

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 – HOLY WEEK – APRIL 2, 2023



April 4th – April 5th

Tues. 8:30 am – Sheila Hands †

Wed. 8:30 am – Helen D’Souza Sp. Int.

READINGS FOR – April 2nd

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18++



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



April 1st

4:30 p.m.

April 2nd

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on April 7.



Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by Sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND APRIL 7 COLLECTION

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church’s holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. The collection will be taken on Good Friday. Those who are unable to attend or prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us. We thank you for giving generously and showing your solidarity with a Church in need.

**MASS
7:00 P.M.**



Mass of Our Lord’s Supper and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.



**GOOD FRIDAY
LITURGICAL RITE OF THE LORD’S PASSION AND DEATH
3:00 P.M.**

**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.

There is no 4:30 Mass today.



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

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Apr. 8 & 9). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) to pick up pans. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



Next weekend (April 8 & 9) the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.

APRIL 15 AND 16

The Knights of Columbus invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



Bundle Up for

Saint Vincent de Paul!

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a drive on May 20th & 21st. Please save any gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. More information to follow.



**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
GOOD FRIDAY AND
EASTER MONDAY**

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example, we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.





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