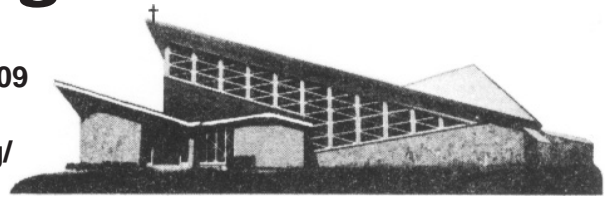


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues & Wed.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.
 Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — Two Sudays per month at 4:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



From the Pastor's Desk

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. We begin Holy Week with the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. He enters the Holy City in a humble way riding on a donkey. He manifests Himself as a meek and merciful King who will give His life for the salvation of humanity. During this celebration, we proclaim the Passion according to St. Luke. In this account, we can recognize a compassionate and gentle Savior who is ready to offer his life out of love. Let us welcome the King of Kings in our hearts so that we may find salvation and peace! On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet. During this liturgy, we will commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist in which Jesus give us His Body and Blood as a Memorial of His Death and Resurrection. Jesus has given us a perpetual gift by which at every Eucharist we can pass from the Death of sin to the new life of the Resurrection. We also celebrate the washing of the feet. He washed the disciples' feet as a sign of his tremendous love by which He takes upon Himself our sins and destroys them on the Cross. This is a foreshadowing of what He will do the next day. Let us allow the Lord Jesus to love us and to show to us His immense mercy! On Good Friday, we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. This is a very sober and hopeful day. It is an opportunity to realize how much God loves us by giving us His Son Jesus Christ who dies out of love for us. We proclaim the Passion according to St. John in which is presented a figure of Jesus who willingly offers His life for our redemption. During this celebration, we will be able to acknowledge the Cross as the Sign of our Salvation. We will be given the grace to accept our own struggles as the road through which we find the Saving Christ in our lives. Let us welcome the Cross of Christ as the hopeful answer to our struggles! On Easter Vigil, we will experience the victory of Christ over death and sin. It will be a beautiful liturgy on which we will pass from darkness to light and throughout the history of salvation, we will be brought to the glorious resurrection of the Lord. Let us experience in our daily lives the powerful event of the resurrection! The schedule for Palm Sunday will be regular Sunday masses, Holy Thursday will be at 7:30pm with adoration until midnight. On Good Friday, Liturgy of the

Lord's Passion at 12pm in Spanish and 3pm in English. Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm. Easter Vigil mass will be at 8pm.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 13, 2016)

On the evening of *Holy Thursday*, as we enter the Easter Triduum, we will relive the Mass known as *in Coena Domini*, that is, the Mass in which we commemorate the Last Supper, there, in that moment. This is the evening when Christ left his disciples the testament of his love in the Eucharist, not as a remembrance, but as a memorial, as his everlasting presence.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, as I said at the beginning, we renew this mystery of redemption. In this Sacrament, Jesus substituted the sacrificial victim—the Paschal lamb—with himself: his Body and Blood grant us salvation from the slavery of sin and death. The salvation from every form of slavery is there. It is the evening in which he asks us to love one another by becoming servants to one another, as he did in washing the disciples' feet, a gesture that anticipates his bloody oblation on the cross. And indeed, the Master and Lord will die the next day to purify not the feet, but the hearts and the entire life of his disciples. It was an oblation of service to us all, because with that service of his sacrifice he redeemed us all.

Good Friday is the day of penance, fasting and prayer. Through the texts of the Sacred Scripture and the liturgical prayers, we will gather as though we were on Calvary to commemorate the redemptive Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. In the intensity of the rite, through the Liturgical Action, the Crucifix will be presented to us to adore. Adoring the Cross, we will relive the journey of the innocent Lamb sacrificed for our salvation. We will carry in our minds and hearts the sufferings of the sick, the poor, the rejected of this world; we will remember the “sacrificed lambs,” the innocent victims of wars, dictatorships, everyday violence, abortions.... Before the image of the crucified God, we will bring, in prayer, the many, the too many who are crucified in our time, who only from Him can receive comfort and meaning in their suffering. And

nowadays there are many: do not forget the crucified of our time, who are the image of Jesus Crucified, and Jesus is in them.

Holy Saturday is the day of silence, lived by the first disciples in mourning and bewilderment, shocked by Jesus' ignominious death. While the Word is silent, while Life is in the tomb, those who had hoped in him were put to a difficult test, they feel like orphans, perhaps even orphaned by God.

This Saturday is also Mary's day: she too lived it in tears, but her heart was full of faith, full of hope, full of love. The Mother of Jesus had followed her Son along the path of sorrows and remained at the foot of the cross, with her soul pierced. But when it all seemed to be over, she kept watch, she kept vigil, in expectation, maintaining her hope in the promise of God who raises the dead. Thus, in the world's darkest hour, she became the Mother of believers, the Mother of the Church and sign of hope. Her witness and her intercession sustain us when the weight of the cross becomes too heavy for each one of us.

In the darkness of Holy Saturday, joy and light will break through with the rites of the [Easter Vigil](#) and, in the late evening, the festive singing of the *Alleluia*. It will be an encounter in faith with the Risen Christ, and the joy of Easter will continue throughout the following fifty days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit. He who was crucified is risen! All questions and uncertainties, hesitations and fears are dispelled by this revelation.

Good Friday is a Universal Day throughout the Church of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older while the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years, but every person regardless of age can participate in fasting and abstaining if they wish. “The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening”

On Good Friday, please remember the 2022 Holy Land Collection. Visit commissariat.ca



St. John's Ladies Golf League

Are you interested in playing golf or learning to play golf, then you might want to consider joining our league. We play Tuesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Salem Ridge Academy, an executive 9-hole course. We have lots of fun and we do improve our game. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in room 1 of the Parish Centre for our kick-off meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022 through ShareLife! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your ShareLife donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish will have contributed to the funds allocated to D&P. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to support ShareLife ask your parish ShareLife representative or go to <https://sharelife.org/audiences/international-development-and-missions/> to have more information. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working all over our planet to build a world of peace and justice for everyone.

Easter Flowers

Your contributions to the Easter Flower Fund are greatly appreciated. Envelopes are on the back counter. Please put your name and address on the envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity.



Masses For The Week

- Sat Apr 9 – 5pm**
+Ted Kapuscinski
req. by Doreen & Family
- Mon Apr 11 – 8:20am**
+Arnaldo D'Aurelio
req. by Gail McMonagle
- Tues Apr 12 – 8:20am**
+Gabriel Fernandes
req. by Catherine Ingram
- Wed Apr 13 – 7:00pm**
+Tereso Aboloyan
req. by Emerita Vallesterio & Family
+Arnaldo D'Aurelio
req. by Lynne & Bryan Childerhouse
+Helen Maria Silveira
req. by The Silveira Family
+Louis McKenna
req. by The Burke Family
A Special Intention
req. by The Burke Family
- Holy Thurs Apr 14 – 7:30pm**
NO INTENTION
- Good Fri Apr 15 – 12 noon Spanish**
3:00pm English
NO INTENTION
- Sat Apr 16 – 8:00pm Vigil**
NO INTENTION



The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday April 15th and Easter Monday April 18th. Mass on Easter Monday is at 9am.

Banns for Ordination
Rev. Mr. Peter David LUKOW is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Diocese of Peterborough on May 27, 2022 at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral, Peterborough, ON
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2022 Holy Week Celebrations

- Sat./Sun. 9/10, 2022**
Palm Sunday Masses
(Saturday) 5pm,
(Sunday) 9am, 11am
(Sunday) 2:00pm Spanish
- Mon. Apr. 11**
Mass 8:20am
- Tues Apr. 12**
Mass 8:20am
Mass of Chrism at St. Michael's Cathedral @ 11am
- Wed Apr. 13**
Mass 7pm
- Thurs. Apr. 14**
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
English & Spanish 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight
- Fri. Apr. 15**
Liturgia solemne de la pasion del Señor 12 pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Stations of the Cross, Presented by Youth 7pm
- Sat Apr. 16**
Easter Vigil 8pm
No 5pm Mass
- Sun Apr 17**
EASTER SUNDAY
9am, 11am
2:00 pm Spanish
- Mon April 18**
EASTER MONDAY
Mass 9am
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