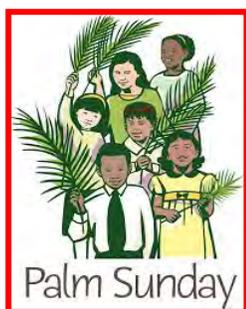




**PALM SUNDAY - B**

Today's liturgy shows us the height and depth of Jesus' life, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his death on the cross a short time later. Only Paul's letter alludes to the victory of Easter and Christ's equality with God; Holy Week holds up to our contemplation the perfect obedience of this man who will die an abject death before being exalted as Lord of all creation. His good works are repaid with ill, much as Isaiah's servant song shows the ministry of God's disciple interrupted by persecution. Both the first reading and the psalm describe prophetically Jesus' suffering, and both conclude with an expression of enduring trust in God's help. According to Matthew and Mark, Jesus prayed this psalm as he hung on the cross. Its cry expresses abandonment, but its ending asserts resolve to continue the work of praise in the assembled community. Every Eucharist associates us with Christ as he offers his sacrifice in our midst and continues his perfect praise of the Father.



**Passion & Palm Sunday- March 29, 2015**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr.

Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Fr. Victor Mallia at 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on these Sundays: **Apr 12, 19, 26**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9.30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. *Thanks.*



**Next Confirmation classes are on ...**



Classes start at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings schedule. These are the up-coming classes: **Apr 11** [retreat], **18, 25**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is also mandatory. *Thanks.*

**MASS OF CHRISM**

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with all the priests of the archdiocese this **Tuesday, March 31**, at St. Michael's Cathedral at **11.00 am**.

The Holy Oils - blessed during this Mass - will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from Easter.



**ShareLife Campaign 2015**  
 Your donations for this campaign are always welcome at any time of the year. Visit [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org), for more information. **The next collection is April 11/12**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

<b>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</b>		<b>Holy Week</b> March 30 - April 05 2015
Mon 30	7:00 pm	James Kan [D]
Tues 31	7:00 pm	Bernardez Family [I] - Thanks
Wed 01	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Thur 02	7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper People of the Parish - Church open till midnight -
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>		Adoration
Fri 03	12:00 N	1st Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>GOOD FRIDAY of the Passion &amp; Death of the Lord</b>		3:00 pm 2nd Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
		7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 04	8:30 am	- Church is open for silent prayers -
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>		8:00 pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sun 05	9:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection</b>		10:30 am Fiorino Family - Deceased
		12:15 pm Vera Wolynsky [D]



**Special Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Church in the Holy Land!**

The collection on Good Friday is done worldwide in the Catholic Church and offered in support of the Holy Land. There are many Christian communities who are suffering persecution in the Holy Land.

Please, use the envelopes that are in your box of donation envelopes or use the ones in the holders at all church entrances. Be generous, please.

**Let us please be generous**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK**

Stations of the Cross are prayed every evening from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week at 6.30 pm before the evening Mass. On **GOOD FRIDAY** the Stations will be prayed at 7.00 pm. During these holy days we are all encouraged to reflect and meditate on Christ's journey of healing, forgiveness, mercy and love.

The DIVINE MERCY Novena begins on Good Friday, April 03. The regular First Friday devotions will this month be omitted.

**KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT**  
 On Saturday April 11 preparing for the Feast of the DIVINE MERCY  
 Fr. Bobby V. Cena is the speaker  
 at St. Brigid's Church - 2.00 to 4.30 pm.  
 For information go to [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com)






**Holy Week**



## Palm Sunday

**Activities – Sun. Mar 29**  
 This Sunday marks the start of **HOLY WEEK**.  
**First Holy Communion** students have a class at 9.30 am, and then they take part with the *Children's Liturgy* group in the Palm Sunday procession at 10.30 am. The **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting is at 2.00 pm.  
**HOLY WEEK: Mon, Tues, Wed.** – Mar 30, 31 + Apr 01  
 Reconciliation/Confessions: 8.00-9.00 am & 5.00-6.00 pm.  
 Stations of the Cross at 6.30 & Mass at 7.00 pm.

April 02 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	8 – 9 am 5:30 – 6:30 pm <b>7:30 pm</b>  9:00 pm - midnight	No morning Mass/ <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Reconciliation/Confession</b> ➤ <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> and Procession to the Altar of Repose ➤ <b>Solemn Adoration</b> at the Altar of Repose [in the Chapel]
April 03 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 am  <b>12:00 noon &amp; 3:00 pm</b> 5:30 – 6:30 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b> ➤ <b>Church is open</b> for Adoration and prayers ➤ <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death</b> Reconciliation/Confession ➤ <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
April 04 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9 – 10 am 6 – 7 pm <b>8:00 pm</b>	Reconciliation/Confession Reconciliation/Confession ➤ <b>Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
April 05 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	<b>Easter Day</b> <b>The Lord is Risen – Alleluia!</b> <i>Sunday Masses</i>
April 06	9:00 am	Easter Monday – Octave Mass

**The Office is closed from Good Friday (April 03) to Easter Monday (April 06) both days inclusive.**




**Feast of the Divine Mercy**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 12, 2015**  
 >> 2.15 pm - The D.M. Chaplet, Adoration & other prayers  
 >> 2.45 pm - Mass and Benediction  
**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

## INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2015

**Novena 1 – Fri April 24 at 6.00 pm**  
 Novena 2 – Mon May 25 at 6.00 pm  
 Novena 3 – Wed June 24 at 5.30 pm



**The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6.00 pm**

## Holy Year – Jubilee of Mercy [1]

*In St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis announced, 13 March 2015, during a scheduled Lenten Penitential Service, the celebration of an "Extraordinary Holy Year."*  
*This "Jubilee of Mercy" will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2015 – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of Vatican Council II – and will conclude on 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King.*



The Jubilee announcement was made on the second anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, during his homily for the penitential liturgy with which he opened the "24 Hours for the Lord". This initiative, proposed by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, promotes throughout the world the opening of churches for an extended period of time for the purpose of inviting people to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The theme for this year has been taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, "God rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

The opening of this next Jubilee will take place on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, which is 8 December 2015. This act impels the Church to continue the work begun at Council Vatican II.

During the Jubilee, the Sunday readings for Ordinary Time will be taken from the Gospel of Luke, the one referred to as "the evangelist of mercy". Dante Alighieri describes him as "*scriba mansuetudinis Christi*" (narrator of the meekness of Christ). There are many well-known parables of mercy presented in the Gospel of Luke: the lost sheep, the lost coin, the merciful father.

The official and solemn announcement of the Holy Year will take place with the public proclamation of the *Bolla* in front of the Holy Door on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast instituted by Saint John Paul II and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, the Jubilee Year, which was celebrated every 50 years, was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. In addition, the Jubilee Year was a reminder to the rich that a time would come when their Israelite slaves would once again become their equals and would be able to reclaim their rights. "Justice, according to the Law of Israel, consisted above all in the protection of the weak" (St. John Paul II, *Tertio millennio adveniente* 13).

... to be continued

