



The Bells of St. Helen's

Lent Volume 3 No. 3 Easter Supplement – April 2021

Welcome to this Easter Supplement of 'The Bells'

At this most Holy time of Holy Week leading to our Easter celebrations, when we are still under a great deal of restrictions regarding gatherings and in-person worship, it seems right to send out this supplement of the Bells so everyone is clear on what is on for our services. Just about everything will be livestreamed and there will be the opportunity for some of us to come together in person **outdoors** for two different gatherings. One of these two times will be on Good Friday and the other on Holy Saturday. Please see below for information about each service.



Palm Sunday – March 28th at 10:00am

This will be a service of the Holy Eucharist. The service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and, after the service, a link will be put up on our parish website.

To Receive Holy Communion – There will be bread wafers consecrated for people to be able to receive communion. If you would like to receive Holy Communion for Palm Sunday, you can come to the church after the service and you will be handed the bread through the car window. The bread will be packaged for you and the number for which you have asked.

If you would like to receive the bread, please send an email to the office to let us know you will be coming along. The address is:

churchoffice@shawbiz.ca

The service will finish at about 11am and someone will be at the church to give you the bread through your car window. Please come by 1pm. No one will be there after that time.

Monday in Holy Week (March 29)

There will be two services livestreamed from the church.

10am - Morning Prayer will be live streamed

7pm - Evening Prayer will be live streamed

Tuesday in Holy Week (March 30)

There will be two services livestreamed from the church.

10am - Morning Prayer will be live streamed

7pm - Evening Prayer will be live streamed

Wednesday in Holy Week (March 31)

There will be two services livestreamed from the church.

10am - Morning Prayer will be live streamed

7pm - Evening Prayer will be live streamed

Maundy Thursday (April 1)

There will be two services livestreamed from the church this day:

10am - Morning Prayer will be live streamed

7pm The Holy Eucharist/Institution of the Lord's Supper

will take place with a remembrance of Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples will be livestreamed.

To Receive Holy Communion - If you wish to receive the bread of communion, please come to the church after the service and arrive by 8:30pm. You will be handed the bread through your car window. After 9pm there will be nobody left at the church. As it was for Palm Sunday, please email the church office so we have an idea of how many people may be coming to take the bread home.

The address is: churchoffice@shawbiz.ca

Good Friday (April 2)

There will be two services this day. The first is an opportunity to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday then, will be the first opportunity for us to come together **outdoors** in a socially distanced way. There are protocols that we must follow and please know that the recommendation is that for people over 70, it is best not to come. You must not have any signs of being unwell. If you do, please do not come.

As you may know, we normally have the stations of the cross as our first service and we move from station to station as one large group. This Good Friday, we will **not** be doing this as one large group.

10am is the start time for the Stations of the Cross

If it is raining, do bring an umbrella. We will go ahead with this rain or shine but you will be the best judge about the weather for yourself.

Please enter the church grounds as usual from 128 Street and drive slowly to the parking area and park. There will be a table in front of the lower hall doors to register yourself and your group, get your service sheet(s) and instructions. Please follow the route and when you have completed the stations, drive out and off the church property by the exit on 107A.

The stations will be set up around the church property. People will be expected to follow the route of the stations and move through the stations on their own or, in their bubble or, with up to 2 or 3 other people. Everyone must wear a mask. Each person will be given a copy of the service of the stations with the readings and prayers which are done at each station. You will need to stay at the station where you are until you see that the people ahead of you have moved on to the next station. After the final station, our priest, Father Steve will be there to offer a blessing.

It is best for us to know how many people might come for this service. If you plan to participate in The Stations of the Cross, please send an email to the office at: churchoffice@shawbiz.ca

Holy Saturday (April 3rd) at 7pm

This service will be live streamed in addition to being in-person.

The opportunity to begin to celebrate the resurrection begins some time after sunset on Holy Saturday. This will be the second opportunity to be together for worship. We will have an outdoor service on Saturday evening.

Again, you must not have any signs of being unwell. You must wear a mask and stay socially distanced. The service will be outdoors with the general gathering place being at the main entrance of the church at the steps.

The service will be led from the steps. Those reading will be doing so from the steps. The 'New Fire' will be across from the entrance and there, the Paschal Candle will be blessed and lighted. At this service there will be candles distributed as we listen to the readings and as we pray together. There will be the opportunity for the renewal of baptism vows at this service as well. If you wish, please bring a lawn chair and a blanket. Dress warm, bring a scarf, gloves and a hat.

7pm is the start time for our Easter Vigil

We are limited in numbers of up to 50 people attending an outdoor service. If you intend to come, please do register yourself and those who are coming with you to attend.

The email address to register is churchoffice@shawbiz.ca

Easter Day (April 4th)

10:00am The Holy Eucharist to Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The service will be live streamed.

Easter Communion

If you would like to receive Easter Communion, **please send an email to the office** so that we can arrange for as many bread wafers to be prepared for you and the number of people in your household who would like to receive communion. **The bread will be available to pick up (handed through your car window) by about 11:30am through to about 1pm.** You will be able to take the consecrated bread home and with prayers, share in the receiving of Holy Communion to celebrate the Eucharist.

When you email (or phone) please state that you will be coming by to pick up the bread. You will need to tell us how many people in your household will want to receive a communion wafer. It will be packaged with enough wafers so each person will be able to partake. Prayers to pray as you receive the sacrament will be included. The way of receiving communion will be similar to how those who receive the reserved sacrament, when they are at home with an illness or those who are shut in. This is a simple innovation so that those who wish to receive may do so.

Please do make contact to the office by phone or email if you would like to receive communion on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Day or all three.

Easter Communion for the Ill and Shut-In

Father Steve will be making arrangements for those who are ill or shut-in to receive Easter Communion. If you do not normally receive communion from the reserved sacrament, but would like to at this time, please be in touch with the office by email or by phone saying you would like to receive communion.

Financial Stewardship

Financial Offerings – Thank you to everyone who continue to keep up with your financial contributions for the well being of the parish. We are trying to hold our own during the pandemic and your generosity is very welcome.

Special Easter Offering

The wardens and the treasurer are putting out this request that everyone make a special Easter offering this year. Although we have cut our budget down as much as we can, it still takes consistent funding to keep ourselves going. Easter is a great opportunity to make this special contribution and perhaps get caught up on what you are planning to give this year.

Offering Envelopes – The offering envelopes are all out. You can mail your envelope to the church or, arrangements can also be made to pick up your

offering from your home, whether you use the envelope system or not.

Automatic Donations - If you prefer, you can give on a monthly basis by using the Preauthorized Donation system (PAD) set up through the diocese. More information about this is available from our People's Warden, Roy Francis, or our Treasurer, Mareen Mathew. Contact through the office phone and email.

Donations by Interac e-Transfer You can also make your donation from your home computer from your bank account by e-transfer. Many of us use e-transfers for all kinds of payments and money transfers. It is simply a few clicks and your donation will find its way to our Vancity Credit Union account. You will of course get credited for your donation for income tax purposes.

Thank You - We want to say thank the Diocesan Council for passing a motion on March 17th, that the assessment for the first months of the year have been waived. Bishop John informed us of this just this past Friday. This will certainly help St. Helen's as well as many other parishes.

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Please remember there is more information and updates on our parish website each and every week: www.sthelensurrey.ca

and our parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/sainthelensurrey

Blessings to you and your family as we approach Holy Week and look to our Easter Celebrations