



Parish Week

Sunday,
29 March 2026

Saturday, 28 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (Helen)
- 4.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1A
- 4.00 pm **TENEBRAE Liturgy** (by our Youth Ministry)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Maria Go Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te

PASSION SUNDAY 29 MAR. - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
- Religious Articles Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice Larkin)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 30 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Geviar & Henry Rodrick (Geneive Gomes)
- 10.30 am Memorial Mass: † Mary Karen Garcia
- 6.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1A
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Beoto & Natalina Gonzalves (family)

Tuesday, 31 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)

Wednesday, 1 April

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cornelio Sardua (Chita)
- 8.50 am St. Joan of Arc Academy Holy Week Mass
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Nunziato Sidoti (family)

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 Apr.

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

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 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, 4 Apr.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, 5 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: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
- 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

John Herbert Rowntree

The 46 victims of the high-speed train crash in Spain.



Holy Land Religious Articles 29 March

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

Stewardship 2025 Receipts, 2026 Envelopes

The Charitable Tax Receipts for all recorded donations during 2025 and the 2026 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up in the Office Lobby.

Holy Week Collections

3 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.

5 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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- 6 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 12 Apr. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 13-23 Apr. ► **Pope Leo**: visit Algeria, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon
- 19 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 22 Apr. St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 26 Apr. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**
St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE UP Sunday
St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 4 May Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 24 May **Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit**
- 3 June ► **Bishop John Boissonneau**: Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination (Mass at St. Michael Cathedral, 10.30 am)
- 12 June ► FIFA World Cup in Toronto (to 2 July)
- 30 June **Cardinal Francis Leo**: birthday (1971)
- 4 Oct. Jubilee Year: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 800th Anniversary of death
- 26 Oct. ► Toronto Municipal elections

ShareLife 2026

Palm Sunday, 29 March

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

So far, we have raised: \$ 8,265.00



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 26 April. Please give generously, and help us meet our Parish goal.

We thank Seminarian **David Valencia** for his presentation at our Masses on 21/22 March, and for taking the time to share with us his story and the role of *ShareLife* in supporting the work of St. Augustine Seminary.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Aurora Ebina** for their gift of the beautiful flowers at her funeral Mass on 23 August 2025. May she rest in peace.

Sacramental Preparation

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



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

26 April 2.30 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

7 May 7.00 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. Confirmation Mass**

14 May 7.00 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass**

Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates are beginning to use 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.

Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



Holy Week Notes

Passion Sunday: Holy Week begins, 29 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, 31 March

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, 2 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: 3 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, 4 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: 5 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.

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.*

Any person 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.*”

KOC Founder's Day 29 March

29 March marks the day that Fr. Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut. See the website bulletin for details.

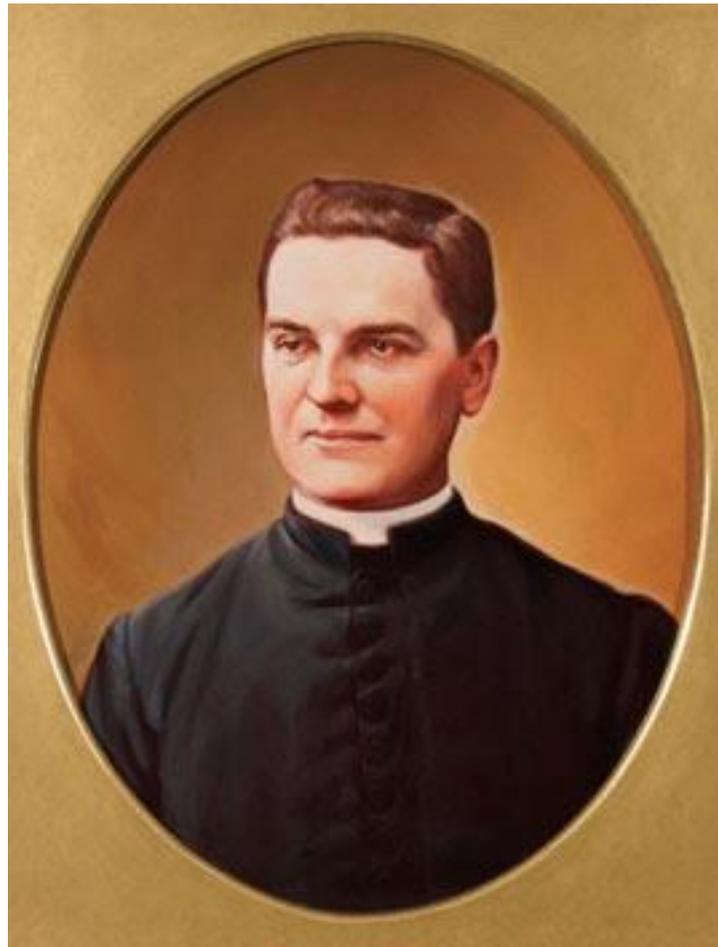
Michael Joseph McGivney, born 7 August 1852, was an Irish-American Catholic priest living in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in 1882 at St. Mary Church to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization for working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States. Fr. McGivney passed away in Thomaston in 1890 from pneumonia. In 1996, the Archdiocese of Hartford began the process of canonizing McGivney. He had been approved for beatification on 27 May 2020, meaning that Fr. McGivney could be declared 'blessed,' the step just before sainthood. A further miracle attributed to McGivney's intercession will be necessary before he is canonized as a saint.

During the 20th century, the Knights of Columbus grew to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. It helps refugees, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political concerns. The Knights advocate for the Catholic viewpoint on public policy issues such as same-sex marriage and abortion. In addition, they provide financial services to individuals and institutional Catholic markets. Its financial advisors also invest in following Catholic social principles.

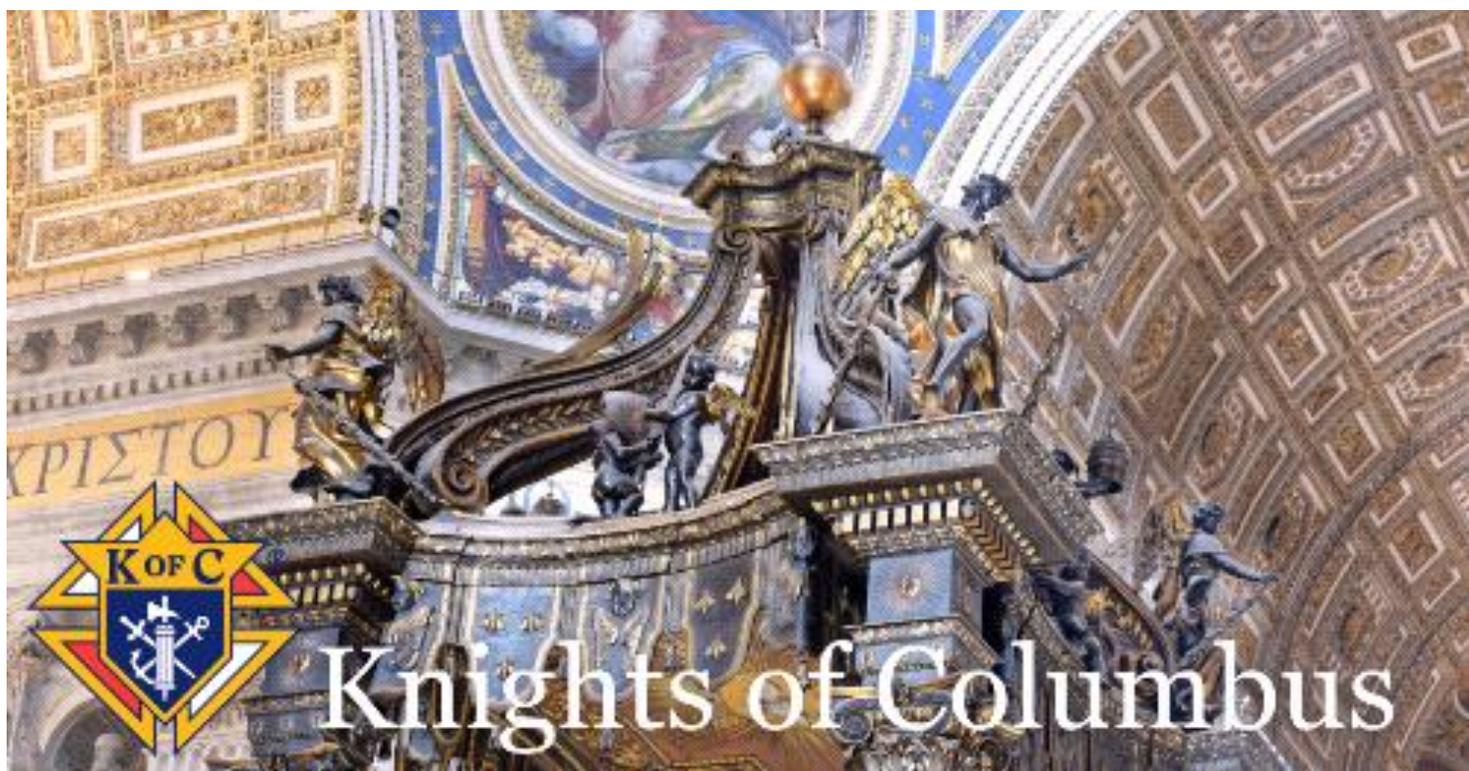
The order is devoted to four principles:

CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM

The members must possess these principles to build a sense of communal brotherhood and collaborate in service to God.



[below:] The Knights of Columbus are underwriting a restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic Baldacchino above the altar of St. Peter Basilica at the Vatican. The project will inspect and restore the entire 400-year-old bronze, marble, and gilded wood structure, which was commissioned by Pope Urban VIII









Ordinandi Dinner: 24 March 2026. *Below:* David Valencia, Fr. Edwin, Deacon Victor Valdes (to be ordained in May), Fr. Elias.





Aaron Aniston departs the hospital for his family's home. Due 8 March 2026; born 23 November 2025.





