



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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Welcome

As we begin Holy week we are implementing a few changes. The Masses are going to look different this year, to enable us to comply with the Grey Zone restrictions. Some of the rituals that would normally be included, have to be eliminated. We are only allowed 15% capacity in the church. Mass attendance is by **RESERVATION ONLY**. Please email Denise at dannett@dol.ca or call 519-384-9588 ASAP. Seating is very limited. Denise will confirm all reservations.

For those families not able to attend the liturgies in person, St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, will be livestreaming all Holy Week Masses, beginning with Passion Sunday right through to Easter Sunday. Go to cathedral@dol.ca for their full schedule.

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, March 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 30th 7:00 pm

† Eleanor Parr

Offered by Norm & Phyllis Sutherland

Wednesday, March 31st 8:30 am

† Peter & Mary Strydonck

Offered by Betty Willmore

Thursday, April 1st 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday —Reservations Required

Friday, April 2nd 3:00 pm

Good Friday—Reservations Required

Saturday, April 3rd 8:00 pm

Easter Vigil—Reservations Required

Sunday, April 4th 9:00am and 11:00 am

Easter—Reservations Required

Passion (Palm) Sunday

God knows we can be a stubborn people, tied to entrenched habits, behaviours and opinions.

Palm Sunday launches a week that espouses a new way of doing things, untying us from old behaviours and beliefs. But the Palm Sunday message of a beckoning new regime has always been met with stubborn resistance. The two apostles who were sent ahead into the village to untie a donkey colt and bring it back for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem surely must have quietly resisted the request. The apostles likely dreaded the task of untying and taking a colt that did not belong to them in the midst of protective bystanders.

After initially questioning the apostles for untying the colt, the villagers apparently accepted the apostles' explanation that the master needed it and dropped their objections. An underlying Holy Week theme for Jesus and all his followers is to eschew human singlemindedness and instead accept the will of God. The two apostles and the villagers untied themselves from natural inclinations and acquiesced to the divine plan.

As Jesus rode the colt toward Jerusalem and a date with profound suffering and death to provide us redemption from sin, bystanders threw off their cloaks of unbelief and spread them on the road that let to Christ's new kingdom. We should be open to do the same.

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm: 22

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1—15.47

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended to, and includes, Pentecost Sunday.

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or on her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

