

# PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 17, 2008

MON. 12:05 PM **BLANCHE MELANCON** by Lois Dickson  
TUES. 12:05 PM **CARMELA PEDOTA** – The Family  
WED. 12:05 PM **JOAN & BERT DUNN** by The Family  
THURS. 10:00 AM **NO MASS**

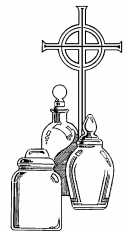


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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – EASTER TRIDUUM

Through his paschal mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

**MON. MARCH 17, 2008 7:00 PM CHRISM MASS** at the Cathedral in Peterborough  
**CHRISM MASS** is celebrated at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough, Mon. March 17 at 7:00 PM. At this beautiful and sacred celebration, the holy oils, (chrism) are blessed by the Bishop for the sacraments. Also, the priests of the diocese gather around the Bishop as a sign of unity, and renew their priestly promises. Consider attending this holy liturgy. *Arrive early!*



**WED., MARCH 19 6:00 PM MOVIE NIGHT “Gospel of John” in the Church**

## HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

*NOTE: No Noon Mass*

THURSDAY 7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**  
**JOANNE CLEARY** by The Family

**ADORATION** following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to St. Joseph’s Chapel will take place, with silent Adoration until midnight. Everyone welcome!

## GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008

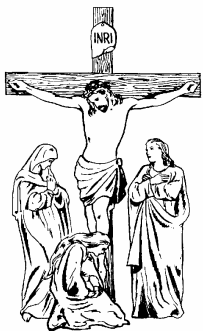
*Paschal Fast: The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

FRIDAY 10:00 AM **CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

*Liturgy of the Word & Veneration of the Cross*

3:00 PM **SOLEMN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** –Liturgy of the Word,  
*Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion*

NOTE: The Church will remain open until 8:00 PM for those individuals or families, who wish to privately pray the Stations of the Cross.



## HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008 NO 9:00 AM or 5:00 PM MASS

*St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil – the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is to be considered the “mother of all vigils.” During this night the people of God keep watch as they wait for the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation.*

SATURDAY 8:00 PM **SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL**  
**MISSA PRO POPULO**

## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**Easter Sunday: 1st:** Acts 10.34a, 36-43+, **2nd:** Colossians 3.1-4 **Gospel:** John 20.1-18++

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **LORA KEATING** –by Jean & John Farrell

SUNDAY 11:00 AM **LORRAINE BUTLER** –by Don & Louise Butler & Family

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**Reflection: Redeeming suffering** Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

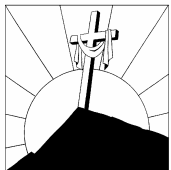
Tues. March 18	6:30 PM	<b>NOTE EARLIER START</b> RCIA in Parish Centre
Wed. March 19	12:30 – 7:30 PM	BLOOD DONOR CLINIC at Columbus Community Centre
Wed. March 19	6:00 PM	Family Movie Night 'Gospel of John' in the Church
Wed. March 19	7:30 PM	ULTREYA Meeting in Parish Centre
Thurs. March 20	1:00 PM	Seniors Progressive & Bid Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

**FINANCE CORNER** Offertory collected for March 8/9, 2008--\$3260.; . Development & Peace Collection \$1305. Donations to Restoration Fund last week-\$ 575.00 *Thank you for your ongoing support!*

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:00 AM**

This half-hour service will be held on the beach at Victoria Park. We would ask those attending to be sure to dress warmly and bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be available. A freewill offering will be accepted to assist the work of the Ministerial Association. This service is brought to you by the Cobourg and District Christian Ministerial Assoc.



**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

**March 21, in support of the Holy Land.** *In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...John 14.2* There are many peoples living together in the Holy Land: the Christians, the Jews, the Muslims, the Orthodox, the Melchites, the Armenians, the Syrians, the Maronites, etc. They are neighbours, colleagues, classmates and friends of the Holy Sites, the cradle of faith in God, the One and Only. Many are also the young people who are preparing to serve the Church in Jesus' country. They follow the example of the Apostles who left Jerusalem to announce the news to the extremities of the earth. The Church of Jerusalem is in dire need and the Custody of the Holy Land must find the necessary means to survive, to give hope and to maintain the Holy Shrines. *Thank you for contributing to the training of future priests who have answered faithfully Jesus' call. Please be generous so that the Holy Sites sanctified by Jesus' life on earth may be protected and preserved so that Peace may return to this land.*

Those who received a **Prayer Partner** are encouraged to write a note/letter of encouragement and support and to pray daily for the child who is preparing for First Communion. The letters can be placed in the basket placed beside the tabernacle in the Church over the next 2 weekends. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be closed Good Friday, March 21 & Easter Monday, March 24, 2008.

**Thank you**...to those 30 individuals who came out to our 'Family Skate' last Sunday in Grafton, and especially thank you to Dorothy R-V, Carol L. Mary C and others for their organization. The 'free will' offering collected \$50.00 for the Save-a-Family Plan.

**Flowers Flowers Flowers**

We will once again be taking donations of flowers (*such as Easter Lilies*) for decorating the Sanctuary for Easter. These donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or the Sacristy the week of March 17. Thank you for your support.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Sunday, March 30, 2008 @ 3:00 PM in St. Michael's Church**



This celebration will include Eucharistic Adoration, scripture readings, chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany and Benediction. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and they invite all parishioners to this special celebration.

***I believe we can make a difference***

We are once again making an effort to start a Youth Group, '*I believe*', for persons 12 to 20 years of age. First meeting will be held **Monday, March 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the Parish Centre. This will be an action group full of events. Parents encourage your/*our* youth to come and bring a friend! Contact Katie Maguire for more info at 905 372-6476. Youth can make a difference!