



# Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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APRIL 14, 2025

**Palm Sunday:** This past Sunday, **April 13th**, we celebrated Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest week in our Church year. We continue our Lenten journey with Jesus. He entered Jerusalem amid the shouts and cheers of the people. We know that these will soon change by the end of the week. As we share in this Holy Week, let us remember when Jesus first gave us the Eucharist at the Last Supper which we celebrate on Holy Thursday. Let us remember the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday, as we recognize this total act of love for us. We await the Joy of Easter on Holy Saturday, and then at the Easter Vigil Mass in parishes all over the world, new people are baptized and confirmed into the Catholic Church. We can share in all these events in our parish church during this Holy Week. Let us all make an effort to do so this week.

**The Columbus Centre's** popular Spaghetti Take-outs are held on the Second Thursday of each month (**April 17**) from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. The price is unbeatable. Your Meal is ready when you choose a generous serving of \*Spaghetti and 6 meatballs,\*10 meatballs per order,\*Roasted chicken thigh by the piece, \*Perogies by the dozen and \*Salad with our special house dressing. Please call to pre-order **807-623-3252**

**Knights of Columbus Holy Thursday Night Vigil** The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the re-establishment of their overnight vigil of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in the small chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral on Holy Thursday evening, **April 17th** commencing at 9 pm and ending the following morning at 7 am. Cathedral parishioners and members of the Catholic community are welcome to join us during these hours for a time of personal reflection and prayer. Please use the Donald Street or elevator door entrance.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Service - St. Peter's Parish, April 27, 2025** Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service is being celebrated in Thunder Bay on Sunday, April 27th at St. Peter Church, 700 McIntosh Street (East End). Rosary at 2:15 p.m. (optional); Prayer Service begins at 2:45 p.m (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction inclusive). Individual Confession begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 807 623 8106 or email [stpeterrev@hotmail.com](mailto:stpeterrev@hotmail.com)

**St. Andrew's Parish** is holding a Spring Brunch on Sunday, **April 27th** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Saunders Hall. The cost is \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Students, \$10 for Children (ages 6 to 12) and Children 5 and under eat for free. The meal includes: Finn Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Sausage Patties, Country Home Fries, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Proceeds from this fundraiser are in support of the parish's Boiler Replacement Project. All are welcome.



***“The Lord is Risen!”***

***“He is risen indeed!”***

Easter 2025

It seems almost providential that as I key my first pastoral letter as bishop, that I greet you with the Easter Proclamation. The fundamental truth of our faith. It is known by many as the Easter Greeting or as of old, the Paschal Greeting. It cuts to the chase of our identity as Christians and points to the hope we hold in one day sharing in the fullness of Christ’s resurrection.

It is taken from Luke 24:34. The story of Cleopas and an un-named disciple of Jesus, who spent the first Easter Sunday with a stranger (the Risen Jesus) while on their way to a town called Emmaus (a pilgrimage of sorts). You are familiar with the story. It is only after the stranger breaks the bread during their meal, that the two disciples recognize their new acquaintance as Jesus. Jesus vanishes and the two disciples hurry back to find the other disciples when one of the others proclaims, **“The Lord is risen”**, and has appeared to Simon!” You can well imagine the joy and enthusiasm shared by Jesus’ closest friends and followers.

Like the disciples who were grieving the death of their Lord and savior, not knowing what to do next and fear for their future, we know grief and loss and uncertainty and fear. And yet, this Easter greeting helps us to put everything into perspective as we hold firm to the hope expressed in the greeting itself. Everything we hope for is summed up in the joyful exclamation and confirmed in its response, **“He is risen indeed.”**

Although we use the Easter Greeting most freely during the easter season, it is not restricted to it. I would trust that we share it often and with the same joy and enthusiasm expressed by the disciples. That it speaks boldly as to who we are as ***pilgrims of hope.***

May the Risen Lord fill you with hope and joy!

+ *Alan Campeau*