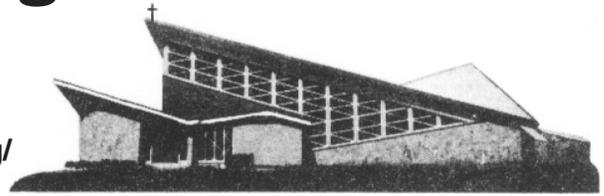


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Tues & Wed.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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)

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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 Sundays 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.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the whole year. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents the third canticle of the Suffering Servant of the Lord. In it is prefigured a servant who is persecuted and trusts in the Lord without defending himself. This text has been fulfilled in Christ. During His Passion, Christ was buffeted, insulted, scorned, and scourged; yet He did not retaliate. He trusted in the Lord that He will save Him and protect Him. God took care of Christ and raised Him from the dead. Christ offered Himself as a meek lamb ready to be slaughtered. In this sacrifice, we have found peace and salvation for our souls. Even we go through difficult times, we can trust and put our confidence in the Lord so that He may help us to go through times knowing that the Lord will make us go through them unharmed. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us an early hymn of the kenosis of Christ, which means that He has humbled Himself for us to the lowest point possible. The first sin was one of pride and Christ has destroyed this sin by humbling Himself for us. He has gone to the abyss of sin and evil so that He can destroy sin and give us new life. He can give us a new spirit so that with Him our wounded hearts may be transformed. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, gives us the account of the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and the whole Passion of Christ. He enters the Holy City as the promised Messiah riding on a donkey. He entered into Jerusalem as a meek and peaceful King ready to give His life for us. The fact that He is mounted on a donkey represents that Christ wants to enter our hearts and take away our sins and give us new life. Christ did not shout and impose Himself, but He offers to us salvation and redemption through His incredible mercy. Let us wave the palms of branches recognizing that He is the Savior who enters into our hearts to pass us from Death to Life!

It is very important to live the full Triduum so that we may rise with Christ. Please refer to the Easter Triduum schedule on the next page. God bless you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI Audience for Easter Triduum (March 31, 2010)

We are living the holy days that invite us to meditate on the central events of our Redemption, the essential core of our faith. Tomorrow the Easter Triduum begins, the fulcrum of the whole Liturgical Year in which we are called to silence and prayer in order to contemplate the mystery of the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

In their Homilies the Fathers often referred to these days which, as St Athanasius observed in one of his *Easter Letters*, bring "us to a new beginning, even the announcement of the blessed Passover, in which the Lord was sacrificed" (*Letter 5, 1-2: PG 26, 1379*).

I therefore urge you to live these days intensely, so that they may decisively direct the life of each one to generous and convinced adherence to Christ, who died and rose for us.

Tomorrow morning, the Holy Chrism Mass, a morning prelude to Holy Thursday, will see priests gathered with their own Bishop. During an important Eucharistic celebration which usually takes place in the diocesan cathedrals, the oil of the sick and of the catechumens and chrism will be blessed. In addition, the Bishop and Priests will renew the priestly promises that they spoke on the day of their Ordination. This year, this action acquires a very special prominence because it is taking place in the context of the Year for Priests, which I established to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of the holy Curé d'Ars. To all priests I would like to repeat the hope I expressed at the end of my Letter for its inauguration: "In the footsteps of the holy Curé of Ars, let

yourself be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace!"

Tomorrow afternoon we shall celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. Writing to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul strengthened the early Christians in the truth of the Eucharistic Mystery, conveying to them what he himself had learned. "The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my Body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11: 23-25).

These words clearly express Christ's intention: under the species of the bread and the wine, he makes himself really present with his Body given and his Blood poured out as a sacrifice of the New Covenant. At the same time, he constitutes the Apostles and their successors ministers of this Sacrament, which he entrusts to his Church as a supreme proof of his love.

We also commemorate with an evocative rite the gesture of Jesus who washes the Apostles' feet (Jn 13: 1-25). For the Evangelist this act comes to portray the whole of Jesus' life and reveals his love to the end, an infinite love that is capable of preparing man for communion with God and of setting him free. At the end of the Holy Thursday Liturgy the Church puts the Blessed Sacrament in a specially prepared place that represents Jesus' loneliness and mortal anguish in Gethsemane. Before the Eucharist, the faithful contemplate Jesus in the hour of his solitude and pray that all the loneliness in the world may cease. This liturgical itinerary is likewise an invitation to seek the intimate encounter with the Lord in prayer, to recognize Jesus among those who are lonely, to watch with him and to proclaim him with the light of one's own life.

On Good Friday we shall commemorate the Passion and death of the Lord. Jesus wanted to give his life as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of humanity's sins, choosing to this end the most brutal and humiliating death: crucifixion. There is an inseparable connection between the Last Supper and Jesus' death. At the Last Supper Jesus gives his Body and his Blood, that is, his earthly existence, himself, anticipating his death and transforming it into an act of love. Thus he makes death which by its nature is the end, the destruction of every relationship an act of the communication of himself, a means of salvation and of the proclamation of the victory of love. In this way, Jesus becomes the key to understanding the Last Supper, which is an anticipation of the transformation of violent death into a voluntary sacrifice; into an act of love that redeems and saves the world.

Holy Saturday is marked by a profound silence. The Churches are bare and no special Liturgies are planned. In this time of waiting and hope, believers are invited to prayer, reflection and conversion, also by means of the sacrament of Reconciliation, in order to take part, intimately renewed, in the celebration of Easter.

In the night of Holy Saturday, during the solemn Easter Vigil, "mother of all vigils", this silence will be broken by the singing of the *Alleluia* which announces Christ's Resurrection and proclaims the victory of light over darkness, of life over death. The Church will rejoice in the encounter with her Lord, entering Easter Day which the Lord will inaugurate by rising from the dead.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us prepare to live intensely this Sacred Triduum, now at hand, so as to be ever more deeply inserted into the Mystery of Christ, who died and rose for us. May the Most Holy Virgin accompany us on this spiritual journey. May she, who followed Jesus in his Passion and who stood beneath the Cross, lead us into the Paschal Mystery so that we may experience the joy and peace of the Risen One.

APRIL 2, 2023

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7th, 2023 to support the Christian Holy Sites, and people in the Holy Land. Donations may also be made online www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us.

2023 Holy Week Celebrations

Mon. Apr. 3
Mass 8:20am

Tues Apr. 4
Mass 8:20am

Mass of Chrism at St. Michael's Cathedral @ 11am

Wed Apr. 5
Mass 7pm



Thurs. Apr. 6
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper *Biligual*
7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm

Fri. Apr. 7

Liturgia solemne de la pasión del Señor 12 pm

Divine Mercy Novena @ 10am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Stations of the Cross, Presented by Youth 7pm



Sat Apr. 8

Divine Mercy Novena @12noon

Easter Vigil 8pm

No 5pm Mass



Sun Apr 9

EASTER SUNDAY

9am, 11am

2:00 pm Spanish

Divine Mercy Novena @8:45am

Mon April 10

EASTER MONDAY

Mass 9am

Divine Mercy Novena @9:30am



Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than an hour, contact Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

Prayer Group

Come and join us at St. John's Prayer Group in the parish centre on Wednesday, April 5th at 1pm for "A Journey to Remember" the way of the Cross with a short video called "Watch the Lamb". All are welcome.

Totus Tuus is returning this Summer!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus this summer. It is a fun and faith-filled program with catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games!

DAY CAMP (for students entering grade 1-6 in September) - \$80/child for the week

Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students entering grade 7-12 in September) - \$40/child for the week

Sunday, July 9th to Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

For more information about registration or volunteering to help with this program, please contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org. More information is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

CWL – St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a \$3,000.00 scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. **Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2023.** For further information, please contact Ben Dionne at All Saints or Carolyn Meaney at 905.668.9175 or caameaney@rogers.com, our acting CWL Education and Health Convener.



Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings.

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most.

One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Sat Apr 1 – 5:00pm

+George Jaciw

req. by The Hannon Family

Mon Apr 3 – 8:20am

Zarek Vourakis Moreno

req by Pedro & Amelia Lauer

Tues Apr 4 – 8:20am

A Special Intention for Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick

req. by Alice Deehan

Wed Apr 5 – 7:00pm

+Armand Johnson

req. by Sonya Wright

+Martin Doleweerd

req. by His Wife & Family

Holy Thursday Apr 6 – 7:30pm NO INTENTIONS

Good Friday Apr 7 – 12pm (Spanish), 3pm NO INTENTIONS

Easter Vigil Sat Apr 8 – 8:00pm NO INTENTIONS

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