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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

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PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10, 2022 - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion and imitate those who met Him, then by doing all we can to live as He would wish. Blessing and distribution of palms.



What a remarkable day this is. Traditionally, we look at the Lord's Supper as the point where Jesus clarified His desire to be with us forever. "Do this in memory of Me." We carry on that presence through the sacraments of The Eucharist and The Priesthood.



HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7:00 P.M.

Jesus has gone now to pray. "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and stay awake. Watch one hour with me."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in the Church until Midnight



A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

It's been a long night. Consider the excruciating pain of His torment, of the crown of thorns, the weight of carrying the cross, the agony of being nailed to that cross, and the anguish of being left there to die.

LITURGICAL RITE OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH - 3:00 P.M.



A sense of community happens when national figures die in our society. How much more should this happen today since Jesus died expressly for the promise of bringing us together - with the Father and with each other.

There is no 4:30 Mass today. Our altar remains stripped bare. The Lord is in the tomb. This is our last chance to ready ourselves to welcome the Lord.



His sacred promise will be kept as we celebrate the solemn Easter Vigil.

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL - 7:00 PM.

Consisting of four parts:
The Blessing of the New Fire;
The Lighting of the Pascal Candle;
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the First Mass of Easter.



MASSES
Celebration Times
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Because the readings for the Triduum, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday all need to be reviewed, we suggest you consult your missal for study purposes.



The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday concluding on the Feast day on Sunday April 28. The message of Divine Mercy is a powerful and moving way to come closer to God.

CONFESSION TIMES



Mark your Calendar APRIL 13
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

HE WORD THIS WEEK



*“Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord”*

Palm Sunday, the day a whole city threw a parade for Jesus and threw Palm branches in anticipation of his coming – thus we get our word Palm

Sunday. This day marked a time of celebration where Jesus was the worshipped and praised. This day is bittersweet for us because even as we read of the celebration we know that Friday is coming – the Cross is coming. We know that many in this same crowd will within a few short days exchange words of praise to words of death. Shouting Hosanna, Hosanna and then later shouting Crucify Him, Crucify Him. Why the change? Well there are many possible reasons, but one simple reason is that their words did not match their heart. They possessed a casual not a committed faith. They had religion but they missed the person Jesus. So how can we have a committed faith? How can we be real and sincere? A committed faith is not self centered it is Christ-Centered. This sounds obvious, but we often miss it. We tend to fit God in or turn to God only when it is convenient or useful.

Who will we be more like during this high and Holy Week— like the pilgrims, like Peter who said he would never deny or desert Jesus, said he was prepared to die for or with him, or like Mary Magdalene, last at the cross, first at the tomb, and first to see the risen Jesus? Let us this Holy Week, take stock of what is important and that we would indeed become like what we admire— Jesus, the Prince of Peace. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers’ said Jesus, ‘for they are the ones who will one day be called the true children of God’.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.



Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Tues. 8:30 am - Isabella Oliveira †

Wed. 8:30 am - Amelia Lee †

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by June 30, 2022. For further information, please contact Good Shepherd Parish office at 905-881-1534.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Italian Cuisine Night

Monday April 25

Ladies join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by an excellent Italian meal featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea and Coffee all for the bargain price of \$15.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses the next two weekends. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. Please note that only thirty (30) tickets will be sold.



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