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Monday - Friday: 7:30am & 12:10pm
 Saturday: 9:00am & 5:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

CATHEDRAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
 Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
 Sunday: Before 9:00am & 10:30am Mass



HOLY WEEK 2026

Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains

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Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Vigil:** Saturday, March 28th 5:00pm,
- Palm Sunday:** Sunday, March 29th 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30 am
- Chrism Mass:** Monday, March 30th 2:00pm
- Tenebrae with Wayside Academy:** Tuesday, March 31st 7:00pm
- Holy Thursday:** Thursday, April 2nd 7:00pm
- Private Adoration:** 8:00pm - 9:30pm
- Way of the Cross:** Beginning 10:00am at the Cathedral
- Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 3rd 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 4th 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday:** Sunday, April 5th 9:00am & 10:30am
- Easter Monday:** Monday, April 6th 9:00am ONLY

Most. Rev. Daniel Miehms
 Pastor
 Rev. Tom Lynch
 Rector

Rev. Edmund Scott
 Associate
 Rev. Max Delamour
 Associate
 Dcn. Bill Radigan
 Permanent Deacon

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29th



Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

CHRISM MASS - MARCH 30th

The bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.



HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2nd

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood.



GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3rd

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the



'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 4th

The Easter Vigil takes place after sundown on the night before Easter and is generally seen as the most important Mass of the year. This Mass celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is also a time when new members are baptized and received into the Church. The Easter Vigil is broken into four parts: the Service of Light begins the celebration, followed by the Liturgy of the Word, then the baptismal ceremony, and lastly the Eucharist.



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5th

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic Church because it is the completion of the Holy Week that ends with the Resurrection of Jesus



DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy devotion is a modern devotion to the attribute of God's infinite mercy that was promulgated by St. Faustina Kowalska in Poland, and later to the the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II.

This devotion is multifaceted and has many different components: it involves a divinely inspired painting of Jesus with attached promises for its veneration, vocal prayers (the Divine Mercy chaplet and Divine Mercy Novena), a book (The Diary of Faustina Kowalska), a Holy Hour (3 o'clock), and a solemn feast day with attached indulgences (Divine Mercy Sunday).

Shortly before the outbreak of World War II, a simple, young, uneducated Polish nun received a special calling. On the night of Sunday, February 22, 1931, while she was in her cell, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina as the "King of Divine Mercy." He was wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his Sacred Heart. He would continue to appear and speak to her, and for four years St. Faustina recorded Jesus' words, her visions, and her own thoughts and prayers in a personal diary.

Jesus also taught St. Faustina prayers to implore his Divine Mercy. Using regular rosary beads, you begin the chaplet with an 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe' (the Apostle's Creed). Then on the large (Our Father) beads say the following words:

'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'

On the smaller (Hail Mary) beads pray:

'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.'

In conclusion pray these words three times:

'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world!'

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. For a list of the Souls to pray for each of the 9 days, go to:

www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-13366

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion (Diary, 1146).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12th at 2:30pm

Join us at the Cathedral!

2:30pm - Exposition

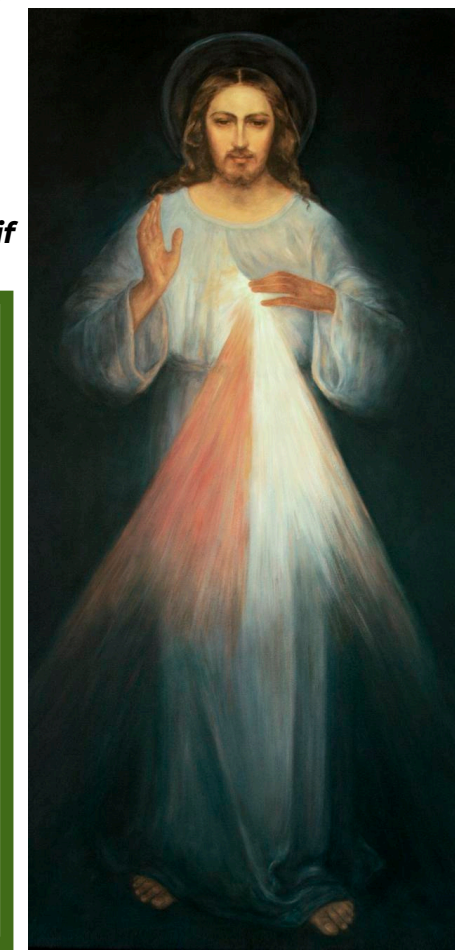
3:00pm - Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

followed by other prayers.

Bring Sacramentals you would like to have blessed for your home.

"Where, if not in the Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?"

- St. John Paul II



EASTER - NOT JUST ONE DAY

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!

With the whole Church we rejoice at the resurrection of Christ! The Church celebrates the Easter season or Eastertide. St. Athanasius said “[t]he fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’” (General Norms of the Liturgical Calendar), but the first eight days or octave specifically celebrate the solemnity of Easter every day.

An octave is the eight-day period during which Easter or Christmas is celebrated, and includes the actual feast. The Easter Octave begins on Easter Sunday and ends on the Second Sunday of Easter of the Divine Mercy with every day being another solemnity or another “little Easter.” And Friday in the Octave of Easter is not a day of abstinence, because it is a solemnity (see Canon 1251 from the 1983 Code of Canon Law).

Holy Week is the most sacred and most important week of the entire ecclesiastical year because it draws its importance from Good Friday, the day on which Christ, the God-Man and Redeemer, died on the cross for us. Easter Week is the antithesis of Holy Week. Since the resurrection was the most significant event in the life of our Lord who by means of this wonderful and undeniable fact made His divinity known to the entire world, Easter is the highest Sunday and Easter Week the great week of the entire Church year. No other feast is ever celebrated during this week

The closing of the greatest week of the liturgical year also does not mean an end of Easter. The Easter season continues until Pentecost, a sum total of 50 days! The number of days of celebrating is longer than the preparation of the Lenten season, again illustrating the central importance of the Paschal Mystery.

If Lent is a time of negation — disciplining ourselves through self-denial, sacrifice, and fasting; renouncing the sinful desires that draw us from the love of God (BCP, p. 302), and repenting of and reducing the habits from our lives that impede our spiritual lives — then Easter is a time for addition — filling the space we have hollowed out during Lent with the good, growing things for which God has made us. Having spent a season allowing God to strip away what needs to go from our lives, we emerge from Lent renewed in the power of the resurrection, eager to live more fully into what God made us to be and do.

CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON WITH CHILDREN

All the Easter crafts, snacks, games, books, etc. couldn't possibly all happen on actual Easter Sunday- it's too much! But that's ok because the Church, in her infinite wisdom, granted an entire season of Easter that lasts for 50 days, all the way through Pentecost! Here are some ideas to celebrate the 50 days with your children:

1. Display a resurrection set! Just like you have a nativity set during Christmas, have a resurrection set and display it somewhere prominent during the Easter season. Don't have one? Make one!
2. Make your own Pascal candle, or get a white candle blessed by your priest. Light it each night at dinner through the Easter season.
3. Decorate your house for Easter. It's not too late- it's exactly the right time!
4. Teach your kids to say “He is Risen” and then the person responds “He is risen, indeed!” and proclaim this as a greeting to them through the Easter season.
5. Display the word “Alleluia” prominently in your home during this season. Be sure to point out to your kids that word “Alleluia” has been missing from the mass during Lent, and now it is back.
6. Make cross crafts. There are unlimited colorful and fun ideas for this!
7. Learn about the Stations of Light (or “Stations of the Resurrection”) to see what all happened between Jesus rising from the dead and Pentecost. There's a lot of stuff! This is the Easter equivalent of the Lenten Stations of the Cross.
8. Pray a Divine Mercy chaplet as a family. It's easy to learn and goes much faster than a rosary.
9. Read your favorite Easter picture books with your children. If you don't have any, start a small collection.
10. Pray the joyful mysteries of the rosary together as a family. Easter is certainly the perfect time for that.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MIEHM

Dear Friends in the Diocese of Peterborough,

Pilgrimage was a big part of last year's Jubilee of Hope, and perhaps you participated in one. Rome is always “pilgrim central” at these special times for the Church and while many groups and individuals flock to the city, it is impractical for most people to get there. I was happy to see that many people visited one or more of our four Jubilee churches in the diocese, and hundreds came out for our pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in September. Pilgrimage is always a central feature of a holy year, as our physical journey mirrors a spiritual one, and our longing to grow closer to God.

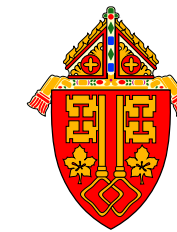
The whole Church makes a kind of pilgrimage in Holy Week, journeying with our Lord through the mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection. Beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we step with him into the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper and follow him to Calvary and his cross on Good Friday. But we are never in doubt about the end point of the journey, which is the bright dawn of Easter Sunday, the empty tomb and the angel who declares, “He is risen!”

I pray that this Holy Week journey through the great mysteries of our faith may be a source of strength and hope for you. Our pilgrimage through life may have some twists and turns along the way, but we are always confident in the Lord who has gone before us, has defeated the powers of darkness, and who constantly invites us to follow him on the great adventure and journey of faith. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ,



+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough



EASTER GREETING FROM FR. TOM LYNCH, RECTOR

For 200 years, the Catholics of Peterborough have celebrated the Resurrection in log cabins, rustic churches and this church built by the hands of pioneers. As we take our journey from the Easter Vigil fire into a darkened church ablaze with candles of hope, walking with our spiritual ancestors and celebrating with all of the heavenly hosts, it is my prayer that we can open our hearts for our time, treasure and talent to be offered to continue this celebration for centuries to come within these walls.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Tom Lynch

Congratulations

*Jessica, Rachel, Denver, Grayson,
Aliyah, Nate, Nicole, Caitlin,
Tony, Matthew, Barbara, Joel,
Cloie, Bradley, Gillian & Sandra*

on becoming the newest members
of our St Peter-In- Chains Cathedral
Community. May you flourish in your
Faith and bring forth fruit for Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS
6th WEEK OF LENT - HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 30th - CHRISM MASS
2:00pm - Intentions of the Clergy of the Diocese

Tuesday, March 31st
7:30am - Intentions of Gregory & Marie Claire Krol
12:10pm - + Francis & Elizabeth Young & Children - Fr. Keith Wallace

Wednesday, April 1st
7:30am - For Those Most in Need of Prayers
12:10pm - Dr. Paul Kolodej - Dr. Vera Kolodej

Thursday, April 2nd - HOLY THURSDAY
7:00pm - Intentions of the Faleiro Family

Friday, April 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY
3:00pm - NO MASS

Saturday, April 4th - EASTER VIGIL
8:00pm - Intentions of Garrett Fitzgerald

Sunday, April 5th - EASTER
9:00am - + Marilyn Cervený - The Family
10:30am - People of the Parish and + Betty Cavers - Mary

WELCOME!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains. We are a community, working together to help people encounter God and grow in their relationship with God. We believe that faith is a journey. No matter who you are or where you are on the journey, you are welcome. We believe that true joy and fulfillment are found in knowing Christ, and we want to share that joy with you.

If you would like to register with the parish, please visit: www.stpeterspeterbrough.ca

MASS INTENTIONS
1st WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, April 6th
9:00am - + Gordon Thomas - The Hann Family

Tuesday, April 7th
7:30am - Intentions of Johanna Schady
12:10pm - + Jack McConkey - The McConkey Family

Wednesday, April 8th
7:30am - For Expectant Mothers of the Parish
12:10pm - + Isobel Cavers - The Mulhall Family

Thursday, April 9th
7:30am - + Ken McConkey - The McConkey Family
12:10pm - + Msgr. John Pearson - M. Conlin

Friday, April 10th
7:30am - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm - + Manuel Alfonso Sanchez - Matthew Anderson

Saturday, April 11th
9:00am - Intentions of Living & Deceased Members of the Cathedral CWL
5:00pm - + Jim Radcliffe - Bob & Catherine Robertson

Sunday, April 12th - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
7:30am - People of the Parish
9:00am - Intentions of Dwight & Cathy Goden - Alison Bradshaw
10:30am - Kay Gravelle - A Friend

FROM THE OFFICE

The office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, reopening at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 7th..

Wishing all parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral a very blessed Holy Week & Easter.

GIVING AT THE CATHEDRAL

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If you would like to start using Sunday Offertory Envelopes, please contact Catherine or Mary in the office. Once we have your information, a box can be picked up in the office or left at the back of the church for you to pick up at the next weekend Mass.

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Using the POP method of giving helps the parish by being a known source of monthly income we can use to plan and budget.

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Legacy Gifts can include a certain amount (i.e. \$10,000), a portion of your estate (i.e. 25%), or a residual amount (what is left over after all other bequests have been made). Other giving options are also possible.

To learn more, call the Office



The Way of the Cross is returning! This is a live outdoor reenactment by youth of the diocese of the Stations of the Cross starting at the Cathedral and processing to Immaculate Conception on **Good Friday at 10:00am.**

"God loves those who find joy in giving."

Pope St. John Paul II