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## **An Explanation of Holy Thursday**

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As we approach Holy Week, let's review the Holy Days of the Triduum.

Jesus shared the final meal with His disciples, called the Last Supper, on the night before he was crucified. The institution of the Holy Eucharist occurred during this meal, as indicated from the gospel excerpt below:

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:26-29 RSV)*

Since Scripture and Tradition tell us that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Jesus shared the important Last Supper with his apostles on a Thursday. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) seem to suggest that the Last Supper was a Passover Meal. However, John's gospel suggests that Jesus was crucified *before* the Passover Meal, on the Day of Preparation. Perhaps the Last Supper was done in anticipation of the Passover Meal, or was a Kiddush or some other religious meal. The gospel of John does not record the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, while the synoptic gospels do. However, John's gospel records Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Holy Thursday traditions are derived from all four gospels.

Thus Holy Thursday commemorates the **Institution of the Holy Eucharist** and the **Sacrament of Ordination**. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins the **Triduum**, which is the three-day commemoration of the heart of the Christian faith: Christ's death and resurrection. The Triduum includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and reaches its high point at the Great Easter Vigil (Saturday night). Various traditions and customs are associated with Holy Thursday, such as the washing of feet, reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration. After the Holy Thursday evening Mass the altar is cleared of all cloths and adornments, the holy water fonts are emptied, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to a place of repose. Traditionally, the *Pange Lingua* (the last two stanzas which are known as *Tantum Ergo*) is sung during this procession. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an extended period of time is then encouraged. The Consecrated Hosts from Holy Thursday Mass are then used for Good Friday, as there is no "Mass".



### **NO Mass on Mondays**

Please consider joining fellow parishioner for daily Mass as we journey through the year by reflecting on a different saint of the day. ~ Fr. Irek

### **Tuesday, April 9**

8:00 am + FRANCES BLACKMORE - Bill & Sheila Normore  
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH - Les and Gert Gueth

### **Wednesday, April 10**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm

7:15 pm + ALBANO BARBOSA - Maria  
+ BRUNA COCCO - Anna Magnone

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, April 11**

8:00 am + ANDREW DOBBIN - Theresa  
+ JOSE deOLIVEIRA - Manuel and Ana Silveira

### **Friday, April 12**

8:00 am + WAYNE McCLUNG - Maureen  
+ HANK VANDERVOORT - Nick and Teresa  
6:30 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### **Saturday, April 13**

8:00 am + PATRICIA WHALEN - Cathrine Hedderson  
5:00 pm + DORIS DOBBIN - Jeremy  
+ JOSE deOLIVEIRA - Lucinda  
- for the special intentions of Lucinda

### **Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

9:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners  
11:00 am + LARRY SHANTZ - Lola Zakrzewski

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### **Mass of Chrism**

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Holy Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed and Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All Priests present for the Mass will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

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Our parish **Holy Week schedule** is now available on our parish website [www.stambrosecambridge.ca](http://www.stambrosecambridge.ca)  
Listed are the Masses, Confessions and Liturgies.

**Good Friday Liturgy  
for families with young children  
at 11:00 am April 19** (adapted for children)

Again year Father Irek will conduct a separate Good Friday liturgy for children and their parents, at which children will also be the readers.

**We kindly ask for children to participate in the reading. If your child would like to do so, please contact the parish office.**

This service is in addition to our traditional Good Friday service at 3:00 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

**Altar Servers needed for Holy Week, please.**

Altar servers are an important part of the services during Holy Week. If you can assist with Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm and/or Good Friday at 3:00 pm, please email Barb at the parish office [stambrose@golden.net](mailto:stambrose@golden.net) or phone 519-621-2013.

**Hamilton Diocese Youth Rally** - we would like to invite all youth in our parish in Grades 7 to 12 to join other faith-filled youth for this yearly rally. This year it will be held at Bingeman's Centre in Kitchener on **Saturday May 25**. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Barb at the parish office so that a group from our parish can be registered together!

God's Holy Word holds so much promise and love for young people, and together, through the 2019 Youth Rally, we will learn more about how to pray with scripture and make the Gospel come alive through words and deeds.

**Bridge/Euchre Card Party** - Saturday April 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm in St. Ambrose Church Hall. Cost is \$6.00 at the door. Everyone welcome 😊

**Music Director Employment**

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in Cambridge (Hespeler), is looking for an experienced keyboard musician and vocal conductor to fill the part time (10-15 hours/week) role of an overall Music Director including choir leadership, keyboard accompaniment, and coordination of two guitar ensembles. For a complete job description please visit the Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php>

Required Qualifications:

- Experienced keyboard musician (organ and/or piano / guitar skills an asset) preferably with a BA in music or similar training, and with liturgical knowledge and experience.
- Interest in a wide range of music styles and expressions
- Possess a working knowledge of music ministry in the Catholic Liturgical tradition.

Ability to work well, collaborate and negotiate effectively, yet sensitively with others: singers, musicians, staff, and pastor of parish.

**Penitential Services this week:**

**St. Patrick Church**, 53 Wellington Street, Cambridge  
Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Several priests will be available for individual confessions in English, French, Italian and Polish.

**St. Clement Church**, 745 Duke St (Preston), Cambridge  
Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

A special opportunity for quiet prayer, and to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's forgiveness.

Several priests will be available to hear Confessions.

**Pope Francis: A Man of His Word  
Documentary film**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7 pm, at Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma Street, Guelph. Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Wim Wenders, *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word* is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis. The film combines archival footage from the Vatican with a series of direct interviews with Pope Francis in which he responds to questions from people about death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family. Throughout the film, Pope Francis shares his vision of the Church and his deep concern for the poor, his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, and his call for peace in areas of conflict and between world religions.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 9, 2019**

**Registration required** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the [poster at the back of the church](#) for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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Work with Registered Kinesiologists to learn helpful tips on building balance and strength, eating well, and overall healthy living. Please bring running shoes and a water bottle. April 1 to May 27 (Mondays) 1:30 - 3:00 pm at St. Ambrose Church Hall. You're still welcome to join us.