



Parish Week

Palm Sunday,
28 March 2021

Saturday, 27 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Virginia Tabat)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Sidney Lee (Jenny)

SUNDAY, 28 MAR. / PALM SUNDAY: HOLY WEEK BEGINS

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Scarano (Grande family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Maria Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te (Emilio Go & family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 29 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Theo Secco (Sandra & Louis Gomes-Pereira)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)

Tuesday, 30 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Xavier Johnpulle (Emil & Mary Tisseverasinghe)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Good Health of Parents (Joseph & family)

Wednesday, 31 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Persecuted Christians around the world (The Serpes family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday of Therese Joseph (Sandra & Louis Gomes-Pereira)

HOLY THURSDAY, 1 Apr.

- 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper † The unborn (Audrey Caza)
- 8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (to midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY, 2 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, 3 Apr.

- 7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo) † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Pushpa Christy) - *RCIA Initiation into Church*

EASTER SUNDAY, 4 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

■ Homilist: Elias Chachati

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

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cynthia Ibanez (Jocelyn)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)
- 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

Fr. Donald MacLean

The 100 victims of the military base explosion in Equatorial Guinea



Holy Week Collections

28 March: Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 28 Mar., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

2 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.

4 April: Offertory and Easter

On 4 April, the first collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The second collection is for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

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- 5 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 11 Apr. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 17 Apr. **World Day of Prayer** (1.00 pm)
- 18 Apr. **ShareLife** Sunday
- 19 Apr. **Joyce Durban**: birthday (1927)
- 21 Apr. **Queen Elizabeth II**: birthday (1926)
- 23 Apr. Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
- 24 Apr. Wedding: Churchill – Dhanasekar (1:00 pm)
- 25 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**; - St. Vincent de Paul *Bundle Sunday*
- 3 May Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 9 May Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 16 May 2nd Collection: **Popes Pastoral Works**
- 22 May Wedding: Zupansky – Vase (11:00 am); Bevilacqua – Keats (1:00 pm)
- 30 May 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 10 June **Prince Philip**: birthday (1921)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

During the current pandemic zone management, we are celebrating our Masses according to the usual schedule. There is a 15% capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask.

ShareLife 2021

Living the Gospel by supporting mental health care in our community.



In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of *ShareLife*.

Last year, generous *ShareLife* supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$41,000.00. Please give generously.

As we undertake our 2021 Parish Campaign, we thank you for your faithful support!

18 April 2021, is *ShareLife* Sunday.
Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

Sacramental Preparation *Ready to move forward*

All families of the Candidates for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation have been eagerly waiting for news as to how the preparation process would proceed.

The modification in Church capacity that was made on 15 March has made it possible for us to resume plans to celebrate these extremely important events in the lives of our Youth.

1st Communion *and* Confirmation

The celebrations of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week in 2020, are now being rescheduled in the near future. The families of Candidates in our schools who have prepared to receive these Sacraments will be given information so that they can prepare properly. Keep referring to this website bulletin for more details.

Here is a first chart for the 1st Communion schedule:

The *St. Maria Goretti School* 1st Communions will be held:

Wednesday	7 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	8 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	10 April	2.30 pm
Sunday	11 April	2.30 pm
Wednesday	14 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	15 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	17 April	2.30 pm



The assignments will be similar to the lists that had been prepared for the 1st Communion Masses planned for November and December 2020. As soon as this proposed schedule can be confirmed, it will be distributed to the families along with any necessary planning reminders.

The *Saturday* 1st Communion Class will resume shortly.

The *RCIC Youth* will have the next meeting at 10 am on 10 April.

Holy Week Notes

Passion Sunday: *Holy Week begins, 28 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, 30 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, 1 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: *2 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, 3 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: *4 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.

Easter Flowers

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



Stewardship 2020 Receipts, 2021 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2020 are in the Vestibule, as well as the *2021 Sunday Offertory Envelopes*. They may be picked up during Church opening hours.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

We hope and pray that all Parishioners are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let us know if the Parish can help you during these difficult times.

Our Parish relies on the support of our Parishioners to function. Without the weekly offertory collection during this COVID 19 crisis, the Archdiocese has ways that we can continue our support.

→ P.A.G. You can contribute through Pre-Authorized Giving.

All that is required is that you complete a *Letter of Authorization* at the Parish Office, and bring one *voided cheque*. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Remembering the Parish in your Will

Your parish has been there for you and your family during the most important moments of your lives. Make sure your Catholic community is active and alive for years to come.

Please consider your Parish in your *will* or through a *planned gift*. A Bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue to serve future families with its many ministries.

For more details, please call the Parish Office at 416-261-0076 and ask for the Pastor, **Fr. Edwin**; or contact **Peter Okonski**, Manager of Planned Giving and Personal Gifts, at 416 934 3400, ext. 519; or by email at development@archtoronto.org. All calls are confidential.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.A. process, who preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation; as well as the youth in our parish R.C.I.C. process.

Pray that God will bless the Candidates who celebrated the **Rite of Enrollment of Names**, and the makeup **Rite of Election** at 1.30 pm on 27 March.

The RCIA meets regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 10 April.

Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family, Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*, Sancta Maria House

Young Parents

Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon, Vita Centre

Seniors

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and

snarcs of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Special Protocols for Holy Week

Last year, a Decree entitled “In time of Covid-19,” was issued by the CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS on 25 March 2020. The new document updated an earlier decree, issued 19 March 2020. It contained responses to questions it had received regarding the celebration of the Easter Liturgy. Both Decrees are issued “by mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, for the year 2020 only.”

Since numerous countries have banned public Church services due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Vatican has specified what will happen in parishes throughout the world during Holy Week this year.

Since “the date of Easter cannot be transferred,” explained **Cardinal Robert Sarah**, “in the countries which have been struck by the disease and where restrictions around the assembly and movement of people have been imposed, Bishops and Priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people and in a suitable place, avoiding concelebration, and omitting the sign of peace.”

For Palm Sunday, the Decree states that the liturgy “is to be celebrated within sacred buildings.” Normally, a procession takes place before Mass, which involves all faithful attending Mass.

The Chrism Mass, which is celebrated by each diocesan Bishop on the morning of Holy Thursday, may be moved this year.

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday will not end with a procession. The Blessed Sacrament, which would otherwise be moved to a different place, “is to be kept in the Tabernacle.”

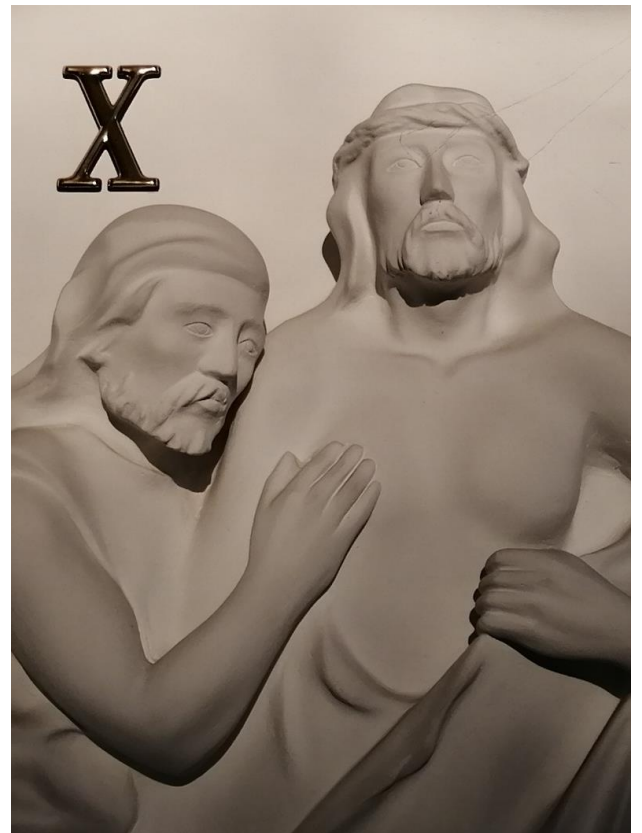
The ceremonial washing of the feet is to be omitted.”

Normally, no private Masses may be said during the *Triduum*, the last three days preceding Easter. This year, “the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place on Holy Thursday, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all Priests.”

On Good Friday, a part of the liturgy is the *universal prayer*, where the Priest prays for certain intentions. This year, “Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick and the dead.” The Veneration of the Cross “shall be limited solely to the celebrant.”

The Easter Vigil, celebrating Christ’s resurrection, is to be celebrated “only in Cathedral and parish churches.” The Liturgy of Baptism, a major part of the Vigil, is to be reduced to only the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Many of these procedures have been used in preparing the special directions for **Holy Week 2021**.



We adore you,
O Christ, and
we praise you;
Because by your
Holy Cross,
You have
redeemed
the World

