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Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
 or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Palm Sunday

Today the crowds exalt Jesus, but very soon they will turn against Him. Yet He will patiently persevere suffering grave inequity, in the name of love for all humanity and bear our sins. His victory over death is near.



Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday (March 28)

- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
(adoration until 10:30pm)

Good Friday (March 29)

- ❖ Veneration of the Cross: 11am/1pm/3pm
(Gospel to be sung at the 3pm service)
- ❖ Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday (March 30)

- ❖ Blessing of the Easter baskets: 12 noon
- ❖ Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday (March 31)

- ❖ 8:30am
- ❖ 10:15am
- ❖ 12:00 pm

No 7pm



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 25 MARCH

9:00 AM + TOMA CAETANO RODRIGUES

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES
+ BENCY, SHIRAN & THEODORE PEIRIS

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH

8:30 AM + MARIYANAYGAM
+ ANA ROSALYN RODRIGUES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH (HOLY THURSDAY)

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
7:30 PM ALL DECEASED & LIVING PRIESTS

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH (GOOD FRIDAY)

11:00 AM VENERATION OF THE CROSS
1:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH (HOLY SATURDAY)

9:00 AM **NO MASS**
5:00 PM **NO MASS**
8:30 PM (EASTER VIGIL)
FOR OUR CATECHUMEN

SUNDAY, 31 MARCH (EASTER SUNDAY)

8:30 AM S.I. JULIET LOWING
+ STAN KRUPICZ
+ JOHN & JANET SOARES
10:15 AM + BERNARD ROSARIO
+ HERMINIGILDO & ISABEL ESTERON
+ JATE DE CASTRO
12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

CHRISM MASS

Please note on **Tuesday March 26th** our morning Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am**. The Chrism Mass will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, in Toronto at 11 am.



GOOD FRIDAY

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of the year.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 28 - NO 9 AM Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:30pm**.
Adoration until **10:30pm**

Good Friday – March 29 - NO 9 AM Mass

11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.

Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.

PARKING: At the CLC for the 1pm & 3pm services only.

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Holy Saturday – March 30 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

Easter Vigil at **8:30 PM** (no confession)

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses **8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass**

PARKING: At the CLC for the 12pm Mass only.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. **We will have a blessing of the Easter baskets on Saturday 30 March at 12:00oon.**



Prayer for Good Friday

O Jesus, on this day we remember your death, the day your light went out from this earth. We sit in the darkness today, remembering the trials you faced on our behalf. You have borne our sin and made the ultimate sacrifice to save us. Today, as we recall your final hours, we consider a world without you and hold onto the hope we know we have in you. Lord, commit my heart ever closer to you, because I don't want to live in a Good Friday world without you. I want you and your light in my life. I believe in you and want to follow you all the days of my life, even knowing the road ahead will be difficult. Come, Lord Jesus, come and fill this world with your light. Amen.



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SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY

Calling all Spring Cleaners! The St. Vincent de Paul society will be collecting gently used clothing and linens on the weekend of April 6/7. You can drop off your items at the truck that will be located in the east parking lot. Please note they are not accepting any appliances, furniture, mattresses or dishes.



The next Life Teen night is scheduled for April 6th at 7 pm and Edge is on April 12th at 7:30 pm. Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school leadership camp is now open. To register for either camp please visit edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com

We invite all parishioners to consider donating to the different initiatives run by our Youth Ministry. Envelopes can be found in the foyer and can be dropped into the collection basket during Mass the following weekend. We thank you for your generosity and for participating in the action of almsgiving during this season of Lent.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our housekeeper/cook, Dianne Bloise, will be retiring this year. We will miss her greatly. The position is 3 days per week. If you are interested in the position of housekeeper/cook, please email Father Joe directly at sfdspastor@gmail.com or drop off your resume at the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray that everyone has had a prayerful Lenten journey and we look forward to seeing all the children throughout Holy Week. We will continue with the First Communion preparation classes beginning in April for our six parish schools and the children attending the RCIC classes. We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire. Please see below for the guidelines:

Boys -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants

-preferably in a suit but not necessary -First Communion arm bands are allowed

Girls -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face

For both boys and girls: no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass

We look forward to seeing the children at Mass as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

CONFIRMATION

It was so beautiful to see our Confirmandi during our reconciliation night at the parish. There are no classes next week due to the Easter weekend. **Classes will resume on April 7/8.** Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; attendance is mandatory. **Confirmation candidates are expected to wear their Sunday best. Please keep in mind that they will be wearing gowns.** Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, please **DO NOT** use the accessible parking unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. We wish all of our families a Blessed and Happy Easter. God Bless!

| School Group | Confirmation Rehearsal Date | Confirmation Mass Date |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| St. Josephine Bakhita | Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm | Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm |
| St. Jude | Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm | Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm |
| St. Catherine of Siena | Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm | Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm |
| St. André Bessette/Virtual | Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm | Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm |
| Public/Private | Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm | Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm |
| St. Patrick | Saturday, April 20 at 10am | Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm |
| St. Francis de Sales | Saturday, April 20 at 10am | Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm |
| Other Catholic | Saturday, April 20 at 10am | Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm |



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