

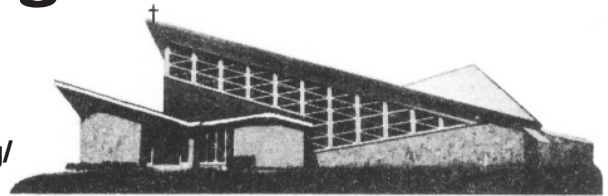
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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!

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 gives 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 destroying them in the Cross. He 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 we are 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! I wish to all of you a blessed Holy Week!

The schedule for Palm Sunday will be regular Sunday masses. Holy Thursday will be at 7:30pm and after we will have adoration until 11pm. Good Friday we will have 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. Sunday of Easter will be regular Sunday masses.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on Easter Triduum (March 31, 2021)

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.

the true face of God, which is mercy.

Totus Tuus Returns this Summer!

Mark your calendars for **July 6-11, 2025!** Totus Tuus is a fun & faith-filled Summer camp for the youth of the parish run by missionaries. There is a day camp for children entering grade 1-6 in the fall and an evening program for youth entering grade 7-12 in the fall. More information will be available soon!



National March for Life

Join us on Thursday May 2025

The bus will leave from Holy Family Parish

parking lot at 6:45am. \$40/person. For more information contact: Gwen 905-259-8504.

Mark your Calendar!

SENIORS' RETREAT

Thursday May 22, 2025

10:00-3:00

Father Jim Kelly, SJ. Facilitator

The price includes lunch.

\$55/person – more details to come

The Knights of Columbus Council 4895 will be hosting the **12th Annual Ray Hayes Memorial Music Night for Natuashish**, on Saturday, May 3, in the Knights Hall on 133 Brock Street. Doors open at 6:30 and music begins at 7:30. All proceeds go to Catholic Missions in Canada for the spiritual support of the Innu Mushua People of Natuashish, Labrador. Tickets are available for \$20 each, from Mark McGowan (dr.mhaire@gmail.com). There will be a bar, snacks, prizes, and wonderful local entertainment.

SOAP CAMPAIGN

Dear fellow parishioners, your CWL is sponsoring a collection of bars of soap. Why soap? Soledad was a mother in Peru dying of cancer. The family could not afford treatment, no money and health insurance does not exist. Her family covered her with blankets and burlap sacks to keep her warm. They bathed her and tried to keep her clean. In her name, "Soap for Mother's Day" we are collecting bars of soap for Canadian Food for Children who will ship them to help our friends in the developing world. Please bring a bar/or bars of soap on the weekend of Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th. A rough tote will be available to drop your donations into. Also, we are looking for plastic 5 gallon pails, with lids, to store the soap during shipping. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!
PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE
Saturday, July 26, 2025
 Transportation arranged
 Details provided soon
 Special invitation to families and youth



Stations of the Cross Fridays

Stations of the Cross start 6:30pm in English,
 Followed by Mass at 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 7:30pm

Apr 18 (Good Friday) Youth Stations Presentation



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 12 - 5:00pm

+Ted Kapuscinski

req. by Doreen Kapuscinski

Mon. Apr 14-8:20 am

+Tereso & Joel Abaloyan

req. by Emerita Vallesterio & Family

Tues Apr 15 - 8:20am

+Maria Zak

req. by Ann Mueller & Family

Wed Apr 16 - 7:00pm

+Mario Veltri

req. by Nina Veltri

+John Vickery

req. by Staff of St. John the Evangelist Parish

+Bryan McEachen

req. by His Family

+Len Ladouceur

req. by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Conference

+Ben Camara

req. by Joe & Shelly Camara & Family

Thur Apr 17 - 7:30pm

NO INTENTIONS

Fri Apr 18 - 12:00pm - Spanish Liturgy

NO INTENTIONS

Fri Apr 18 - 3:00pm - English Liturgy

NO INTENTIONS

Sat. Apr 19 - 8:00pm - VIGIL OF EASTER

NO INTENTIONS



GOLFERS - SAVE THE DATE

May 31st - Lyndbrook Golf

9-Holes and a BBQ Lunch (Big)

9:30am Shotgun Start for 44 golfers

Prizes & Raffles. Details to follow.

2025 Holy Week Celebrations

Sat./Sun. April 12/13

Palm Sunday Masses (Saturday) 5pm,

(Sunday) 9am, 11am

(Sunday) 2:00pm Spanish

Mon. April 14

Mass 8:20am

Tues. April 15

Mass 8:20am

Wed. April 16

Mass 7pm

Thurs. April 17

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm

Fri. April 18

Divine Mercy Novena begins at 10am

Liturgia solemne de la pasión del Señor 12 pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Stations of the Cross, Presented by Youth 7pm

Sat. April 19

Divine Mercy Novena 12pm

Easter Vigil 8pm

No 5pm Mass

Sun. April 20

Divine Mercy Novena 8:45am

EASTER SUNDAY

9am, 11am

2:00 pm Spanish

Mon Apr 21

Divine Mercy Novena 8:45am

EASTER MONDAY

Mass 9am

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