



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Little Church with a Big Heart

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Mass Times

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 11 a.m.
 Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9, 11 a.m.
Confessions: during the pandemic, by request.

Sunday, March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

	Intention	Requested by
Monday, March 22	Doris Mayer	Bart & Franca Di Ciero
Tuesday, March 23	Toni Taddeo	family
Wednesday, March 24	no public Mass	
Thursday, March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation	Francesco Marini	Bruno & Lidia Carlesso
Friday, March 26	For the intention of the donor 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, March 27	Martha Secord	Jane Anne Willick
Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday	9 a.m.: <i>pro populo</i> 11 a.m.: Diane Furlong	Paul & Ursula Bennett



Confessions will be heard on **Saturday, March 27 1-2:30 p.m.** and on **Monday, March 29 6:30-8 p.m.** Please enter the sacristy through the right hand door (St. Joseph side). If the door is closed, it means someone is there going to confession. When the door is open, please enter and shut the door behind you. Everyone is reminded that confessions are available every weeknight at St. Denis Church in St. Catharines from 7-8 p.m.

A reminder that the finance council will meet on **Monday at 7 p.m.** in the hall. Members are asked to please attend.

Parents of children, aged 7 and over, who would like them to receive the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion are asked to please contact me to set up a meeting. Preparation should begin shortly.

St Joseph's Elementary School is now accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2021 for children born in 2017. For more information please call 905-382-3822 or visit <https://niagaracatholic.ca/registration/elementary/>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28	Palm Sunday	Regular weekend schedule
March 29	Monday of Holy Week	Mass 11 a.m. Confessions 6:30-8 p.m.
March 30	Tuesday of Holy Week	Mass 11 a.m.
April 1	Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday	Commemoration of the Passion 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
April 3	Holy Saturday	NO 5 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
April 4	Easter Sunday	Mass 9 & 11 a.m.

Last year, we were unable to celebrate Holy Week ceremonies publicly. The parish spent over \$200. on palms that went to waste and were burned to provide ashes for this past Ash Wednesday. I did not order palms this year as it was, and still is, unclear whether or not we will be on lockdown for Holy Week.

Therefore, for Palm Sunday this year, everyone is asked to BYOB! Bring your own branch – of any sort, tropical plant, evergreen. It is not necessary to have palm branches. Even the instructions of the Mass say that palms, or some other branch, are to be blessed at the beginning of Mass. Italians often use olive tree branches; Eastern Rite Catholics use pussy willows. Bring something; it will be blessed at Mass and should be treated with the same respect that palms normally receive in your house.