



Saint Joseph's | Immaculate Conception | Holy Name Of Mary

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation - including our own - to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts - not only this week, but every day of our lives.

### **WORSHIP**

Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.



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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the week of April 14—19

**Monday—\*The Annual Mass of Chrism will take place this evening (April 14th) 7:00 pm. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London. The faithful from across the Diocese are cordially invited to attend.**

**Tuesday—7:00 pm. St. Joseph's Church (adoration following Mass until 9:00 pm.)**

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| 1. The intentions of Carlee Runstedler       | Jacob & Aracely Runstedler |
| 2. The intentions of Carolyn & Dan Mathieson | Kaitlyn & Riley Mathieson  |
| 3. Elizabeth Wachsmann                       | Linda Nicholson & family   |
| 4. Mary Ann Cook                             | Chris & Donna Campbell     |

**Wednesday— 8:00 am. at Immaculate Conception Church**

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| 1. Jane Rymer                   | The family           |
| 2. Francis Price                | Deb Price            |
| 3. Rosemarie Keller             | Marge Skinner        |
| 4. Jean O'Donovan (anniversary) | Marg & Jim Brickman  |
| 5. Jim Holst                    | Tom & Laurie Diemand |

**The Easter Triduum schedule can be found on the last page of this bulletin**

**Please pray for those who have died:** especially Marg Ruston, Emma Boersen and Gord Sanderson (father of Mary Thuss). May God graciously welcome them into His Heavenly Kingdom.

**Please pray for those who are sick,** especially Zita Pereira. May God grant them strength in their journey of healing.

**Please pray for vocations; especially this week for: our Pastor, Fr. David Butler,**

Mrs. Delia Pardo-Herrera (Sacramental coordinator), Fr. Jose Seminati, Fr. Alan Dufraimont, for religious communities, Bishop Ronald Fabbro, and for Pope Francis; especially at this time during his road to recovery.



# Holy Week

During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.

## Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes 2024 Year End Financials

Below is a summary of the 2024 Year-End Financials for our Family of Parishes. These financial statements have been reviewed by both the Diocese of London and our Finance Committee. The Operating Statement and Capital Statement for each Parish will also be shared in the bulletin and Flocknote following Easter. A representative from each Parish Finance Committee will present the key highlights, speak to the figures, and answer any questions during an upcoming Mass at each church. If you have further inquiries, you are also welcome to contact Connie directly at canderson@dol.ca or phone the office at 519-271-6722 Extension 23.

	Holy Name of Mary	Immaculate Conception	St. Joseph's	Total
<b>Operating Revenue:</b>				
Collections and Donations	\$168,364.78	\$183,610.36	\$612,942.37	\$964,917.51
Special Collections	\$5,697.50	\$5,615.55	\$27,506.63	\$38,819.68
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$174,062.28</b>	<b>\$189,225.91</b>	<b>\$640,449.00</b>	<b>\$1,003,737.19</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Operating Expenses	\$162,693.70	\$206,285.46	\$563,014.64	\$931,993.80
Diocesan Assessment	\$22,868.40	\$22,431.36	\$63,706.38	\$109,006.14
Special Payouts	\$5,522.50	\$7,876.82	\$42,750.66	\$56,149.98
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$191,084.60</b>	<b>\$236,593.64</b>	<b>\$669,471.68</b>	<b>\$1,097,149.92</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$17,022.32)</b>	<b>(\$47,367.73)</b>	<b>(\$29,022.68)</b>	<b>(\$93,412.73)</b>
Capital Receipts	\$23,098.60	\$13,547.48	\$411,151.32	\$447,797.40
Capital Expenditures	\$21,608.98	\$1,481.12	\$546,920.23	\$570,010.33
<b>Capital Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,489.62</b>	<b>\$12,066.36</b>	<b>(\$135,768.91)</b>	<b>(\$122,212.93)</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$15,532.70)</b>	<b>(\$35,301.37)</b>	<b>(\$164,791.63)</b>	<b>(\$215,625.70)</b>

### Parish Financial Highlights

**Holy Name of Mary:** Overall contributions were up by 1.7%

Expenses were up by 9.5%

Assessment is paid to the Diocese at 15% of total offertory

There were one-time costs that contributed to the increase in expenses (Candle Stand and Family Faith Fest)

The allocations increased by 2% in the last half of 2024 which also contributed to the increase in expenses

**Immaculate Conception:** Overall contributions were up by 4%

Expenses were up by 4%

Assessment is paid to the Diocese at 15% of total offertory

We lost rental income from 48 Well in the last half of 2024

The one-time purchase of the Candle Stand increased our Liturgy costs

Allocations decreased by 4% in the last half of 2024, which helped bring the total expenses down

**\*\* For all 3 churches, allocations are being reassessed.**

**St. Joseph's:** Overall contributions are up 5%

Expenses are up 5.7%

Assessment is paid to the Diocese at 15% of total offertory

There were boiler repairs completed in the rectory contributing to the increase of expenses

Appeal letters and new work stations caused a significant increase to office expenses

Allocations increased by 2% in the last half of 2024, which contributed to the increase in expenses

\*Allocations are updated every six months for each church and represent the percentage used to divide shared expenses among the Family of Parishes. These shared expenses include staff salaries, office supplies, and pastoral costs. The allocation is determined by evaluating two key factors over the six-month period: the total dollar amount received through Sunday Offertory (via envelopes, Pllenty, PAD, or e-transfer), and the number of individuals who contributed. Using this data, we calculate a percentage that reflects each parish's share of the overall family expenses.

**The Blessing of Easter Baskets** For the past several years, we have honoured a tradition for our Eastern European parishioners, to bless their Easter baskets containing foods with symbolic meaning pertaining to Lent and Easter. This year we would like to open the invitation to our wider Parish family.

You are invited to prepare a basket of foods from your home; bread, eggs, meat and cheese, oil, flour, spices, etc. Feel free to add a figure of a lamb as a symbol of the Paschal Lamb, reminding us of the ultimate sacrifice for victory over sin and death!

We will meet inside St. Joseph's Church at 11:00 am. on **Holy Saturday, April 19th** and all are welcome!

This blessing of food is more than just a simple ritual; it's a meaningful act that reflects people's faith and their hopes for rejuvenation. It's about making the food sacred, ready to end the fasting period of Lent. Please join us for this experience!



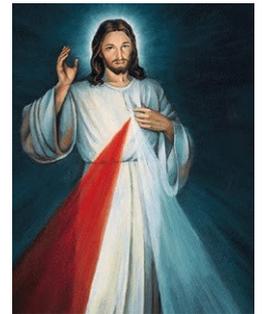
### **Parish and Parish Supported Ministries**

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour/Divine Mercy Sunday** On the second Sunday of Easter during the "Octave of Easter", **April 27th**, there will be a **Holy Hour at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church** with adoration, praying of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, confessions and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image on departure of the church.

Jesus told St. Faustina: "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of my tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the font of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary 699).

To receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday you simply need to go to Confession before or on the day of the Feast; be in the state of grace (no mortal sin) and receive Holy Communion with the intention of obtaining the promised grace. (Doors of Mercy, Saint Benedict Press)

**The Divine Mercy Novena—"Bring souls to the fountain of Mercy"** The Novena is a 9 day prayer which begins on Good Friday, April 18th and ends on Saturday April 26th. For each of the nine days there is a different intention and information. Jesus told St. Faustina "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209)



**St. Joseph's CWL** The next executive meeting is Monday, April 21st at 6:00 pm. in the St. Joseph's Parish hall with the general meeting held immediately afterward at 7:00 pm. All are welcomed.

**Immaculate Conception CWL** invites all our members to our meeting on Monday, April 14th starting at 1:30 pm. Come out and try an afternoon meeting, have your say as to who you would like to be on the next London Diocesan CWL executive, and find out how our Lenten lunches went. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Lobsinger @ 519-273-5356.

**Holy Name of Mary CWL** Just a reminder of our ladies brunch on Sunday, May 4th!

**Social Justice Committee Development and Peace—Turn Debt into Hope** Thank you for supporting the Turn Debt into Hope campaign with your Share Lent donation. Your donation will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** - Join us, especially high school aged and young adults, for this special trip on August 18- 28, 2025. Full continental breakfast and dinner daily, sightseeing, spiritual refreshment. Cost: \$2,899 for adults and \$1500 for youth/students. For details please call Veronica Kolkman 519-347-2689. For more details or for an application see our link at [www.maryforyouth.ca](http://www.maryforyouth.ca)



# EASTER *Triduum* 2025

*Holy Thursday – April 17th*

Holy Name of Mary 6:30pm

St Joseph's 7:00pm - live streamed

*Good Friday – April 18th*

St Joseph's 11:00am Liturgy of the Word (no communion)

St Joseph's 3:00pm live streamed

Holy Name of Mary 3:00pm

*Easter Vigil – April 19th*

St Joseph's 8:00pm - live streamed

*Easter Sunday – April 20th*

Immaculate Conception 10:00am

Holy Name of Mary 10:00am

St Joseph's 8:30am

St Joseph's 11:30am live streamed

*Octave of Easter - Monday April 21st*

Immaculate Conception 10:00am

*Daily Masses Tuesday - Friday regular times*

*Saturday April 26th*

St Joseph's 10:00am