



Passion & Palm Sunday – A



On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun set at midday and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight (Amos 8.9).

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon (Matthew 27.45).

In Matthew's gospel, events in the life of Jesus are often interpreted with direct reference to the Old Testament.

The prophet Amos had described noonday darkness falling on God's great day-of-judgment. Temple observances would cease and those who "trample the needy" would be called to account. However paradoxical, it is the evangelist's faith conviction that judgment day had come with the passion and death of Jesus.

In a sense this is Jesus' darkest hour; in another sense it is his brightest. Jesus stands before the chief priests and Pilate who think that they are passing judgment on him. Instead his luminous presence overshadows them, and it is he who passes judgment on them and on the values and institutions they represent. Shining in the midst of darkness, the crucified Jesus continues to challenge those who "look but do not see" as he affirms and "blesses those with eyes to see what prophets longed to see" (Matthew 13). The liturgy of Passion Sunday invites us to confidently reaffirm with the whole Church: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish!

Passion & Palm Sunday – April 09, 2017

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Apr 09, 30**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. **Thanks.**



Confirmation classes are on ...



Classes start at 2:30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Up-coming classes: **Apr 29** [Retreat]. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is mandatory. **Thanks.**

BUNDLE UP ... this weekend!

We accept Winter Coats, Boots, Children's Wear, Baby Clothes, Ladies' Wear, Men's Clothing, Toys, Bedding, Shoes, Drapes, Accessories, Household goods.

NO mattresses or appliances accepted!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is parked in front of the Rectory in the parking lot this weekend of **April 8/9**

Please leave bundles in trailer outside the rectory

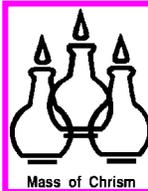
Thank you in advance

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		Holy Week April 10 - 16 2017
Mon 10	7:00 pm	Lorna Henry [D]
Tues 11	7:00 pm	Cecile Dumas [I]
Wed 12	7:00 pm	Segunda Jo [D]
Thur 13 HOLY THURSDAY	7:30 pm Adoration	Mass of the Last Supper People of the Parish - Church open till midnight -
Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY of the Passion & Death of the Lord	12:00 N	1st Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
	3:00 pm	2nd Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 15 EASTER VIGIL	8:30 am	- Church is open for silent prayers -
	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sun 16 Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Rita Goodall [D]
	12:15 pm	Antonio Reda [D]

This is ... PALM SUNDAY

Please note the change in Mass times for this Sunday only:
[Sat.] 4:30 pm [Sun.] 8:30 am + 10:30 am + 12:30 pm

MASS OF CHRISM



Mass of Chrism

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with priests of the archdiocese on Tuesday, April 11 at 11:00 am at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

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 the Easter Vigil.

Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.

ShareLife Campaign 2017

Thank you all for your offerings in our first collection in the **2017 ShareLife Campaign** last weekend. The **next collection** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend – **May 06/07**. But donations in this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.



Visit www.sharelife.org for more information

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. Many Christian communities are suffering persecution in the Holy Land. Please, use envelopes from your box of donation envelopes or use those available at all church entrances. **Thanks.**

>>>>>> Please be generous <<<<<<



PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, Apr 09
 This Sunday marks the start of **HOLY WEEK**. *First 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 and Mass at 10:30 am. The *Lord's Flock* prayer meeting is at 2:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK: Mon, Tues, Wed. – Mar 21, 22 + 23
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 13 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	8 – 9 am 5:30 – 6:30 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm - midnight	<i>No morning Mass/ Reconciliation Reconciliation/Confession</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession to the Altar of Repose ➤ Solemn Adoration at the Altar of Repose [in the Chapel]
April 14 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:30 am 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Day of Fasting and Abstinence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Church is open for Adoration and prayers ➤ Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death ➤ Stations of the Cross
April 15 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9 – 10 am 6 – 7 pm 8:00 pm	Reconciliation/Confession Reconciliation/Confession <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 16 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	Easter Day The Lord is Risen – Alleluia! <i>Sunday Masses</i>
April 17	9:00 am	Easter Monday – Octave Mass

The Office is closed from Good Friday (April 14) to Easter Monday (April 17) both days inclusive.



Feast of the Divine Mercy
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 23, 2017
 >> 1.45 pm – The D.M. Chaplet, Adoration & other prayers
 >> 2.15 pm – Mass and Benediction

Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Holy Land
 The mission of the 'Commissariat of the Holy Land' is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada.
 As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual **Good Friday Collection** helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.
 For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others and pilgrims of peace!
Do support those that live this challenge on our behalf.



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, forgive-ness, mercy and love.

The novena for the feast of the DIVINE MERCY begins on *Good Friday*, April 14. **Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23.**

The **feast of THE DIVINE MERCY** in our church starts at 1:45 pm, including the DM chaplet, adoration, Mass and Benediction.



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you



Lucia dos Santos - 5

In the second apparition, that of June 13, Lucia asked the Lady, "Will you take us to heaven?" The Virgin responded,

Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.

That mission came to an end on February 13, 2005, when after weeks of weakness Sr. Maria Lucia succumbed to the infirmities of old age. Her funeral Mass at the cathedral of Coimbra was presided over by the city's bishop, Most Reverend Antonio Cleto. She was laid to rest at the convent where she spent so many years. A year later, her remains were exhumed and transported to the Cova, and later buried in the Fátima Basilica where Francisco and Jacinta are entombed.



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

SCOUTS CANADA – 246th Toronto Scout Group



On Sunday, April 23 – St. George's Day, Patron Saint for Scouts throughout the world – the 246th Toronto Scout Group will celebrate their special anniversary during the 12:15 pm Mass in our church. A celebratory letter and scroll will be presented to the parish in recognition to the parish's ongoing service as Group Sponsor. The Group is non-denominational and everyone is encouraged to welcome our youth members and Scouters alike.

Congratulations Scouts Canada

INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2017

Novena 1 – Wed April 26 at 5:30 pm

Novena 2 – Wed May 24 at 5:30 pm

Novena 3 – Wed June 21 at 5:30 pm

The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6.00 pm

