

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29, 2026

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Office Hours
Friday Only
 10:00am to 2:00pm
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 visiting the office).

Mass Intentions - Week of March 28 to April 5

SATURDAY March 28 - 5:00pm

Mr. K.M. & Mrs. S.J. Pang by Grace Pang
 For intentions of Ben, Monique & Mark Trommels by
 Barbara Nenadovich & Family
 Maria Mannella by her Children

SUNDAY March 29 - 9:00am

Passion (Palm) Sunday
 Lidia Labricciosa by Franca Sdao
 Barb & Terry by Connie

Intentions of Sr. Nelfa by Jacky Jayan
 Blessing for Maria Fazzalari by Greg & Monique Shinton

10:40am - For all your Intentions
SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In honour of St. Veronica by G. Pang
MONDAY March 30 - 9:00am

For all deceased clergy by David Fox

TUESDAY March 31 - 9:00am

Mass of Thanksgiving by Maria Fazzalari
 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY April 1 - 9:00am

Andrea Nigro by David Fox

THURSDAY April 2 - 7:00pm Mass - Adoration until Midnight
 For all Priests and Jericho Tree Intentions

FRIDAY April 3 - 3:00pm - Service

6:30pm - Stations of the Cross and Prayers

SATURDAY April 4 - Easter Vigil - 8:15pm

For the intentions of Jason Serroul by Janis Garel-Martel
 Thomas Mathews by Sara Violi

Lidia Labricciosa by Flora Delle Monache

SUNDAY April 5 - 9:00am, 11:00am

Easter Sunday

For all our Deceased Family Members
 and Friends

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

For all Deceased Family Members & Friends



Holy Saturday April 4, 2026

10:30am - 11:45am – Confessions

12:00pm (Noon) - Blessing of Food Baskets



Confession Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm

No Evening Confessions from March 24 to April 20

Last Lenten Video Talk **April 1, 2026 - 6:30pm**

Special Collection for the Holy Land for the Holy See
Good Friday - April 3, 2026. This collection supports

Pope Leo's many social, educational and parish projects
 of the Church throughout the Holy Land as well as the
 upkeep of the holy sights. **Special envelopes are**
available at the back table. Please be generous.



Bishop Bergie's Easter Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, the ancient hymn the 'Exsultet' is proclaimed. In one of the verses of this ancient hymn, we find the following words, "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a redeemer!". Heaven and earth are called to exult because of God's triumph over sin and death. From this passage, we are also called to joyfully acknowledge the theological paradox found in the fact that without the sin of Adam, we would not have received "so glorious a redeemer". This 'happy fault' (felix culpa) created something very good in the coming of Jesus Christ.

As we look around us today, we see a world that seems to be filled with many 'faults' that do not make us very happy. The world has been redeemed in Christ; however, the effects of sin are still with us. The Feast of Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and reminds us that from death comes life. We celebrate the fact that something good can come from something bad and that sadness can be transformed to joy.

When faced with the growing hostility and insecurity in our world, our response should not be one of passive resignation or fear. We need to turn to our Risen Lord who has triumphed over sin and evil. We should focus on the good that is found in our salvation - "O truly necessary sin of Adam destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!" We are called to model Mary Madgelene who, after encountering the Risen Jesus, proceeded to tell others, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). To witness to Christ points the world to what is good, true, and beautiful as a counter to sin, confusion, and the ugliness of war and conflict. Jesus brings hope that things can change for the better because we have been redeemed.

Our diocese has embarked on a Pastoral Plan that focuses on a simple mission. We want to set hearts on fire with God's love. As faithful disciples of Jesus, we all have a role in this task which is at the heart of evangelization. Let us adjust our gaze from a world that is mired in the effects of sin to the Risen Lord who offers healing and hope. This Easter, let us call others to do the same, especially our family members and friends. "O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a redeemer!"

Wishing prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter,
 I remain, Yours sincerely in Christ,
 Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

In Memoriam: Albert Cibik (90), one of our founding members, died on March 17, and we had a Mass for him on March 23. We also lost Sante Antonio Maddalena (71) on March 21, and had funeral service for him on March 28. May they rest in peace. We extend our hearty condolences to dear ones.

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when thinking about memorial donations! Thank you.