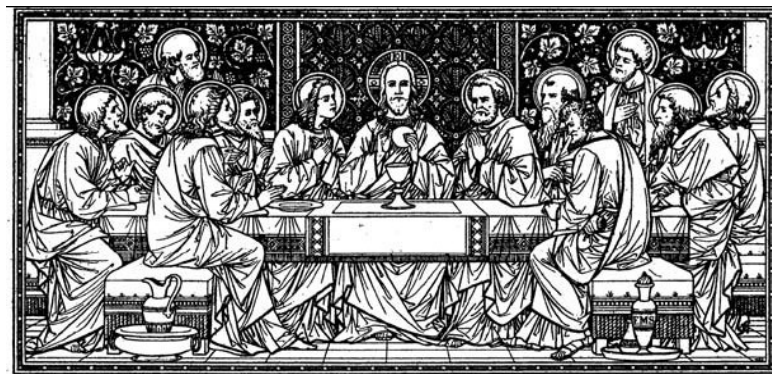
11:00 a.m. \*Blessing of Easter Foods  
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday April 20

9:00 a.m. Mass – Renew baptismal promises  
11:00 a.m. Mass – Renew baptismal promises

### \*List of Easter Foods for Blessing

Bread, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Ham or other meats, Oil, Salt, Water, Wine



## Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week of the year for our spiritual life. It is a rich time of prayer where we can consider the great love of God and the gravity of our sin. Our parish timetable for Holy Week is included in this leaflet.

### **Palm Sunday:**

The Masses this weekend begin with a joyful blessing of the palms and with the procession in memory of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Then the mood becomes somber: As Christ, on the way to Jerusalem tells His disciples of His coming Passion, so we enter into Holy Week listening to the story of our Lord's suffering and death, as recounted by Luke (22:14-71; 23:1-56).

### **Holy Thursday:**

The three days from Holy Thursday evening to Saturday night Easter Vigil, are called the *Easter Triduum*, and are the year's most solemn days.

### **Evening Mass of the Lord's supper:**

Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, the priesthood of the New Covenant and gave us the New Commandment to love one another as He has loved us. Jesus invites us to partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

After Holy Communion we spiritually accompany Our Lord to the garden of Gethsemane in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. We are invited to keep watch and pray with Him in the Garden as He had invited Peter, James and John. As Our Lord enters into His Passion in the great mystery of Agony in the Garden, we can offer our poor selves to comfort Him (as He asks us through St Margaret Mary to comfort His Sacred Heart which is treated with such indifference and ingratitude). Midnight concludes this period of watching and praying with Christ at the altar of repose in our parish.

**Good Friday:** This is a worldwide day of **Fast** (*one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal*) and **Abstinence** (*no meat*).



**Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm:** The stripping of the altar and the empty tabernacle, helps us recall the humiliation and suffering of Christ at the hands of sinners. In this liturgy we are called to accompany Our Lord in His Passion and to stand by Him at death on the Cross. During this liturgy we reflect upon the Word of God listening to the Solemn Narration of the Passion according to St. John. We offer the prayers of the faithful in its ancient format. A crucifix is then solemnly carried to the sanctuary for our veneration. After the veneration of the Cross we are offered Holy Communion after which the sacred liturgy is ended in silence.

### **Holy Saturday:**

This is a day of voluntary fast; we may wish to continue Friday's fast in memory of Jesus as His Body lay in the tomb. Holy Saturday is a day of prayer and reflection.

### **Easter Vigil:**

This is the greatest night of the year, the Church's most solemn celebration. The liturgy of Easter Vigil is much longer than an ordinary Sunday Mass.

Within the darkened church we remember the moments before the resurrection. A new fire is lit and blessed, representing the light of Christ overcoming the darkness of death. A priest carries the light of Christ through the church, and all light their candles from it. With the faithful holding candles lit by the blessed fire of Easter, the light of faith in Christ which overcomes eternal death of sin, the song of praise 'the Exultet' is sung.

We listen to bible readings of the history of salvation from Creation, through the promise to Abraham to its fulfillment in Christ. With hearts of faith, full of hope and alive with charity we raise our voices to sing the Gloria. The Lights of the Church are brought to its brightest and all candles in the Church are lit. We then listen to the Epistle, to the Romans speaking to us about our baptism and salvation in Christ, and we rejoice and sing *Alleluia!* (Derived from the Hebrew word for "Praise the Lord!") as we listen to the Gospel telling of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

The water is blessed, and the catechumens proclaim their faith and are baptized. All members of the community renew their baptismal promises. The candidates are received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and they make their first Holy Communion and are Confirmed.

### **Easter Sunday:**

We continue to celebrate the rising of Jesus, and our share in His life: *This is the day the Lord has made, and we rejoice!* After the homily in the Masses, we all renew our baptismal promises.