



Parish Week

Palm Sunday,
10 April 2022

Saturday, 9 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
- 12:30 pm Memorial Mass: † Ananias Lim
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Pushpa Christy family)

PASSION SUNDAY, 10 APRIL / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday Elizabeth Sargent (Kathleen, Mom)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 11 Apr. / St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)

Tuesday, 12 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Segunda Jo (Emilio Go & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Doris Marquez (friends)

Wednesday, 13 Apr. / St. Martin I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)

HOLY THURSDAY, 14 Apr.

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

GOOD FRIDAY, 15 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, 16 Apr.

■ Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI (1927)

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

EASTER SUNDAY, 17 Apr. / The Resurrection of the Lord

■ Homilist: Elias Chachati

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

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (Friends & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Enrico Serneo (Helen)
- 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

Alma Yu

The **18 victims, including 7 children,** of the **January house fire in Philadelphia**



Holy Land Religious Articles 10 April

Beautiful olivewood religious articles from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Vestibule after all Masses on 9 & 10 April

Holy Week Collections

15 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.

17 April: Offertory and Easter

On 4 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.

COMING UP

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- 22 Apr. Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm)
- 23 Apr. Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
- 24 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 1 May *ShareLife* Collection (2nd Offering);
- St. Maria Goretti School, 1st Holy Communion Mass (2.30 pm)
- 2 May Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 5 May St. Maria Goretti School, Confirmation Mass (7.00 pm)
- 8 May Mother's Day;
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 11 May Wedding: Camigo - Dos Remedios
- 14 May Wedding: Newton - Amalrajah (11:30 am);
- St. Albert School, 1st Holy Communion Mass (2.00 pm)
- 15 May SVP *Bundle Up* Weekend
- 19 May St. Albert School, Confirmation Mass (7.00 pm)
- 21 May Wedding: Andres - Dela Cruz (1:00 pm)
- 22 May 2nd Collection: **Pope's Works**
- 29 May 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

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For more information on Parish activities, such as the schedule of upcoming **Sacramental** celebrations, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2022

Our 2022 *ShareLife* Campaign is underway. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!



The *LA Centre for Active Living* is a *ShareLife*-funded that agency that helps seniors. Here's how your support of *ShareLife* is enabling their lifesaving work:

"This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through *ShareLife*'s support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our food delivery program. Your support is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough!"

With our first *ShareLife* collection on 27 March, our parishioners have contributed generously toward our goal of: \$42,000.00

We thank you for your faithful support!

Sacramental Preparation

We continue with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for those who received Confirmation and 1st Communion in 2021. This is in conjunction with the formal preparation for **1st Holy Communion & Confirmation** for students now in Grades 2 & 7.

The *Presentation* videos are on line, along with the accompanying family guide texts. The next scheduled celebrations are:

- May 1 St. Maria Goretti School 1st **Communion**
- 5 St. Maria Goretti School **Confirmation**

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 16 April, and the Youth at 5 pm on 23 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, 15 April, following the 7.30 pm *Stations of the Cross*;

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 23 April, which is the morning of the *Easter Octave Initiation* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks **Anastasia Williams** for her gift of two beautiful flower arrangement from the funeral of her dear husband, † **Alford Walton Williams**, held on 4 February, following his death on 20 January. The arrangements remained in front of the Altar for 9 days, in memory of a dear brother in Christ.

Holy Week Notes

Passion Sunday: *Holy Week begins, 10 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, 12 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, 14 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: *15 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, 16 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: *17 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

The Sacramental Preparation programs are now underway in our Parish Schools. Video presentations have been uploaded to our website, and family guides are available as well. Click on the line below each video, which reads: “*For more information, click here.*”

The next scheduled celebrations are:

April

8 St. Albert School
Reconciliation, 9.30 am

30 Saturday Class
1st Holy Communion Mass, 5.00 pm

May

1 St. Maria Goretti School
1st Holy Communion Mass, 2.30 pm

5 St. Maria Goretti School
Confirmation Mass, 7.00 pm

14 St. Albert the Great School
1st Holy Communion Mass, 2.00 pm

19 St. Albert the Great School
Confirmation Mass, 7.00 pm

Thanks to all families who submitted the registration forms for 1ST COMMUNION students of **St Albert the Great School**.

CONFIRMATION for students *who are not in our Parish Schools* will go ahead this Spring. Families may now contact **Fr. Edwin** after any Sunday Mass to enroll Candidates who are in Grade 7 (or above, due to the pandemic). Preparation will begin immediately, so the Sacrament can be celebrated before the Summer.



The Papal Apology



Chief Wilton Littlechild felt a swell of emotions and tears in his eyes as he heard **Pope Francis** apologize at the Vatican on 1 April 2022 for the role of Catholics in managing the residential schools that Prime Minister John A. Macdonald and the Canadian federal government created in the 1880's.

The Pontiff stood before a room of nearly 200 Canadian Indigenous delegates in the *Sala Clementina*, one of the halls at the Vatican, and asked for God's forgiveness for the deplorable conduct some church members had shown.

“I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry,” Pope Francis said in Italian during a concluding meeting with First Nations, Inuit and Métis delegates.

Until 1883, Canada did not have a residential school system. It had some schools founded by individual Churches to teach indigenous children.

Based on these pre-Confederation boarding schools, the government sought partnerships with representatives of the Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, and other churches to operate the schools and to carry out this mission for the state. Religious instruction and discipline became the primary tool to “civilize” indigenous people and prepare them for life as mainstream European-Canadians.

To achieve this goal, Prime Minister Macdonald authorized the creation of new residential schools and granted federal funds for those that were already in place. Macdonald, like others in the government administration, was very clear about the need to break the connection between the students and their communities: “When the school is on the reserve, the child lives with his parents who are savages; he is surrounded by savages, and though he may learn to read and write, his habits and training and mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write.”

From 1883 onward, the federal government sought a system to enroll indigenous children in schools. Day schools and industrial schools were to serve alongside the residential schools to meet this growing challenge. James R. Miller, an important historian of the residential schools, estimates that a great number of indigenous students, in fact, studied in day schools, although the residential schools left the most painful marks on indigenous communities.





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.





The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Special Petition for 2020

XI. For the afflicted, in time of pandemic

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
 only support of our human weakness,
 look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition
 of your children who suffer because of this pandemic;
 relieve the pain of the sick,
 give strength to those who care for them,
 welcome into your peace those who have died and,
 throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may
 all find comfort in your merciful love.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Prayer during Adoration

For personal use, before the Blessed Sacrament.

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are really here in this Sacrament. Night and day You remain here compassionate and loving. You call, You wait for, You welcome everyone who comes to visit You. I thank You, Jesus my Divine Redeemer for coming upon the earth for our sake and for instituting the Adorable Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in order to remain with us until the end of the world. I thank You for hiding beneath the Eucharistic species Your infinite majesty and beauty, which Your Angels delight to behold, so that I might have courage to approach the throne of Your mercy.

I thank You dear Jesus, for having become the priceless Victim, to merit for me the fullness of heavenly favors.

Awaken in me such confidence in You that their fullness may descend ever more fruitfully upon my soul.

I thank You for offering Yourself in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits, spiritual and temporal which He has bestowed on me. Grant me grace and perseverance in your faithful service. Amen.



The Pope's Good Friday Stations

Each year, Pope Francis tasks a different person or group with writing meditations for his Stations of the Cross liturgy on Good Friday evening. After the 2019 Stations, the Pope asked the chaplaincy of the “Due Palazzi” prison in Padua, Italy, to compose the prayers for 2020. Authors include prisoners, family members of prisoners, a catechist, a civil magistrate, volunteers and a Priest who was falsely accused and later exonerated and acquitted. Each meditation offers a personal story recounting resentment, anger, guilt, despair and regret, as well as hope, faith and mercy.

One prisoner condemned alongside his father to a life sentence said that to date, “The harshest condemnation remains that of my own conscience: at night I open my eyes and I desperately search for a light that will shine upon my story.”

A prisoner charged with murder wrote about Jesus's First Fall while carrying the cross, saying when he fell and took someone's life, “for me that fall was death.” Recalling an unhappy childhood that led him to anger and resentment, the prisoner said he didn't realize that “evil was slowly growing inside me.”

Two parents whose daughter was murdered spoke of the living hell they have experienced since their daughter's death, which not even justice has cured. However, when despair seems to take over “the Lord in different ways comes to meet us,” they said, adding that “The Gospel commandment to perform acts of charity is for us a kind of salvation: we do not want to give in to evil. God's love is truly capable of renewing life because, before us, his Son Jesus underwent human suffering so as to experience true compassion.”



Above: Pope Francis prostrates in front of the Altar at the beginning of the Good Friday Liturgy, St. Peter Basilica.

Below, and Right: Pope Francis leads the evening Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, St. Peter Square.



