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March 29, 2026
Passion (Palm) Sunday

Passion Sunday: A Reflection

From the Gospel at the Procession with the Palms, the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matt 21:7-11)

Today is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Clifford Howell

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Monday March 30, 2026

Mass of Holy Chrism
St. Ninian's Cathedral 2:00PM

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

SJB 4:00 PM
+ Everette Doary & daughter, Stephanie

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

SP 9:00 PM
+ Warren Burke

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

SP 4:00 PM
+ Winney Burke

Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026

SP (Holy Saturday Evening) 8:00 PM
+ Stella Doutaze & Helen Poirier

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

SH 9:00 AM
HGA 11:00 AM
+ Gerry Martell

Saturday, April 11, 2026

SJB 4:00PM
+ Fred & Charlotte Leblanc
SP 5:30 PM
+ Claire LeBlanc

Sunday, April 12, 2026

SH 9:00AM
HGA 11:00AM
+ Catherine, Charlie & Walter A. Bona

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

March 14 & 21, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,257.00
Donation (fuel)		400.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,657.00</u>

St. Peter's

March 14 & 21, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,205.00
Candles		6.00
Altar Society		20.00
Share Lent		225.00
Cemetery Donation		115.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,571.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

March 22, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	847.00
Candles		36.70
Flowers		30.00
Share Lent		100.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,013.70</u>

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Euthanasia and assisted suicide laws have lost their luster

Alex Schadenberg. Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Robert Clarke, a lawyer and the director of advocacy with ADF International was published in the Federalist on March 23, 2026 with his article: [Around the World, Assisted Suicide Laws Are Losing Support](#). Clarke outlines how campaigns to legalize euthanasia and/or assisted suicide have lost their luster and a new direction has begun to begin rolling back laws that already exist.

Clarke writes:

Last week, [Scotland](#) resolutely rejected assisted suicide. [Alberta](#) announced major new legislation to protect individuals from the practice. And the clock is ticking in the [United Kingdom's](#) House of Lords on a bill that would legalize the practice in England and Wales.

Clarke explains that the recent [defeat of Scotland's assisted suicide bill](#) by a vote of 69 to 57 happened with cross-party opposition to the bill. Clarke also refers to the introduction in [Alberta](#)

of Bill 18, a government bill that will use provincial jurisdiction to institute greater protections for Albertans concerning euthanasia.

Alberta Bill 18 will:

- require the individual to have a 12 month terminal prognosis, thus preventing Track 2 euthanasia approvals. Track 2 refers to euthanasia for people who are not terminally ill.
- prevent the expansion of euthanasia to people with mental illness alone,
- prevent the expansion of euthanasia to "mature minors", people who cannot consent and prevent euthanasia by advanced request,
- prevent out of province referrals,
- require the assessor to contact other practitioners who have cared for the patient, before approval.
- require (MAiD) euthanasia practitioners to receive specific training,
- prevent health care practitioners from introducing euthanasia, without a request,
- require Regulatory Colleges to sanction practitioners who violate the act.
- provide conscience rights by enabling practitioners to refuse to participate or provide assessments for (MAiD) euthanasia,
- enable institutions to refuse to participate or provide assessments for euthanasia,
- create an exclusion zone for euthanasia around an institution that refuses to participate,
- require practitioners who refuse to participate or provide assessments to provide information to patients wanting to access euthanasia.

Clarke writes:

Over the last four years, deaths in Alberta from Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) regime increased by 109 percent. In her announcement, Alberta's premier, Danielle Smith, was clear that the proposed law is "about protecting vulnerable Albertans." As the federal government seeks to expand MAiD across the country, including by moving to allow assisted suicide solely on the basis of mental health concerns, Alberta is drawing a line to protect its most vulnerable. If passed, the Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act would prohibit MAiD for minors and when the sole condition is mental illness, in addition to introducing other key protections and delineating a right to conscientious objection.

Clarke maintains that safeguards cannot make euthanasia or assisted suicide safe but Alberta Bill 18 is headed in the right direction by dealing with some of the most egregious parts of Canada's euthanasia law.

The key factors as to why euthanasia and assisted suicide have lost their luster are the radical implementation and expansion of Canada's euthanasia law and the incredible referendum overturning the Slovenian assisted suicide law. In fact, Canada's euthanasia law had a direct affect on Slovenia's successful referendum campaign.

Canada originally legalized euthanasia for people who were terminally ill and suffering. Canadians were told the law would only be a last resort, but from the beginning the language of the law lacked definition which immediately led to a type of expansion.

In less than 5 years Canada expanded the law legally by removing the requirement that a person be terminally ill, eliminated the "reflection period" for those who are terminally ill to allow a same-day death, eliminating the requirement that a person be capable of consenting at the time of the killing and allowing euthanasia for mental illness alone. Parliament delayed euthanasia for mental illness alone. It is now scheduled to begin on March 17, 2027.

The euthanasia stories from Canada have had an incredible effect on the international euthanasia debate. The world asks how a 26-year-old diabetic man with a serious history with mental health issue, who lives in Ontario, could be killed by euthanasia in Vancouver BC after not being approved to be killed by doctors in his own province.

The world asks how a man with a back disability can be approved for euthanasia, even though he is only asking to be killed because of housing issues. The same question comes up concerning an Ontario woman with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities who was living in social housing. She was killed by euthanasia even though she actually needed suitable housing.

These are only a few of the incredible number of stories from Canada that are changing the international perception of euthanasia and assisted suicide. For those who do not oppose killing people, euthanasia and assisted suicide are becoming an interesting theoretical experiment without an effective practical implementation.

The incredible referendum campaign that overturned Slovenia's assisted suicide law is another key factor. Slovenia is the first country to legalize assisted suicide and then overturn the law. We all now how difficult it is to run a referendum campaign, but the Slovenian campaign stuck to their talking points and did not avoid the truth of what euthanasia and assisted suicide actually are,

The average person continues to have an aversion to killing people. So long as we focus on what euthanasia and assisted suicide actually are, we can win the debate. When become afraid of saying the truth and argue that euthanasia and assisted suicide are not necessary, that means that it is OK but not necessary. Why isn't it necessary?

Killing is not only unnecessary but it is always wrong to give medical practitioners the right in law to kill you. Also, once legal it cannot be controlled. Killing is contagious.

Community News

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival meeting will be held on Monday March 30 @ 3:30 at the community center. Our festival is fast approaching and we can use extra help. Hope you can attend.

HGA: Fish cake & bean supper on Friday, April 3,2026. **Take out only** from 3 PM-5 PM at the Jolly Club in L'Ardoise. **\$15.00**

Richmond RTO - April 11th - St. Peter's Lion's Hall - 2:00 PM

Nicholas Deny Players Theatre will be performing their latest production "The Grape Vine" for our private viewing. Doors open at 1:45. Refreshments and snacks at halftime. Cost to members is \$15.00 a ticket This production will be supplemented by the provincial 2026 BIP Grant. Contact Donna Machin at **902-535-2074** or email - **richmondrtopres@gmail.com**