



Weekly Bulletin

Celebrating 65 Years of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Over the past 65 years, countless individuals - both clergy and laypeople, have selflessly shared their time, talents, and resources to help make Transfiguration of Our Lord Church a vibrant place of worship, where we come together to give thanks to God for all the blessings we've received. Let us carry on this legacy by continuing to glorify God and praying for the salvation of souls.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am, 12 noon &

7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

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"Please remember us in your will"

PALM SUNDAY (YEAR A)

What is the meaning of our procession on Palm Sunday? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and what he actually did. He was making his way toward the heights of the Cross, toward the moment of total self-giving love. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the very heights of God; and to those heights he desired to lift every human being. Our procession, then, is meant to be an image of something deeper. It reflects the truth that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God. <https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/benedict-xvi-palm-sunday-year-a>

DOMENICA DELLE PALME (ANNO A)

Qual è il significato della nostra processione nella Domenica delle Palme? Per rispondere a questa domanda, dobbiamo anzitutto chiarire ciò che Gesù stesso desiderava fare e ciò che effettivamente fece. Egli stava avanzando verso le altezze della Croce, verso il momento del dono totale di sé nell'amore. La meta ultima del suo pellegrinaggio erano le altezze stesse di Dio; ed è a quelle altezze che egli desiderava innalzare ogni essere umano. La nostra processione, dunque, vuole essere l'immagine di una realtà più profonda. Essa riflette il fatto che, insieme a Gesù, ci mettiamo in cammino in un pellegrinaggio lungo la via alta che conduce al Dio vivente.

MARY AND PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with the great imagery of palms and olive branches, which were symbolic for victory and triumphant in the ancient world. We now see the New Davidic King, Jesus Christ, enter to the words – “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our Father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mk 11:9-10; cf. Ps 118:26). As we begin this week of suffering with Our Lord, we should remember the one person who was there with him, most united with him, and always prepared to lead us closer to him, yes, even into his suffering—the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Mater Dolorosa, the Sorrowful Mother, Mary leads us into a more complete union with Jesus, not only during the joyful and blessed times of our lives, but also during the times of suffering and pain. <https://tomperna.org/2018/03/26/mondays-with-mary-holy-week-with-the-mater-dolorosa>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 12th

Join us for a special celebration in our parish.

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 pm - Holy Mass

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Good Friday collection “Needs of the Holy Land” is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus. Special Marked envelopes are available at all entrances of our church.



HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 30th to Wednesday, April 1st

9:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY: April 2nd

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

9:30 pm Guided Meditation
(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: April 3rd

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Weather Permitting)

1:00 pm (Italian) / 3:00 pm (English) / 5:00 pm (English)

7:30 pm Passion Play

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: April 4th

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

11:00 am Marian Meditation

11:30 am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian) / 10:30 am (English)

12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 6th at 10:00 am

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Tony Elia Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams, Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Ines, Nevaeh, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Ivy D’Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert, Margaret Ramjattan, Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men’s new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), jackets, hats, t-shirts, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus’ Youth Group, The Squires, will be selling their handmade wooden crosses at the vestibule after all Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Each cross has been carefully stained and painted and will be available for \$20.00 each. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Squires as they prepare to attend their convention in June. Thank you for your support!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PASSION PLAY: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

All are warmly invited to join us at our church on Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 PM.

Come and experience a meaningful evening as we present a Passion Play, reflecting on the sacrifice and love of Christ.

We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

March 28|29 April 25|26 May 30|31

Thank you to all our parish members who generously support the Good Shepherd Casserole Program.

If you would like to become part of this meaningful ministry, please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 for more information.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT OF SHARELIFE, DESPAIR TURNS INTO HOPE

When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied.

But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Thus far we have raised \$14,701.00 toward our goal of \$89,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218. WRITE YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TODAY! VISIT HELPNOTHARMCANADA.CA

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The donated amount from the P.A.G. for the month of March is \$2,099.00. If you would like to donate through this convenient method, please contact the parish office for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$7,098.00. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Salvatore & Divina Muto, †Francesca Giuseppina Muto, †Anna & Antonio Virido, †Francesco Giannone, †Guido Pasquali
10:30 am †Girolama Cangemi, †Macario & Teresa Raimundo, †Mary Carnevale, †Leena & Victor Mendonca, Souls in Purgatory
12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, †Rosalina & Manuel Pastore, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie (L)
7:00 pm †Leonila Maglian, †Frank Lippa, †Bogdan Zajac
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday March 30 Monday of the Holy Week

- 9:30 am †Irma Castillo, Deceased Members of the Yeck Pang Family, †Rafal Glodowski, †Wilfred Mamah

Tuesday March 31 Tuesday of the Holy Week

- 9:30 am †Anna & Joseph Vu, †Maria & Giovanni Minicucci, †Lorna Camacho, Special Blessings & Healing: Albina & Amanda Lijoi
7:00 pm RCIA Rehearsal for Easter Vigil

Wednesday April 1 Wednesday of the Holy Week

- 9:30 am †Roliffe D'Souza & deceased family members, A Special Blessing for Lidia Mydlak
7:00 pm Rehearsal for the Holy Thursday Mass

Thursday April 2 Thursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

- 7:30 pm †Souls in Purgatory
9:30 pm Guided Meditation

Friday April 3 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- 11:00 am Station of the Cross (Outside-weather permitting)
1:00 pm Italian Service
3:00 pm English Service
5:00 pm English Service
7:30 pm Passion Play

Saturday April 4 Holy Saturday

- 10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)
11:00 am Marian Meditation
11:30 am Blessing of Baskets
8:00 pm †Artur Tavares & all living & deceased family members, †Giuseppina Alfarano, †Anthony Misquitta, †Mate Granic

Sunday April 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Pina Locero, †Girolama Cangemi, †Silvio Boin
10:30 am †Robert Pereira, †Sophia Coleman, †James Savage, Special Blessings for the Pinto & Raimundo Families, A Thanksgiving Mass from Rodney Nicomedez
12:00 pm †Jose Vaz, †Adriana Oliveira, †Mario Bellisario, †Vera Bellisario, †Dolores & Carmen Adino, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
1:30 pm Igbo Mass
7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore, A Special Healing Mass for Franco Felice
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL WITH FR. CARLOS SIERRA TOBON

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