



Parish Week

Palm Sunday,
2 April 2023

Saturday, 1 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Virginia Tabat)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Noronha (Maryann & Anthony Mendonca)

PASSION SUNDAY, 2 APRIL / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas (Antenia Ambrose)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Aldrim & Rose
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Anita Dias (Dominic)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 3 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Andres Diaz (Casildus Manuel)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Beato & Natalina Gonsalves (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Parent/Godparent Baptism meeting

Tuesday, 4 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mohamad Issa (Aruna Boila)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Mary D'Cunha on her Birthday (family)

Wednesday, 5 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mina Kapadia (Mukesh)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Raymunda Magallanes (Maria Christina)

HOLY THURSDAY, 6 Apr.

- 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (to midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY, 7 Apr.

- *Collection: Holy Land*
- 12.00 pm Early Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- 7.00 pm Evening Liturgy, Stations of the Cross (*Lectors*)

HOLY SATURDAY, 8 Apr.

- 7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo)
- *RCIA Initiation into Church*

EASTER SUNDAY, 9 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

- *Homilist: Elias Chachati*
- *Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emilita Gotera)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Passion Sunday, Year A

Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

José Da Costa Amaral, Gwen Camacho
The **101 victims** of the **mosque bombing** in **Peshawar, Pakistan**



Holy Land Religious Articles 2 April

Beautiful olivewood religious articles from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Vestibule after all Masses on 1 & 2 April

Holy Week Collections

7 April: *Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*

The Mission of the "Commissariat of the Holy Land" is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land. It is possible with the generosity of all Catholics in the *Good Friday* collection.

9 April: *Offertory and Easter*

On 9 April, the 1st collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*. The 2nd collection, after Communion, is for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

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- 12 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 13 Apr. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 14 Apr. ▶ *INDIA becomes the most populous country in the world*
- 15 Apr. Saturday 1st Communion Class (10 - 11 am);
Saturday Confirmation Class (10 - 11 am);
Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (10 - 11.15 am);
School 1st Communion Family Make Up (11.30 am - 12.30 pm)
- 23 Apr. **Mr. Arthur Peters**, *ShareLife* speaker at all Masses;
- St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 30 Apr. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- *Catholic Education Week*;
- St. Maria Goretti 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 1 May Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 3 May St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 4 May St. Maria Goretti Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
- 5 May **Cardinal Thomas Collins**: 50th Anniversary of Ordination
- 7 May 2nd Collection: *ShareLife*;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 9 May Wedding: Tadeo & Escalona (11:00 am)
- 11 May St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)

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For more information on Parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2023

Palm Sunday, 2 April

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 7,335.00

toward our 2023 goal of: \$ 52,000.00

Much appreciation to the *Catholic Women's League* and to the *Knights of Columbus* for their fundraising efforts.

In today's celebration of **Palm Sunday**, we are reminded of our spiritual pilgrimage through Lent, and how we are called to welcome Jesus into our lives and follow Him in his way.

ShareLife invites us to follow Jesus' example and sacrifice, and to share what we can to those who are in most need of our help. We are asked to give generously to *ShareLife*.

7 May is the next *ShareLife* Sunday. Please give generously. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



Holy Week Notes

Passion Sunday: *Holy Week begins, 2 April*

HOLY WEEK, and the PASCHAL TRIDUUM, are the centre and pivot of the entire Liturgical Year, for the events re-lived during this time are at the very heart of our faith. Passion Sunday Mass begins with the *Blessing of Palms* and the *ProceSSIONAL Gospel*. The Palms blessed on Passion Sunday are placed in significant locations in our homes as a reminder that we welcome our Saviour into the city of our hearts.

Chrism Mass: *St. Michael Cathedral, 4 April*

The Archbishop of Toronto, His Grace Thomas Collins, presides at the annual MASS OF CHRISM. The Priests who serve in the Toronto Archdiocese renew their commitment to serve, and the holy oils used in the Sacraments (Sacred Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick) are blessed.

Holy Thursday: *Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6 April*

This MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER opens the **Paschal Triduum**. The washing of the feet re-enacts the amazing sign of Christ's mandate to the Church to be of service to humankind. The liturgy concludes with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday: *7 April; Paschal Fast, Early Liturgy, Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion, Collection for the Holy Land Shrines, Stations of the Cross*

A reminder: **Good Friday** is a day of both *Fasting* and *Abstinence*. Unless precluded by health reasons, we join our sacrifice to that of Jesus by abstaining from meat, and by limiting ourselves to only one significant meal to enable us to accomplish necessary work.

The Church fasts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of the Resurrection. Holy Saturday is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Easter Vigil, the dawning of the Resurrection feast.

The SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION enables us to walk with Jesus on the Via Dolorosa. The *Passion Narrative* is from the Gospel of John. This year, there will be two main Liturgies:

12.00 noon EARLY GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
3.00 pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

The **Collection at our Good Friday liturgies** will be used to support the Church in the Holy Land. Its mission includes:

- promoting a better knowledge of the Holy Land;
- caring for the shrines where Jesus taught the Gospel;
- solidarity with the world's oldest Christian diocese.

The EVENING LITURGY, including the Stations of the Cross, will feature a reflection on the *Seven Last Words* of Jesus.

Holy Saturday: *Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8 April*

The EASTER VIGIL LITURGY is the liturgical highlight of the Church year. **St. Augustine** said that the Easter Vigil, the night when Jesus rose from the dead, is the *Mother of all Vigils*. Everyone is invited to join their hearts and souls in prayer as we welcome the newly-Baptized into the Church.

Easter Sunday: *9 April*

Our renewal of Baptism promises, sealed by the sprinkling of the new Holy Water blessed at the Vigil the previous night, expresses our faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

Sacramental Preparation

1st Communion Make Up session
11.30, 15 April



Families of 1st Communion Candidates who missed attending one of the Instructions in March are invited to a general *Make Up Session* at 11.30 am in the Hall on Saturday, 15 April.

Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates are now using their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus. After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



Please remember in your prayers the Adults who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil on 8 April, and the Youth at 5 pm on 15 April.

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 7 April, following the 7.30 pm *Stations of the Cross*;

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 15 April, which is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

Confirmation

Celebrating the Sacrament

This year, the procedure for the Confirmation Mass will be as close as possible to the pre-pandemic format.

✠ Entrance Rite

Greeting

BISHOP: My friends,
we have come together on this joyous occasion to celebrate the Eucharist during which the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred. Through Baptism, these young people became our brothers and sisters in Christ. Through Confirmation, they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to give witness to their faith as disciples of Christ.

Collect

BISHOP: Let us pray.
Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.

✠ Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Acts 2.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because all heard them speaking in their own languages. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Musician to lead*

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit dwelling in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.



Gospel John 20.19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

✠ The Confirmation Liturgy

Presentation of the Candidates

After the Gospel is proclaimed the Presider directs the Candidates to remain standing for their Presentation. All others may be seated. Then the Presider invites a Teacher to present the Candidates.

Homily

Renewal of Baptism Promises

The Bishop invites the Candidates to Renew The promises by which they joined the community of believers, the Church. He asks them:

Do you renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Response: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Response: I do.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extends his hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

BISHOP: My dear friends, in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to His chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that He will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen His children with His gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

(Bishop stretches out his hands over the Candidates, and prays:)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin. Send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**



Anointing with Sacred Chrism

The Bishop prepares for the Anointing. Candidates leave their pew in an orderly manner, and approach the Sanctuary. Each candidate will stand before the Bishop. The Sponsor places their right hand on the Candidate's right shoulder.

The assistant to the Bishop will present the Candidate's name card. The Bishop takes some **Chrism**, addresses the Candidates by their **Confirmation Name**, and makes the **Sign of the Cross** on their foreheads, saying:

Bishop: “ _____ ,
CONFIRMATION NAME

**be sealed with the gift
of the Holy Spirit.”**

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”

Prayer of the Faithful

The newly-Confirmed may read the Intercessions.

✠ Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace, *Agnus Dei*

Communion



All who are free to receive Holy Communion may approach the Sanctuary following the Sunday procedure: Exit the pew from the left side, approach the Communion station and receive, then return to the pew from the right side.

Prayer after Communion

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

✠ Concluding Rite

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Following the Dismissal and Concluding Hymn, the Candidates and their families may take photos. The Priests will be available for posed photos on either side of the Altar. Candidates form two lines along the walls, one to the left of the Pulpit, and one to the right of the Priest's Chair. They may approach the Altar one at a time for a personal photo with a Priest.



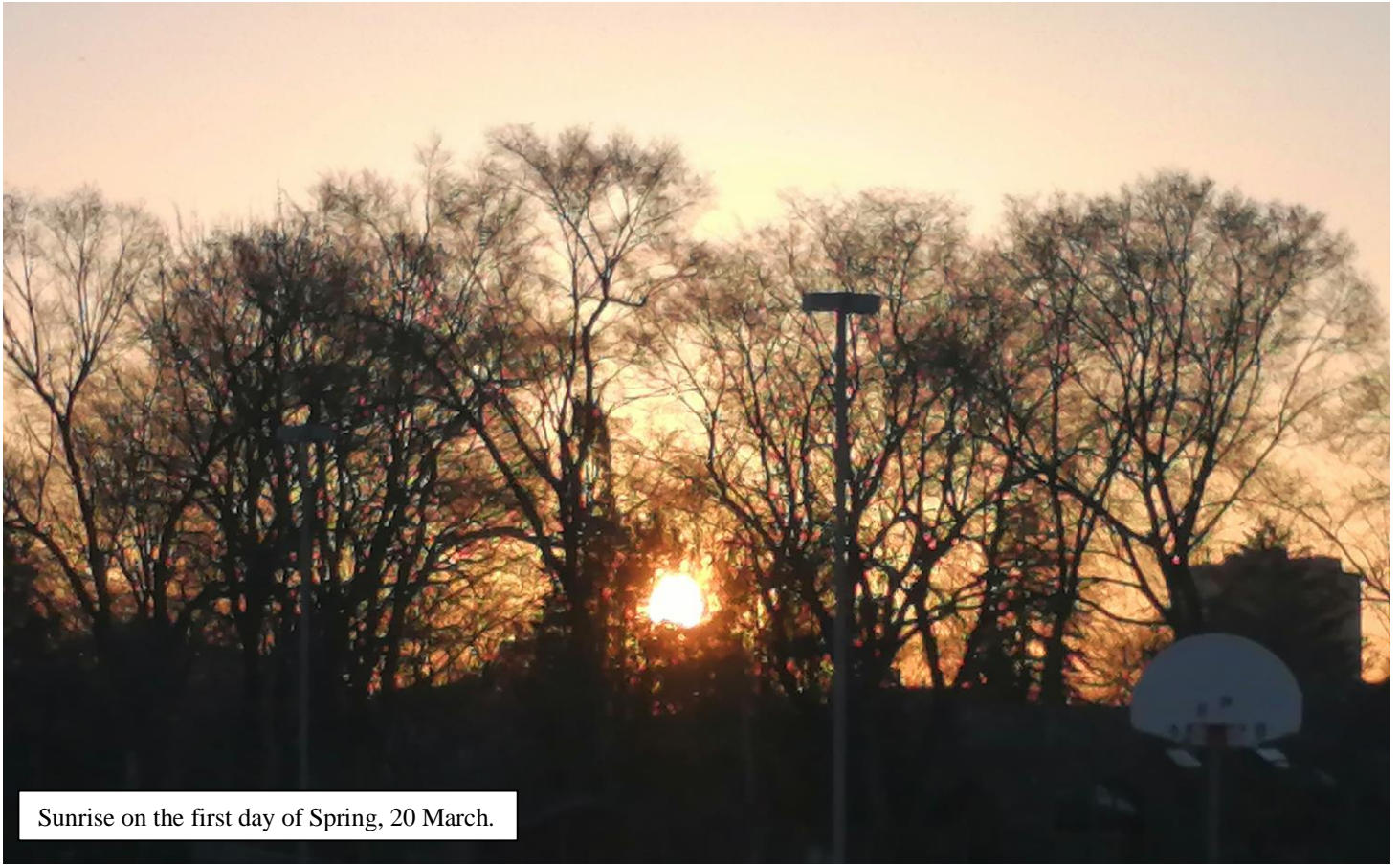
Pandemic Memories *Holy Week, 2020*

Above: Adoration on HOLY THURSDAY, following the Evening Mass, with the Monstrance placed on the Altar, blessing the Parish with the presence of Christ.

Right: The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on GOOD FRIDAY; the prostration of the clergy at the start, and Veneration of the Cross at the end. Only the Clergy could participate in this Liturgy in 2020.







Sunrise on the first day of Spring, 20 March.

