



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 106th Edition - April 8, 2022

From the Rector

Dear Friends:

Holy Week begins this Sunday—Palm Sunday. Its proper name is “The Sunday of the Passion” and it’s a day that begins in triumph and ends in confusion. The lectionary gives us two gospels for the day: the Gospel of the Palms and the Gospel of the Passion. I am not entirely convinced that reading the Passion on Palm Sunday makes a lot of sense, especially since the Church provides a very full and profound way of observing the Passion on Good Friday. And so, on Sunday, we will have a shortened Gospel of the Passion; it will



end with Jesus’ arrest on the Mount of Olives and his chilling phrase, “But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

I urge you to participate in the services of Holy Week, especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The liturgies set forth in the *Book of Alternative Services* represent the best in our liturgical tradition and are particularly effective. Holy Week comprises one ongoing solemnity and in order to underscore this, there are no dismissals after the services (we are not “dismissed”—as it were—until the celebration of the Resurrection) and no organ voluntary at the conclusion of Palm Sunday. Please consult the schedule of services below. You’ll notice there are opportunities for worship every day next week.

One of the great features of the services is the use of silence. It is a truly profound experience to wait in silence for the solemnities of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to begin, and so I hope you will contribute to this mood by refraining from talking in the pews. Yes, I know we all want to talk—especially since we’re so happy to be back in church—but Holy Week is unlike any other week and should be set aside as such. And what else can we do but be silent in the face of the central mystery of our faith?

For those of us who fix our eyes on the distant figure on Calvary, the drama of these Holy Week services enables us to participate in an even greater drama: the only authentic drama there is, as we journey with Christ along the long and lonely road to Calvary. And so on

Sunday, the curtain will rise on the first act of the central drama of human history, and we are bid to take our part in it.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Palm Sunday is almost here and we can be in church to begin Easter Week with services each day until Saturday and then Easter Day with two Services **(8 am and 10:30 am)**. What a wonderful feeling that we have reached this special time with less fear of the pandemic however still being cautious and wearing masks!

We expect that the 10:30 service will be live steamed and if not it will be on Facebook shortly after.

Last Sunday we celebrated seeing some parishioners who have not been to church for two years due to covid concerns. A few had not seen the refinished interior with new paint, lighting and sound. They were very impressed.

There has been no response to our appeal for volunteer greeters. After Easter when we may continue with two services on Sundays the need for greeters will be greater. We understand that many who were greeters declined due to COVID issues. Masks are still required and we follow Diocesan protocols. Please help in this important role! Contact Steve Hinchliffe (shinchliffe@outlook.com) to volunteer.

Counters after the service are also needed. This is a two-person task and takes 10 minutes.

The Rectory and church grounds are being spring cleaned thanks to Barbara O'Connor who loves to be out in the fresh air getting some exercise as she tends the grounds with care and enthusiasm.

Music Niagara will soon be announcing their 2022 season with some of their concerts taking place at St. Mark's - for more information and to purchase tickets, please visit their website - [Music Niagara Concerts](#). Next week students at Royal Oak School will be in Addison Hall decorating Easter eggs as a fundraising project in support of Ukraine. If you would like to support this event, please contact the School at admin@royaloakschool.ca or 905.328.9592. One of their supporters has indicated that they will match all donations received up to \$2,000.

Thanks to our parishioners we have delivered 235 pounds of food to Newark Neighbours for their Easter project. A thank you to Bill Ford for delivering the bins.

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Or over the fence.

Stay safe – keep well

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Your Wardens

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 10 **Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Monday, April 11
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Tuesday, April 12
Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, April 13
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Thursday, April 14 **Maundy Thursday**
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at 5:00 pm

Friday, April 15 **Good Friday**
The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 12 noon

Sunday, April 17 **Easter Day**
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am
Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am



Parish Updates

We are Open for In-Person Sunday Services

Please remember that wearing a mask at all times continues to be mandatory.

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Allan Magnacca, Harriet Tunmer, Nancy Bongard

Reader & Intercessor - Wes and Diane Turner

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Pat Kingdon, Mary Webster

Live-Stream Sunday Services

Sunday Services are Live-Streamed and currently available on [Facebook](#)

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Church Envelopes

Church envelopes that still need to be picked up are now available in the Church.

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [View our recent E-Newsletters](#)

Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)



One more week until Easter and we plan to celebrate with a glorious display of flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers, there are two ways of doing so. You will find Easter donation envelopes in the church pews; you can return these to the alms basins at the back of the church or deliver them to the office. Or you can telephone the office to arrange your

donation. In both cases you can ask that the the donation be in memory or in honour of whom you wish. You will receive a tax receipt.

Bible Study via Zoom

Bible Study will resume on Monday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer Services - Wednesday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer service will resume on Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Patrick and Jane Kierans, Pat Kingdon, Frank Kotsovolos, and Elsie Lailey and their families.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. John's, Rockwood; the Reverend Michael Mernagh, Priest-in Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and the congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Jacquie White, Jean Baker, Jack Taylor, Margaret Stimson, Gillian MacKay, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, and Joshua.

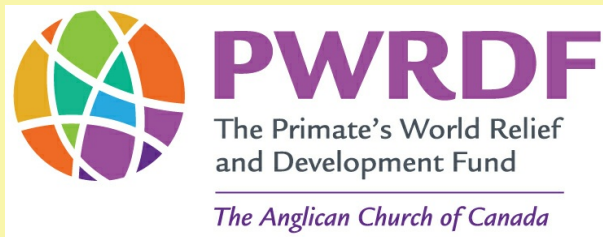
Cherry Festival 2022 Saturday, July 9 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cherry Festival plans are moving ahead with many former group leads agreeing to carry on with their tasks. Donations of treasures and good quality clothing including hats, scarves, gloves and purses will be accepted in June as storage space is limited. Jewelry donations are welcome now. Books are gratefully declined as we already have many more than we can sell. Please contact the office if items must be dropped off before June.



Cherry Festival 2022 Jewelry Donations: The Jewelry Team is asking for you to drop off your jewelry donations to St. Mark's Church Office. They can be left in the office for the Jewelry Team to pick up. Kindly note, we are asking for jewelry that is in good condition, and, that has been cleaned, prior to donation. We also ask you donate the jewelry on or before June 15th deadline, as our team will need enough time to sort, price and organize the pieces. We are always looking for extra help on the Jewelry Team if you would like to volunteer. Please contact Donna Bell (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 357-0159 if you

have any questions; OR Anjulika Chand (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 347-1711. Thanks to everyone as we look forward to a wonderful Cherry Festival this year.



PWRDF is [supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes](#) due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, "We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are."

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hungary is kilometres long, says an ACT communiqué. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

"We've been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours," says Yelena. "It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future."

This is a rapidly evolving situation, please monitor PWRDF's website and social media to stay up to date on new developments.

How you can help

To make a donation to this response online, [click here](#)

You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and PWRDF will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark Ukraine in the memo field.



Frozen Cherry Pies and Canned Goods

The following items are available now to purchase from the Church Office. Pass it on!

- Frozen Cherry Pies - \$20 each
- Frozen Pea Soup - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1/2 Litre - \$8
- Picked Beets - Medium - \$8
- Cherry Jam - Small - \$5
- Cranberry Sauce - Medium - \$8
- Cranberry Sauce - Small - \$5
- Stewed Tomatoes - 1 Litre - \$15



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