

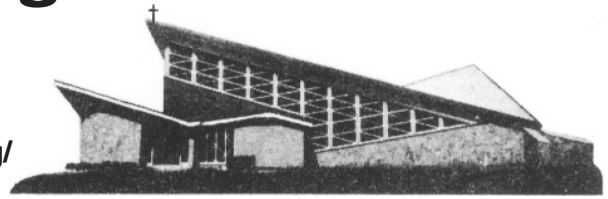
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Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 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.

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

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday Palm Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is the most important week of the whole liturgical year. We start with the celebration of Palm or Passion Sunday. On this Sunday we welcome Jesus as He enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey to give His life to save us from sin and death. We recognize Him as our meek Savior by waving palms and branches. He is the One who has come offer His life and to establish peace. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the day on which Jesus Christ shows His unconditional love for us by washing the disciples' feet and instituting the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood. By washing the feet, Christ shows us that He has come to serve us and to take upon himself the weight of our sins. He is the One who can destroy sin and give us new life. He has also instituted the Eucharist as the sacrament through which we can participate in his Death and Resurrection by receiving His Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we commemorate how Christ has suffered and died for us on the Cross to overcome sin and death so that in Him we may find consolation. These events want to show us that Christ loves us immensely. Moreover, every time that we celebrate them, they become present in our lives. It means that they can produce fruits of peace and new life in us. Let us be grateful to God for giving us Christ as the Savior who has come to give His life so that we may live to the fullest!

Holy Thursday, March 28, we will have bilingual mass in English and Spanish at 7:30pm followed by Adoration until 11pm. On Good Friday, March 29, we will have the Lord's Passion at 12pm in Spanish, at 3pm in English and Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Saturday, March 30, we will have the Easter Vigil at 8pm, there will be no mass at 5pm. March 31, Easter Sunday we will have mass at 9am and 11am and 2pm in Spanish.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI General Audience (April 8, 2009) Holy Week, which for Christians is the most important week of the year, gives us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the central events of the Redemption, to relive the Paschal Mystery, the great Mystery of faith. As of tomorrow afternoon, with the Mass in Coena Domini, the solemn liturgical rites will help us to meditate more vividly on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord in the days of the Holy Triduum of Easter, the cornerstone of the entire liturgical year. May divine grace open our hearts to an understanding of the invaluable gift of salvation, obtained for us by Christ's sacrifice. We find this immense gift wonderfully described in a famous hymn contained in the Letter to the Philippians (cf. 2: 6-11), upon which we have meditated several times during Lent. The Apostle concisely and effectively retraces the mystery of the history of salvation, mentioning the arrogance of Adam who, although he was not God, wanted to be like God. And he compares the arrogance of the first man, which we all tend to feel in our being, with the humility of the true Son of God who, in becoming man does not hesitate to take upon himself all human weaknesses, save sin, and going even as far as the depths of death. This descent to the ultimate depths of the Passion and death is followed by his exaltation, the true glory, the glory of love which went to the very end.

On Holy Thursday, the Church commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, the ministerial priesthood, and the new Commandment of love that Jesus entrusted to his disciples. St Paul offers one of the oldest accounts of what happened in the Upper Room, on the vigil of the Lord's Passion.

The Lord Jesus", he writes at the beginning of the 50s, on the basis of a text he received from the Lord's own environment, "on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me". In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11: 23-25). These words, laden with mystery, clearly show Christ's will: under the species of the Bread and the Wine, he makes himself present with his body given and his Blood poured out. This is the sacrifice of the new and everlasting covenant offered to all, without distinction of race or culture. It is from this sacramental rite, which he presents to the Church as the supreme evidence of his love, that Jesus makes ministers of his disciples and all those who will continue the ministry through the centuries. Thus, Holy Thursday constitutes a renewed invitation to give thanks to God for the supreme gift of the Eucharist, to receive with devotion and to adore with living faith. For this reason the Church encourages the faithful to keep vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after the celebration of Holy Mass, recalling the sorrowful hour that Jesus spent in solitude and prayer at Gethsemane, before being arrested and then sentenced to death.

And so we come to Good Friday, the day of the Passion and the Crucifixion of the Lord. Every year, standing in silence before Jesus hanging on the wood of the Cross, we feel how full of love the words were that he spoke on the previous evening during the Last Supper. "This is my blood, of the covenant, which is poured out for many" (Mk 14: 24). Jesus wanted to offer his life in sacrifice for the remission of humanity's sins. As it does before the Eucharist, as well as before the Passion and death of Jesus on the Cross, the mystery eludes reason. We are placed before something which, humanly, may appear senseless: a God who is not only made Man, with all the needs of man, who not only suffers to save man, taking upon himself the whole tragedy of humanity, but also dies for man.

If Good Friday is a day full of sorrow, it is therefore at the same time a particularly propitious day to reawaken our faith, to consolidate our hope and courage so that each one of us may carry our cross with humility, trust and abandonment in God, certain of his support and his victory.

The recollection and silence of Holy Saturday will usher us into the night of the solemn Easter Vigil, "mother of all vigils", when the hymn of joy in Christ's Resurrection will burst forth in all the churches and communities. Once again the victory of light over darkness, of life over death will be proclaimed and the Church will rejoice in the encounter with her Lord. Thus we shall enter into the atmosphere of Easter.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us prepare to live the Holy Triduum intensely, in order to share ever more deeply in the Mystery of Christ.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION/PRACTICE

Saturday April 6th
One Parent and child to attend

11am – 12:00pm
Children celebrating on
April 28th or May 5th

1:00pm – 2:00pm
Children celebrating on
April 14th or April 21st

Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

DAY CAMP (for students going into grade 1-6 in the fall) - \$80 for the week

Monday, July 8th to Friday, July 14th, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students going into grade 7-12 in the fall) - \$40 for the week

Sunday, July 7th to Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The deadline to register for the camp is June 14th, 2024. The deadline to apply to volunteer is May 31st, 2024.

For more information about registration or volunteering to help with this program, please contact Cassandra at

cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or visit our parish website.

Good Friday Youth Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, the youth will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend! If any youth in grade 3-12 are interested in being readers for the stations, please contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org.

St. John's Ladies Golf League

Are you interested in playing golf or learning to play golf, then consider joining our league. We play Tuesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Deer Creek Practice and Performance Centre (formerly Salem Ridge), 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 general meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in room 2 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.

2024 Holy Week Celebrations

Sat./Sun. Mar 23/24

Palm Sunday Masses (Saturday) 5pm, (Sunday) 9am, 11am (Sunday) 2:00pm Spanish

Mon. Mar 25
Mass 8:20am

Tues. Mar 26
Mass 8:20am

Wed. Mar 27
Mass 7pm

Thurs. Mar 28

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Biligual 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm

Fri. Mar 29

Divine Mercy Novena begins at 10am
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. Mar 30

Divine Mercy Novena 12pm
Easter Vigil 8pm
No 5pm Mass

Sun. Mar 31

Divine Mercy Novena 8:45am
EASTER SUNDAY
9am, 11am
2:00 pm Spanish

Mon Apr 1

Divine Mercy Novena 8:45am
EASTER MONDAY
Mass 9am



Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus into our hearts. In the spriir of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. So far we have raised \$19,178 towards our goal of \$141,700. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 23– 5:00pm
+Deceased Members of the Graham Family
req. by Gail Stewart

Mon Mar 25 – 8:20am
+Aldo Ciardullo
req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Tues Mar 26 – 8:20am
+Ryan McDonald
req. by Pat McDonald

Wed Mar 27 – 7:00pm
+Clotilda D'Souza
req. by Leo D'Souza
+Mary Bernice Crosby
req. by Notre Dame CSS Staff
+Catherine
req. by Yesu
+Albert McGuirk
req. by Mary McPherson
+John Beck
req. by the McCloskey Family
+Ramona Horbay
req. by Harry & Family

Thur Mar 28 – 7:30pm
HOLY THURSDAY
NO INTENTIONS

Fri Mar 29 – 12 noon SPANISH,
-3pm ENGLISH
GOOD FRIDAY
NO INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 30 – 8pm
EASTER VIGIL
NO INTENTIONS

Catholic Cemeteries

– Winter Wreaths

Resurrection Cemetery will be removing all winter wreaths from the graves/lots on April 2, 2024. If you wish to reuse your wreath for next season, please remove it prior to April 2nd. **Wreaths not removed will be disposed of.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Seniors' Retreat Coming Soon
Thursday, May 23, 2024
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