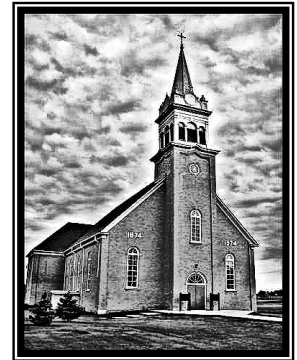


Blessed Sacrament Church

# Our Parish Bulletin

## Passion (Palm Sunday)

### March 29, 2015



St. Eustache Church

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**Infant Baptism /Baptism Preparation** – Please call the Parish rectory office.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Before or after weekday Masses; half an hour before Sunday Masses or call when in need.  
**For the Sacrament of Marriage** – Six months notice is required; Marriage Preparation Course is very necessary. Couples may be asked to go where the program is offered.  
**Sacrament of the Sick / Needing to talk to someone** – Please call the Parish rectory office.  
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### This Week's Mass Schedule

- Palm Sunday, March 29 - 11:00 a.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church  
Mass intention for +Marcel Bernardin requested by the Bernardin family
- Holy Monday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.** - St. Mary's Cathedral – Winnipeg – MASS of the CHRISM  
Parish Representatives: Elie – Larry and Carol Morissette / St. Eustache – Martin and Doris Lavallee
- Holy Tuesday, March 31 - 5:00 p.m.** – St. Eustache Church  
**7:00 p.m.** – St. Eustache Church – Sacrament of Confession with Fr. Paul Tinguely
- Holy Wednesday, April 1 - 5:00 p.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church
- Holy Thursday, April 2 -**  
**7:30 p.m.** - St. Eustache Church – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- Good Friday, April 3 -**  
**9:30 a.m.** - St. Eustache Church – Morning Prayer  
**3:00 p.m.** – St. Eustache Church – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- Holy Saturday, April 4 -**  
**9:30 a.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church – Morning Prayer  
**7:30 p.m.** - St. Eustache Church – EASTER VIGIL ON THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- Easter Sunday, April 5 -**  
**11:00 a.m.** – Blessed Sacrament Church  
Mass intention for Jeannette Dufresne Gauvin ( sister of Edmond Dufresne) requested by Edmond Dufresne

**Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment, especially:** Baby Paisley Amyotte (cancer) and Fr. Marlon Lumanas.

*We encourage everyone in our parishes to pray for those who are sick. If you know of others who may be sick and in need of prayer, please let us know so we can include the names in our Sunday bulletin.*

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**Church Cleaners:** **St. Eustache** – March 22 – April 1 - Lucien Lachance and Vic Beaudin families  
**Elie** - March 29 – April 4 – Daryl and Pat Beaudry

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**Parish email address:** Please note that the parish office has a new email address: [blesst@shaw.ca](mailto:blesst@shaw.ca).

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**Knight of Columbus meeting** – April 9th - 7:00 p.m.

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The **Elie Fish Fry** was a success, raising **\$1,924.00** for our parish. Many thanks to all the great cooks, volunteers and of course everyone who attended. A special thank you to Elie Grocery Store, who donated most of the supplies.

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**A special thank you** to the person that gave the monetary donation towards the lunch at the Elie Hotel for Father John, Archbishop Gagnon and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus after church last Sunday.

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The **Hospitality and Support Committee of the Centennial Mass Celebration on May 3** at the **MTS Centre** is looking for at least 300 volunteers. Interested parishioners should be able to attend at least 2 meetings before the event and be available from 9am. to 5pm. on May 3rd. If interested contact the office here in Elie at 204- 353 -2516.

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**First Communion Celebrants:** We are pleased to have Ryland Dufresne, Elizabeth Bowland, Miguel Gauthier, Taylor Mckenzie, Carson Legault and Malayna Deczycai preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion. Let's keep them in our prayers and wish them and their families well.

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**Mark Morisseau and The Prairie Fiddlers:** St. Francois Xavier Parish presents a concert showcasing fiddlers from emerging artists to recording artists. Show will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If interested, please call 204-864-2865 for tickets.



## ***The Meaning of Holy Week***

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

**On Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

**Holy Saturday** is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore.

(by GRACE MACKINNON)