



Parish Week

**Palm Sunday,
24 March 2024**

Saturday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Anne Bertazzon (Stieger family)

PASSION SUNDAY, 24 MAR. / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rhea)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 25 Mar.

8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiapillai (Juliet)

Tuesday, 26 Mar.

8.00 am Mass: † Ana Medrero (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)

Wednesday, 27 Mar.

8.00 am Mass: † Ida & Silvio Cilentio (family)
8.50 am St. Joan of Arc School Mass
7.00 pm Mass: † Maria Go Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te (Emilio Go & family)

HOLY THURSDAY, 28 Mar.

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

GOOD FRIDAY, 29 Mar.

■ *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, 30 Mar.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, 31 Mar. / The Resurrection of the Lord

■ *Homilist: Elias Chachati*

■ *Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter*

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Fely Mawirat)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Passion Sunday, Year B

Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 15.1-39

Almighty, ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our saviour 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

The **47 victims** of the landslide in **Yunnan, China** in January



Holy Land Religious Articles 24 March

Beautiful olivewood religious articles from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Vestibule after all Masses this Sunday.

Stewardship 2023 Receipts, 2024 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2023 are in the Vestibule for pick up at Mass. Parishioners who have not yet picked up their *2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby are invited to do so.

Holy Week Collections

24 March: Offertory and Maintenance

On 24 Mar., the 1st collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The 2nd collection, after Communion, is for the monthly *Maintenance* collection.

29 March: 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.

31 March: Offertory and Easter

On 31 Mar., 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.

COMING UP

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- 1 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 7 Apr. 2nd Sunday of Easter: **Divine Mercy**
- Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 14 Apr. *ShareLife* Speaker: Lysle Kintanar;
- St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
▶ St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
- 16 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 17 Apr. - 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**;
- 21 Apr. - St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 28 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 9 May Bishop Vincent Nguyen: *birthday* (1966)
▶ Mississauga mayoral election
- 10 May Archbishop Francis Leo: *birthday* (1971)
- 20 June
- 11 Aug. **Danko Jones** performs at *Alcatraz Metal Festival*, Kortrijk, Belgium
- 31 Aug. ▶ *WWE Smack Down & Bash* in Berlin

ShareLife 2024

Palm Sunday, 24 March

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 8,950.00

toward our 2023 goal of: \$ 65,000.00

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*.

21 April is our 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, 24 March*

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, 26 March*

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, 28 March*

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: *29 March; 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, 30 March*

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: *31 March*

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, Confirmation



Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

23 & 25 March: **1st Holy Communion Family Instruction #2**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

4 April: **Confirmation Instructions #3,**

St. Maria Goretti School (9.10 am, at the school)

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 30 March, and the Youth at 5 pm on 6 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, 29 March, following the 7 pm Liturgy;

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 6 April, which is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

We Review our Presentations for First Holy Communion

THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

¹ Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me.”

²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy

“Do this in

the Lord’s Day.

memory of me.”



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “A Blessing, Father,” or, “A Blessing please.”

The Mass



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts: Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1st Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

Sanctus: After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

Last Supper Narrative: The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

Doxology, Great Amen: The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

Lord’s Prayer: We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

Breaking of Bread: The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

Communion: The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

CONCLUDING RITE

The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.

Prayer after Communion: The closing prayer of Mass.

Announcements: Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

Blessing and Dismissal: The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

INTRODUCTORY RITE

The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the Liturgy of the Word, and to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Entrance Procession: The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

Greeting: The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

Penitential Rite: Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

Gloria: We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

Collect: With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Psalms: The Cantor leads as we praise God.

Second Reading: This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

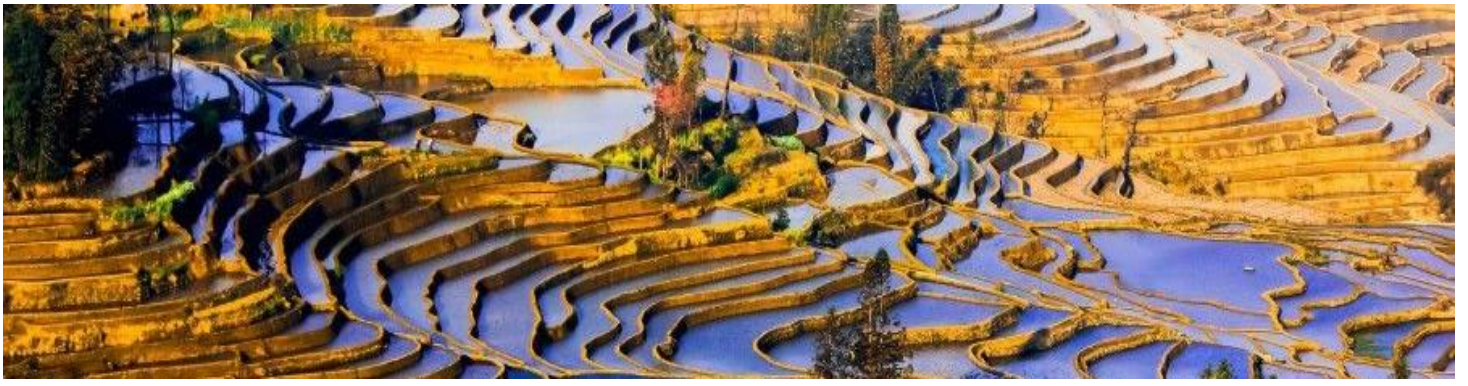
Creed: In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

Intercessions: In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

La Mancha, Spain



Toledo, Spain



Yuanyang, China





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