



Parish Week

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025

Saturday, 12 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday, Dolores Marquez
- 1.00 pm Wedding: James Bryan Amo & Jenny-Rose Nagales
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Segunda Jo (Go family)

PASSION SUNDAY 13 APR. – HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Guillermo Maulion (Corine)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 14 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Quirino Santos Sr. (Ophelia)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Clark D’Cunha (Esme)

Tuesday, 15 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ceciliamma Santhiapillai (Juliet)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra & Leslie Alagaratnam)

Wednesday, 16 Apr.

- *Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI (1927)*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Elvie Carlo Go Tan (friend)
- 8.50 am St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Christine Duarte (Esme)

HOLY THURSDAY, 17 Apr.

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

GOOD FRIDAY, 18 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, 19 Apr.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, 20 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

- *Homilist: Elias Chachati*
- *Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter*
- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Fely Gapcho & family
- 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 C

Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Luke 19.28-40

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 **3,500 victims** of the **earthquake in Myanmar in March**



March for Life, Ottawa 8 May

Our Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to join the *March for Life* in Ottawa, 8 May. For further info., call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

Holy Land Religious Articles 13 April

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

Stewardship 2024 Receipts, 2025 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2024 and the *2025 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* are available for pick up in the Office Lobby.

Holy Week Collections

18 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.

20 April: *Offertory and Easter*

On Easter Sunday, the 1st collection will be taken for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The 2nd collection, after Communion, will be taken for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

COMING UP

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- 26 Apr. Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel;
- New Area Code introduced for Toronto: **942**
- 4 May 2nd Collection: *Sharelife No. 2;*
- St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 5 May Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 May MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 (Ottawa);
- St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
- 11 May CWL Mother’s Day Cake & Flower Sale;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 15 May St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
- 18 May 2nd Collection: *Popes Pastoral Works*
St. Albert School Mass (9:00 am);
- 22 May - St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 25 May 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
- 31 May Feast of the **Visitation of Mary;**
- *Day With Mary* (Villanova College, King City, 10 am – 4 pm)
- 2 June Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)

ShareLife 2025

Palm Sunday, 13 April

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 6,775.00

toward our 2025 goal of: \$ 75,000.00

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*.

The next *ShareLife* Sunday is 4 May. Our parish goal for this year is \$75,000.00. 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, 13 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, 15 April

The Archbishop of Toronto, His Eminence Cardinal Francis Leo, 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, 17 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: 18 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, 19 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: 20 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.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the dear family of Donna Singh for the lovely flowers from her Memorial Mass, 13 January 2024. May she rest in peace.

Sacramental Preparation

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



27 April 2.30 pm ✕ St. Albert Sch. 1st Communion Mass

4 May 2.30 pm ✕ St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass

8 May 7.00 pm ✕ St. M. G. Sch. Confirmation Mass

15 May 7.00 pm ✕ St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass

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 19 April, and the Youth at 5 pm on 26 April.

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

The next meetings:

13 – 19 April: Holy Week liturgies (as per RCIA Calendar)

25 April, 7.30 pm: RCIA Adults;

26 April, 10.00 am: RCIC Youth; This is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.



Seminarian Assignment concludes, Holy Week

Holy Week marks the conclusion of the current assignment calendar of our Seminarian, **David Valencia**. We extend a sincere *Thank You* to him for sharing his gifts during his time with us since September 2024, and assure him of our prayers in his formation at St. Augustine Seminary.





St. Maria Goretti School Grade 8's at Lake St. George, 20 March

Below: Fr. Edwin's St. Paddy's treat.





Orlando Duigan



Eden Dalisay



Elma & Clementino Fagaragan, 50th Wedding Anniversary



Diane Carlin



Dianne Dias at the October 2024 CWL meeting.



Lourdes Moya



Dipok Gomes, father of Topon Theotonious Gomes



