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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday during Mass

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM

Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8132
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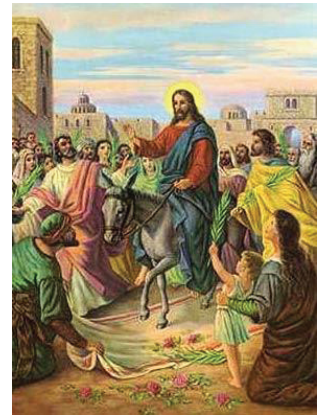
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St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
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PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD April 2nd, 2023

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9). Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured by Christ's cross and resurrection. Saint Augustine comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4). Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?



THE TRADITION OF COVERING OF CROSSES, STATUES AND SACRED IMAGES

The Roman Missal states that the practice of covering crosses, statues and sacred images with purple cloth throughout the church takes place before the first mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This action signifies the beginning of *Passiontide*, or the last two weeks of Lent. As the Church prepares to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death, the signs of resurrection are veiled. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, while other holy images remain covered until just before the beginning of the Easter Vigil. When we see the purple coverings, we are immediately alerted to the fact that we are at a point in the liturgical year which is unique and of special importance. The purple veils also produce a heightened sense of anticipation that Easter is approaching, when the coverings will be removed to reveal beautiful images beneath them.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH BLESSED PALMS RECEIVED ON PASSION SUNDAY?

The blessed palms are to be taken home and displayed by being placed behind a crucifix or other sacred image until the next Palm Sunday. In a year, the palms may be buried in the ground or burned, with the ashes

subsequently being buried in the ground. Alternatively, the blessed palms may be returned to the church so the priest can dispose of them appropriately. The palms blessed this year may be burned and used as ashes for Ash Wednesday the following year.



MASS OF CHRISM – During Holy Week (Tuesday, in the Archdiocese of Toronto), the Archbishop blesses the three holy oils of the Church during a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral. These oils include: the **Oil of the Sick** (used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick), the **Oil of Catechumens** (used in a rite of preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism) and the **Oil of Sacred Chrism** (used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders). These oils are often stored in glass flasks enclosed in a special cupboard called an "ambry."

THE SACRED TRIDUUM refers to the three days of Holy Week immediately preceding Easter Sunday. During the Triduum, the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, which begins at sundown on Holy Saturday. The tabernacle is empty before the Mass begins on Holy Thursday and stays empty on Good Friday and Holy Saturday until the distribution of Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – For Catholics in Canada, Good Friday (and Ash Wednesday) are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, while the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, but every person regardless of age can participate in fasting and abstaining if they wish. "The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening" (Letters & Legislation, Archdiocese of Toronto).



<p><u>MONDAY, APRIL 3 – 7:00 P.M.</u> Mass Intention Available</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, APRIL 4 – 8:30 AM</u> Mass Intention Available</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - 7:00 P.M.</u> +Alfonso Frasson</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, APRIL 6 – 7:30 P.M.</u> S.I For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate</p> <p><u>FRIDAY, APRIL 7 – 12:00 & 3:00 P.M.</u> GOOD FRIDAY NO MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p><u>SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - 7:30 P.M.</u> +Purissima Melchiorre</p> <p><u>SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY</u> S.I. Parish Community</p>

BRIDGE CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Meetings will be **CANCELLED** on the following dates:

April 3, 2023
April 10, 2023

We thank you for your understanding.

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00pm
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 8:30am
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 6
No 8:30am MASS

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 12:00am midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 7
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
12:00pm and 3:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 8

10:00am – Blessing of Easter baskets
(Outside the parish office near statue of St. Francis)
10:30am – RCIA rehearsal (church)
No 4:00pm Confessions
No 5:00pm Mass
7:30pm – EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule:
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

EASTER MONDAY – APRIL 10

9:40am Rosary
10:00am Mass
No 7:00pm Mass

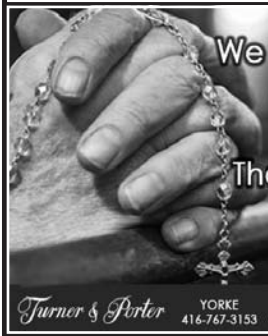


SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Calling children from grades 1 to 6 to join the Parish DAY Camp program, from **August 13th to 18th**, 2023. Held at St. Francis of Assisi parish from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Youth from grades 7 to 12 are welcome to join the Parish EVENING camp program on the same week from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Visit our [parish website](#) for details and online registration form. For additional info, kindly contact Ms. Arlene at 905.822.8132 x 6 or by email: amorgan@archtoronto.org

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