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Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025

Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

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 | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Blessed is He
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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PALM SUNDAY

A Prophecy Fulfilled

The Coming Ruler of God's People

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9: 9-10



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 14 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JOAN SUBIN
S.I. MIKAELA PASAJOL
+ CARMEN MACAPAZ

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL

8:00 AM S.I. ANTON ORMAECHEA
+ M.V. XAVIER
+ DEMOCRETO & JULIANA PASAJOL

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. TINU TALABI
+ MARCELINO CATRE
+ EDWIN & GRACE CORDEIRO

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL *Holy Thursday*

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

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL *Good Friday*

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

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL *Holy Saturday*

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
8:30 AM FOR ALL CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 20 APRIL *Easter Sunday*

8:30 AM + NANCY WALSH KELLY
+ REV MELITO DIAS
+ REV J. BOLGER
10:15 AM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ SALEEM & ELVENA KHAN
+ SIMON D'CRUZ & BERNARD ROSARIO
12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
+ RICHARD DORIS & MARILYN MCKEE
+ NESTOR CALDERON
7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

CHRISM MASS

Please note on **Tuesday April 15th** our morning Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am**. 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 – April 17 - NO 9 AM Mass

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

Adoration until **10:30pm**

Good Friday – April 18 - 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 – April 19 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

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

Easter Sunday – April 20

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 April 19th 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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Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday April 23**. We will begin with **Mass at 11:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. Please join us for some faith and fellowship. **If you are planning to attend, please contact: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at mellen.stinson@gmail.com. In case of inclement weather, please call Mary Ellen or the parish office.**

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



IMPORTANT NOTICE **CHANGE TO MASS INTENTIONS**

After the pastoral visit of Bishop Vincent Nguyen to our parish from 28 February to 2 March 2025, it was discovered that the parish does not have permission to have 3 intentions per Mass. This custom of having three intentions per Mass was started by the previous pastor Fr. Joseph Grima. The Church only allows two days a week to have multiple intentions. We will have as much as twenty intentions for Wednesday and Friday Masses. For the remaining days, we will only have one intention per Mass time. We will start this as of 1 May 2025. If you've already booked an intention, we will honour those intentions.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're looking forward to seeing the children soon, as we continue with the First Communion preparation classes beginning in April. **The RCIC classes will also resume in April.** 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 beautiful to see all of our confirmandi and their sponsors at the Lenten Reconciliation Night. Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; **attendance is mandatory for both the students and parents. It is preferred that the sponsor is present if available.** For the classes, please remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our Confirmandi. Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you have an accessibility permit and are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. God Bless.

School	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date
St. Josephine Bakhita	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. Jude	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm
St. André Bessette	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm
St. Patrick	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm
Other Catholic	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.


May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus


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