

# Weekly Bulletin

# Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am, 12 noon &

7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office.

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

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#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Today's passion narrative according to Mark bears some most important symbols. These include the palms, the donkey, and the crowd. The Palms represent the royalty of Christ and his peaceful reign. The donkey is a symbol of Christ's humility. Though he is king, he chose to ride on a donkey, a humble animal. This is contrary to what we see today in our world. Our rulers and kings live in affluence, while their people live in poverty. So, Christ demonstrated his humility, through his solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Unfortunately, the sad news is that some of those (the crowd), who hailed Christ with the shout of hosanna, would be the same people to latter demanded: "crucify him" on Good Friday. These episodes simply reflect the reality of life. They also reflect how unfaithful and unpredictable we can be at times in our relationships with God, and others. Today, we are for Christ, tomorrow we are against him. Christ is our friend when we are in difficulty, but our enemy when we are comfortable. It also shows how we relate with one another. Today we are friends, and tomorrow we are arch-enemies.

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### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 7th**



All are welcome to join us for a special celebration Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm Holy Mass at 3:30 pm

### **CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

We are facing difficult times as we all know, let us follow what the Archibshop Francis Leo is calling us to do: the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be done for all Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for us, she is our refuge in times of trouble. We invite you on on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (this year Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>) to come to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

### WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
Andrea Sarracini & Daniel Hamaway

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

The regular collection for the last week was \$7,574.50. We are grateful for your donation to our parish.



#### **MASSES**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

# HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm (English & Italian)
9:30 pm Guided Meditation (1/2 hour)
Followed by adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: March 29th

### **HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th**

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows) 11:00 am Marian Meditation 11:30 am Blessing of Easter Baskets



### **HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th**

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

### **EASTER SUNDAY: March 31st**

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian) / 10:30 am (English) 12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

#### **CHAPEL HOURS**

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

### **SHARELIFE**

### March 17 | April 28 | June 2

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Thus far we have raised \$7,330.00 toward our goal of \$80,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

#### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

In his thirteen Letters, Saint Paul frequently mentions the generosity of the different Christians communities that he set up in favor of the Mother Church: « it is a blessing to assist the faithful of Jerusalem » (2 Cor 8,3-4). The Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is in the keeping of this spirit. Since the Pastoral of Leo XIII dated December 26, 1887, all the popes have prescribed as mandatory, throughout catholicity, the Collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land.

Special marked envelopes are available by the entrance of our church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **SPRING BAKE SALE**

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Spring Bake Sale after all the masses from 07:45 AM TO 12:00 Noon on Sunday April 14, 2024. Funds raised will go to Share Life at Transfiguration & a small percentage to charities supported by the CWL. We ask for donations of Baked Goods (homemade or purchased) to sell. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Hall on Saturday April 13th in the afternoon or Sunday before the Masses. Chances to win a Spring Basket will also be sold. Help us to make this event a success.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia,
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco,
Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C.
Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea,
Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz,
Karen Radeczy, Carla Chiulli, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik,
Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado,
Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Harriet Capalla, Bernice DeGrace

#### **MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE**

**Gesù: destinazione pace** - Gesù è arrivato a destinazione: è entrato a Gerusalemme. Da questo momento in poi quello che succederà lo sappiamo. Hanno cercato di ostacolarlo quando operava il bene, hanno cercato di calunniarlo quando diceva cose giuste, hanno cercato di impedirgli di arrivare a questo punto, ma Dio lo ha guidato fin qui. Eppure, ora credono di metterlo a tacere per sempre ... senza sapere che Dio voleva proprio questo!

Quando un amore è autentico e forte non lo si può tacere. Quando qualcosa è bella non la si dimentica. Con questa macabra morte in croce, Gesù sta parlando un linguaggio universale: "muoio per amore". E muore nel più vergognoso dei modi, non in maniera romantica. È questo che garantisce il ricordo nei secoli di questo gesto: un uomo venuto da lontano che ha parlato e compiuto sempre il bene e viene ucciso in modo ignobile. Un re che non governa e non esprime la sua potenza al modo umano, ma lo fa in un modo del tutto singolare e provocatorio. (don Domenico Bruno)

# MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

**Sunday March 24** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am † Divina, Francesca & Salvatore Muto, † Domenico
Cosentino, † Dante Crispino, † Maria Pia Casoria,

† Giannino & Maria Fantini † Concetta Fata, † Teofilo Conde

7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Florencio Bucu Salvador,

† Francesco Primerano

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday March 25 Monday of Holy Week

9:30 am † Betina Ciraco, † Carmen & Francesca Maietta, † Mary

& Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing

for Anthony Falzon

Tuesday March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week

9:30 am † Marcello Mastrella, † Joseph Cyril, Special Blessing for

Alex Nguyen, Special Intention for Lamberta Abilay

7:00 pm RCIA (Rehearsal)

Wednesday March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

9:30 am † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special

Blessing for Anthony Falzon, † Vincent, Emanuel & Rose

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12:45 pm Stations of the Cross by Transfiguration School

7:00 pm Rehearsal Procession with Fr. Carlos

Thursday March 28 Holy Thursday

7:30 pm Gianluigi Lijoi, A Special Blessing for Albina & Amanda

Lijoi

9:30 pm Guided Meditation (½ Hour)

Friday March 29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Weather Permitting)

1:00 pmItalian Service3:00 pmEnglish Service5:00 pmEnglish Service

7:30 pm Meditation on the Seven Words of Jesus

Church is open until 11:00 pm

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday March 30 Holy Saturday

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

11:00 am Marian Meditation11:30 am Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

<u>Sunday March 31</u> Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish

9:00 am † Giovanni Cortese, † Salvatore, Francesco, Agnese Armocida, † Maria Grazia Cristello, Francesco Giannone,

† Maria Pia Casoria

10:30 am † Girolama Cangemi

12:00 pm

3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Retirement Home

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### **VOCATION SEEDS**

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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