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Palm Sunday—April 5, 2020

HOLY WEEK LIVE

at CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

Broadcast Live at rebrand.ly/ctrmass

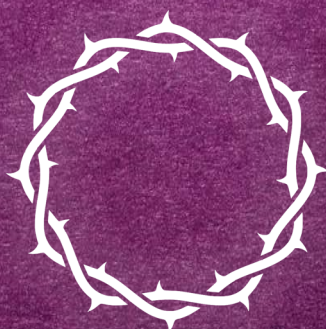
PALM SUNDAY

April 5 — 10 a.m.



HOLY THURSDAY

April 9 — 7 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 — 3 p.m.



EASTER VIGIL

April 11 — 8 p.m.

Note Time Change



EASTER SUNDAY

April 12 — 10 a.m.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Daily Mass intentions are said by the priests as they offer Mass without a congregation. Online liturgies can be viewed live at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

Sun Apr 5	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	Catherine & Robert Davidson (int) <i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon Apr 6		Hank Giefing †
Tues Apr 7		Chan Keng Boon †
Wed Apr 8		Russell Sheehan †
Thu Apr 9	LIVE AT 7:00 p.m.	(Mass of the Lord's Supper) <i>Holy Thursday</i>
Fri Apr 10	LIVE AT 3:00 p.m.	(Celebration of the Lord's Passion) <i>Good Friday</i> FASTING • ABSTINENCE
Sat Apr 11	LIVE AT 8:00 p.m.	(Easter Vigil Mass) <i>Holy Saturday</i>
Sun Apr 12	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY



Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, a serious obligation for every Catholic. The law of **abstinence** requires all Catholics aged 14+ to abstain from eating meat. The law of **fasting** requires all Catholics aged 18-59 to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church understands this as one ordinary meal and two light meals, which if added together, do not exceed the main meal in quantity.

In addition, please note the Virtual Office will be closed on **Good Friday** and **Easter Monday** (April 13). For emergencies, please contact the priests directly.



Online Giving

Thank you to the many parishioners who have dropped off their envelopes despite the financial hardships of these days. Given the current complications with counting and banking the collection, we hope that most parishioners will consider signing up for the "no-touch" option: Dedicated Giving. You can find a form at <https://www.ctrwestvan.ca/dedicated-giving>, or call Catherine Davidson at 604-922-1371 ext. 5. You can also donate to our parish on the Archdiocesan website: go to <https://rcav.org/sunday-offering/>. Pick "Christ the Redeemer" from the list.



HOLY WEEK LIVE

Our parish will gather with joy to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week, live-streamed from the church. To access the live-stream, connect your computer, tablet, or smartphone to the Internet and click [here](https://rebrand.ly/ctrmass). If you have any trouble copy rebrand.ly/ctrmass and paste into your browser. Note the scheduled times on the bulletin cover or the schedule at left. Select the "Live" video to enter the stream. The Live video will not be accessible until the scheduled time, so continue to "refresh" the page if you are early.

While the live stream cannot be rewound while Mass is in progress, each liturgy will be recorded and at the same link above later in the day.

For the **Good Friday** liturgy, you are encouraged to place a **cross or crucifix** in your home to unite your prayer with the Church's. The cross can be venerated with a bow or genuflection.

For the **Easter Vigil**, you are encouraged to use **candles** in your home and light it at the Renewal of Baptismal Promises during the Mass.



Blessed Palms Available!

If you drive to the overhang by the gym doors on Palm Sunday from 1—3 p.m. and pop your trunk, our glove-wearing parishioner will pop in blessed palms. If you don't have a trunk release, just honk (windows up please) and he will put palms under your windshield wiper and you can drive off and retrieve it in a corner of the parking lot.

Penitential Service and Confessions



Sunday 4:15—4:45 p.m.
Wednesday 8:45—9:15 a.m.
6:30—7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30—10:00 a.m.

To ensure adequate distance, do not approach our **outdoor** confessional screens until the area is completely clear and please leave immediately as soon as you've made your confession. Confession may also be arranged at other times directly with one of the priests.

A short **online Penitential Service and Examination of Conscience** will be held at **7:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 7**. Please go to rebrand.ly/penitential to view it live.

Please Pray For

Ken Beesley & Noel Callahan & Peggy McCormick
&

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

Staying Connected

Email office@ctrwestvan.ca for more ways to connect!



Virtual Success!

Many of our parish ministries including RCIA, Knitting for Charity, Men's Prayer Group, Faith Studies, and the QCV Spanish Ministry have moved to online platforms to continue their community, prayer, and formation. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to this transition and while we aren't able to meet in person for now, we're thrilled to have a way to connect with our various groups online during this time.



Helping Our Neighbours

Looking for ways to help your fellow parishioners during this time? Quarantined at home and need help getting groceries or other items delivered? Whether you are able to help or are looking for help during this time, please reach out to the parish office and we are happy to help facilitate a connection so you can get the help you need or provide assistance to someone else. Please email office@ctrwestvan.ca with your need or your ability to help and we will get back to you shortly.



Our Facebook Community

The new Facebook Group is a place for parishioners and friends of CTR to **find community, fellowship, and share resources** in their discipleship journey. You can join by heading to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrwestvan>.

The public CTR Facebook Page and our Flocknote will continue to be outward-facing platforms for public outgoing communication; the Facebook Group is private and everything posted there can be seen only by other members of the group.



Flocknote Updates

The parish's emailing and texting network on Flocknote is **the fastest way** to receive information. If you have not signed up, please go to www.flocknote.com/CTRrcav or email Thomas at tchan@ctrwestvan.ca. It is recommended that you enter both an email and a cell phone number.



Discovery Faith Studies

If you are interested in taking a Discovery study beginning in the next few weeks over video, email us at Discovery@ctrwestvan.ca.



Pastor's Page

Worshipping and Praying Online — As I write this, I am praying earnestly that we will have a wonderful encounter with the

Lord and each other through the live-streamed Mass on Sunday. Please see the helpful ideas for watching Mass at Home on page 6 of this bulletin. Our team has worked tirelessly to find the best way to provide clear video and sound for the liturgies (and music!) of Palm Sunday, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter. Mass online will be a new experience for me and for many, but I'm confident that the Lord can gather his flock in his arms (Isaiah 40:11) any way he chooses.

Our online gatherings for *lectio divina*, the meditative reading of Scripture texts, received a very positive response from parishioners. We will continue after Easter, and the two we have done are recorded and still available at rebrand.ly/lectiodivina.

Priestly Ministry — There's a tired old joke that every priest has heard countless times: "it must be nice to have a job where you only work on Sundays"!

As you know, we haven't 'worked' for the last few Sundays, but the schedule Fr. Jeff and I have been keeping is certainly a reminder of the many and varied duties of parish priests. The most important of our tasks is simply the liturgical ministry of a priest—offering the Holy Sacrifice for the intentions of all and celebrating the Divine Office with the Church.

We have heard many confessions in our makeshift outdoor confessionals, and some at a distance in the parking lot. I think people are beginning to realize that the Sacrament of Penance is the only sacramental encounter they can have with the Lord and so are welcoming it with special joy.

I visited one care facility to anoint a dying parishioner (neither she nor the facility has been infected with the virus), following all the precautions required. Fr. Jeff and I prayed by iPad with another elderly parishioner. We hope that this might be a way we can reach out to those who are comfortable with video calls or that family members or care facilities staff can help make it possible.

Planning Before We Act — Many of the other things keeping us busy relate to intentional and careful parish planning as we confront the realities of the pandemic. I am deeply grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council for its tremendous support and guidance in the decision making process—and I hope you will read the Chair's report on page 4 of this bulletin.

—GNS



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

A Report to Parishioners from the Parish Pastoral Council

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) agreed at its March 25 meeting that we should inform parishioners of our key deliberations and decisions, guided by our pastor, during these extraordinary times we are presently experiencing. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that our fellow parishioners are fully appraised of the matters we are dealing with and how they are being dealt with.

We held two meetings in March – the first on March 20 and subsequently on March 25 – via remote video-conference. The first meeting was also attended by the Parish Finance Council (PFC).

We are fortunate that our members, including the PFC, are drawn from a wide cross-section of skills and expertise, including education, general management, finance, epidemiology, medical (including theology and canon law of course!). Our deliberations were open and opinions were expressed freely with many differences of opinion expressed on the major issues.

I am happy to inform you that we reached unanimity on all the issues below. In each of the two meetings a set of parameters for decision-making was discussed and agreed in the beginning. In the first meeting these were as follows:

- Which do we prioritise – safety or sacraments?
- North Shore and our parish demographics – weighted to high risk cohorts.
- Need to follow recommendations of local health authorities.
- Lessons learned from dioceses in other parts of the world, e.g. Italy.
- Pastoral care must be continued in some form.

The decisions taken at the first meeting were as follows:

- Sunday and weekday Masses with a congregation will be suspended until further notice. (Immediately following the meeting, Archbishop communicated the same decision, which had hitherto been left to each parish.)
- Following a lengthy discussion of all aspects of the question, medical and spiritual, the PPC reluctantly but unanimously decided that the Church should be closed until further notice.
- Holy Week and Easter liturgies will take place without a congregation and online participation in all these liturgies will be provided.
- The responsibilities of one parish staff member are to be redirected to focus on “digital engagement” within the parish.

The second meeting, on March 25, was an extraordinary meeting convened to address the issues of sacramental and pastoral care in the parish during this crisis. Monsignor Smith advised the Council about the following plans for sacramental care:

- The sacrament of the sick will continue to be administered to the gravely ill, observing all necessary safeguards.
- Those in hospital: the Archbishop has requested that hospital chaplains, where they exist, conduct hospital visits rather than parish priests, as the chaplains will have been trained in all relevant safety protocols.
- The housebound: Fr. Jeff will continue to be in touch by phone with those parishioners he regularly visited.

- Confessions will continue to be heard at the published times in a safe manner. The number of opportunities for Confession will be expanded over the next few weeks.

In considering other aspects of spiritual and pastoral care, the PPC considered and agreed on the following decision-making parameters:

- To respond to the current state of uncertainty and offer hope and consolation to parishioners.
- Implement initiatives only when they can be done well (e.g. poor quality of live-streaming of Sunday Mass could deter parishioners from continuing to participate online).
- Develop robust plans for celebrating the Easter liturgies.
- Prioritise initiatives that meet the above parameters.

The Council agreed on the following strategies, and made the following decisions:

- Assisting the most vulnerable parishioners in the community: through the parish secretary, ensure we have a list of all in need of assistance with grocery shopping, the lonely and the infirm requiring assistance at home.
- Sunday Mass will be streamed from the parish beginning Sunday, April 5 (technical challenges delayed this until Palm Sunday).
- Lectio Divina online: agreed that this will be developed and led by Msgr. Greg.
- Alpha will be postponed until the fall. Online options will be investigated in the interim.
- Faith studies: current participants are being asked to indicate whether they wish to continue via a video conferencing link such as Zoom. A decision will be taken once responses have been collated.

The PPC determined that we would meet as frequently as necessary, via video conferencing, to consider:

- a) Progress on all of the above.
- b) New circumstances.
- c) New initiatives, within the agreed parameters.

We hope, dear fellow parishioners, that we have been able to provide you with some comfort that your parish continues to function well in these strange times. We ask you all to recognise and understand the significant added burdens these conditions have placed on our priests and on the parish team. They need our full support.

I wish to ask all of you to join us in praying for our pastor, assistant pastor, the Archbishop, and all the clergy in the archdiocese at this time, as they search tirelessly to find the best ways to lead us, the flock. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire them, guide them and keep them safe from harm.

Let us keep each other in our prayers every day.

Yours faithfully,

Roy Gordon

Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

Some Suggestions for Watching Mass from Home

With thanks to the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls

Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.

Open your bible to the Gospel of the day and place it on your “home altar” to remind you that the Word of God is among you.

Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.

Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the Mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.

Get dressed as you normally would when attending Mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.

If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the Mass.

Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the Mass.

Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting, and responding according to the rubrics of the Mass.

Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after Mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.

Staying Connected One-on-One

Our 'Virtual Office'



The parish staff are working from home to meet your needs and committed to respond to you in a timely fashion—although the office is physically closed.

We do ask for your patience. We're committed to doing things not only quickly, but well. The parish is working for your spiritual nourishment over the long haul, not seeking to do everything at once.

Your options to get in touch are listed below. If you don't have internet access, use the priests' cell phones. But please do not text them on routine matters—use email.

- Email: office@ctrwestvan.ca
- Website: www.ctrwestvan.ca
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwestvan
- Msgr. Smith's Cell Phone: 604-657-3715
- Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone: 1-416-882-0310

For emergencies, always call the priests' phones directly.



COVID-19

At a time when we cannot receive the Eucharist, the prayer known as a "Spiritual Communion" is very important. Here is the link to [making a Spiritual Communion](#).

- ["A Faith Response to the Coronavirus" \(En español\)](#)
- We will be offering you online resources to help you pray daily, and weekly, during this time. Here are two for this week: daily meditations and Mass readings at Word Among Us: <https://wau.org>, and a free weekly broadcast on Sunday for youth on Project YM: <https://projectym.com/live/>
- You can also download the Liturgy of the Hours and other prayers on your phone with the iBreviary app, on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

An important reminder that **it is our Christian duty to follow the directives of the health authorities to protect yourself, and others from illness.**

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