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Palm Sunday

March 29th, 2026

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 - 4:00 pm (church open until 5pm)
 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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 30 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. HANNAH MARIAM XAVIER

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH

7:00 PM S.I. JULIET LOWING

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL

9:00 AM + JOSEPH BALA VANNIASINKAM

+ ANGELINA, DOMINIC & DAD FERNANDES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL *Holy Thursday*

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

7:30PM FOR ALL PRIESTS, LIVING AND DECEASED

FRIDAY, 3 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, 4 APRIL *Holy Saturday*

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

8:30 PM FOR ALL CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS

SUNDAY, 5 APRIL *Easter Sunday*

8:30 AM + JOSE & JUSTIN MOURA AND FAMILY

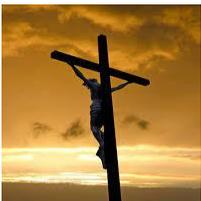
10:15 AM + TERESA SOLOMON & PETER DESOUSA

12:00 PM + CONSTANCE AND GRACE VAZ

7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

CHRISM MASS

Please note on **Tuesday March 31** 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.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

David John Fischer is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto** on **May 23, 2026, at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law Obliges Catholics to reveal any impediments to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor. Congratulations David!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 2 - NO 9 AM Mass

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

Adoration until **10:30pm**

Good Friday – April 3 - NO 9 AM Mass

11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.

Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Holy Saturday – April 4 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

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

Easter Sunday – April 5

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

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 4th at 12:00oon.**



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

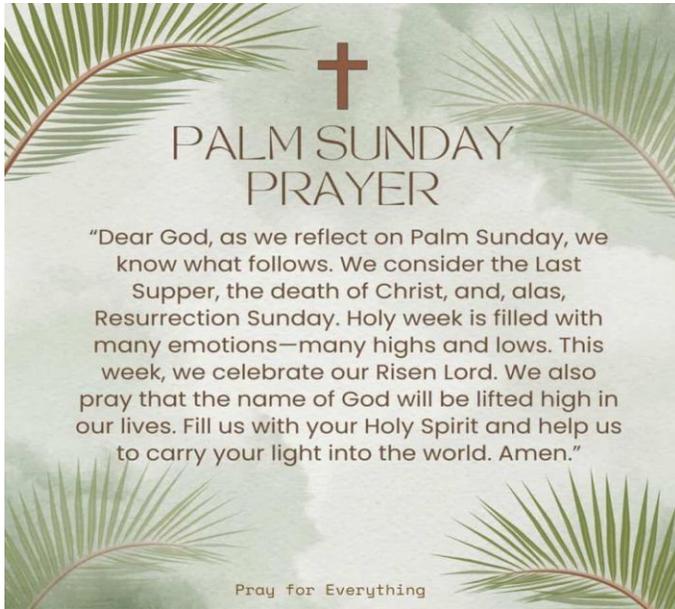


Following the conclusion of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, beginning on 10 January 2026 and concluding on 10 January 2027 to commemorate the 8th centenary of his birth into eternal life (dies natalis). We pray that this will be a time of abounding blessings in which “we are all called to become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the Seraphic Patriarch.” For more information on the Jubilee Year, please see the following:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st-francis/>

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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 dress 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	Tuesday, April 21 at 7pm	Monday, April 27 at 7pm
St. Jude	Monday, April 21 at 7pm	Monday, April 27 at 7pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Monday, April 22 at 7pm	Monday, April 28 at 7pm
Other Catholic	Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm
St. Francis de Sales	Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm
St. André Bessette	Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm	Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm



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