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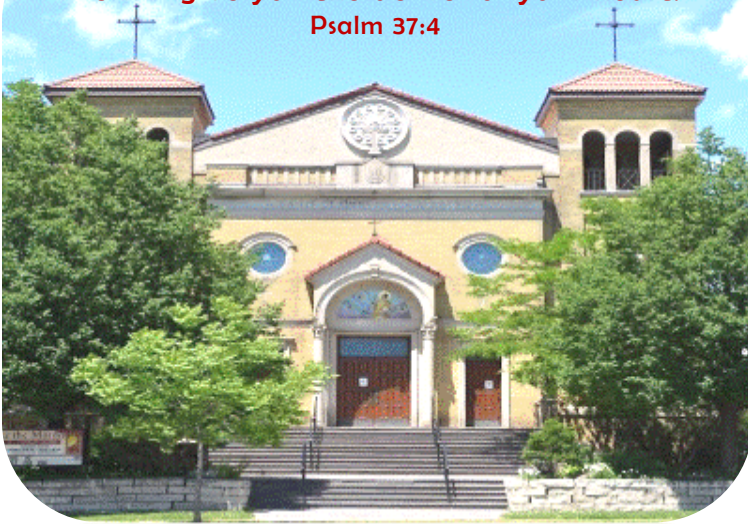
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APRIL 10, 2022 – PALM SUNDAY

Take delight in the Lord, and
He will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS.

We are happy you decided to worship with us today. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests following Mass in the Gathering Area in the back of the church. If you would like information about registering as a new parish member, please call 416-759-9359 for a registration form; or [click here](#).

*Ways in which You can
support Your Parish:*

SUNDAY ENVELOPES: A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

Please pick-up your 2022 envelopes at the back of the church.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

DONATE ON-LINE: Alternately to donate online to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, please [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

*Thank you! GOD bless you for
your support and generosity.*



Today is
Palm Sunday
which marks
JESUS
triumphal
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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

This year we hear Luke's account of Jesus' Passion beginning with the Last Supper which for Luke, shows signs of the heavenly banquet. During the meal, Jesus predicted but did not name his betrayer. Following the meal, all the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray. There Jesus was, indeed, handed over by Judas to the Jewish leaders. In retaliation, a disciple cut off a servant's ear, but Jesus touched the ear and healed him. Jesus went before the high priest in whose courtyard Peter denied Jesus the three times predicted at supper. At daybreak, Jesus went before the Sanhedrin and on to Pilate, to Herod, and back to Pilate who tried to release Jesus to the crowds. Pilate did not find Jesus guilty of anything, but the crowd pressed for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus was led to the cross, helped by Simon, mourned by the women of Jerusalem, and taunted by the Roman soldiers. When at last Jesus died, a man named Joseph gave up his tomb so that Jesus would not be buried in a common grave of criminals

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Simon is not one of the most notable figures in the story of Jesus' Passion, but perhaps he is the one with whom we can most identify. Whether we'd rather do something else, are too tired, or just want a break from time to time, we know how Simon felt being pressed into service at a time when he would rather not. But Simon was a responsible citizen, just as we are responsible people. And, whatever our mood or preferences, we do what we must do. In the end, our hearts are glad, just as Simon knew there was something special about his action. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow Jesus in service—even when it is difficult.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

As a family find some time during Holy Week to walk through the Stations of the Cross. (If you don't know of a parish, shrine, or other location that has a way of the cross, your diocesan office will be able to help.) Take a Bible or Stations of the Cross booklet along with you and recall the passion as you move from station to station. Allowing all members of your family to participate may require paraphrasing but let as many as possible be part of the event.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One way I can help someone carry a cross is by . . .
2. One way I deny Jesus is when . . .
3. One way I live my faith, even though it may be difficult is . . .

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Luke 22:14-23:56

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



The Cross of Christ Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important and solemn week of the Church's liturgical calendar. In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cross is the most recognizable symbol of our Christian faith. We see crucifixes hanging in Churches, schools, homes and even worn around many people's necks. However, we can become so used to this constant presence of the crucifix that we become indifferent to what it signifies. Let us take a moment to grasp the beauty and truth found in the cross. God became man and was willing to be crucified for the forgiveness of our sins. It is through the cross that Christ defeats Satan and triumphantly attains our salvation, allowing us to enter our heavenly home. The entire course of human history was dramatically altered because of the cross of Christ. As stewards, we should always view the salvation won through the cross as the greatest gift that God has bestowed on us. As we approach the Holy Triduum, let us take some time each day this week to reflect on the passion of Christ. Many great saints strongly promoted this practice of calling to mind the sufferings of Christ. We can do this in many ways such as praying the Stations of the Cross or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, reading the passion narratives in the Bible or simply gazing upon a crucifix. *Summary* It is through the crucifixion that Christ defeats Satan and triumphantly attains our salvation, allowing us to enter our heavenly home. As we approach the Holy Triduum, let us take some time each day this week to reflect on the passion of Christ. We can do this in many ways such as praying the Stations of the Cross or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, reading the passion narratives in the Bible or simply gazing upon a crucifix.

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SATURDAY APRIL 9TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — - + Hector Luna

SUNDAY APRIL 10TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Therese & Bemaldo Endaya

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rasario Vella
Mariangela e Vito Vitro - Maria e Vincenzo Ciraco
Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo - Giuseppe Morra
Michelina Mosca - Costanza Morra - Luca Caccamo
Camela e Euplio Raffaele - Gisepe Canini e famiglia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Vincenza Di Tacchio
Romolo e Antonio Doria - Francesco Falsetti
Luici, Giovanni e Luigina De Rose
Vito e Giuseppe Totino
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie Carlevaris e
L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. — + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY APRIL 11TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Turido & Salvatrice La Rosa

11:00 A.M. — Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY APRIL 12TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Hsun Kwang Liao

11:00 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Maria Barbieri

11:00 A.M. — Jams Burlton

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 14TH – GIOVEDÌ SANTO

5:00 P.M. — Celebration of The Lord's Supper (Italian)

7:00 P.M. — Celebration of The Lord's Supper (English)

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15TH – VENERDÌ SANTO

9:00 A.M. — Stations of the Cross (English)

11:00 A.M. — Stations of the Cross (Italian)

12:00 P.M. — Celebration of The Lord's Passion (Italian)

3:00 P.M. — Celebration of The Lord's Passion (English)

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 16TH – SABATO SANTO

8:00 P.M. — Easter Vigil (English)

Dear Padre



How should we dispose of last year's palms?

Every year on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), palm branches are handed out and blessed as a powerful reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

We keep palm branches for two reasons. First, they symbolize our desire to accompany Christ through Holy Week. Second, they symbolize Jesus' desire to enter our homes and accompany us on our journey as we face our own Good Fridays. Taking the palms home and placing them behind a crucifix or holy picture is a powerful reminder of that.

Many parishes ask their members to bring the palm branches they received the previous year to church on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. These branches are burned to make the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday. After a time, palm branches get brittle and break easily, so if your church doesn't collect them, it's OK to break the palms up and burn them yourself.

The number of palm branches we have in our homes isn't important. Palms and other articles of devotion such as medals and scapulars don't bring good luck or wealth, and we shouldn't try to use them in that way. We should use them to remind us of the goodness of God and the salvation Christ brings us.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR 2022 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If God is calling you contact — Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

FATHER, YOU called Saint Lawrence to serve you by Love, and Crowned His Life with Glorious Martyrdom. Help us to be like Him in loving YOU and doing YOUR work. Amen.

St. Lawrence pray to God for us.



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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them – Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Alex and Denise Amizola.

HOLY LAND ARTICLES ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

On the weekend of April 9th - 10th, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can visit us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.



2022 HOLY LAND COLLECTION

As you know so well the Covid pandemic has upset our lives for more than two years. It has stretched some people beyond their limits creating anxiety, loneliness, suffering, and sorrow; but it has also moved others to hope, to wish, to pray and look forward to a better day.

We are collectively experiencing the Paschal mystery as never before in our lifetimes ... our faith in the resurrected Jesus brings us to live in the hope that "He has made all things new" and that even now "God dwells among us". This is what I have tried to convey by the theme of this year's poster: "He will wipe every tear". Collectively we share our hope and our support in whatever way we can. I humbly ask you again to remember the Holy See's appeal to support our brothers and sisters and the Church of the Holy Land. There will be a collection for the Needs of the Holy Land on Good Friday.



SHARELIFE: Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. *Thus far we have raised \$6,062 toward our goal of \$33,000.*

Cardinal Collins reminds us that it is people of faith who run shelters and food banks, help refugees to begin a new life, and reach out to the ill and abandoned.

Parishioners can contribute to ShareLife through pre-authorized giving. Please consider a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG. You can learn more about PAG on our parish website or at sharelife.org.



PALM SUNDAY is a clarion call to follow the Lord. The liturgy begins with the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This is followed by an invitation addressed to all of us:

"Let us go forth in peace, proclaiming Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem."

The invitation to follow extends to the whole of Holy Week. As we move through Holy Week, the triumph of Palm Sunday is transformed into the tragedy of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. We gain perspective, though, on the deeper, salvific meaning of these events through the daily readings. The Old Testament selections from the prophet Isaiah's "servant songs" tell the story of God's upright and just servant who is persecuted and killed. This servant was the primary model by which Christians could make sense of Jesus' unexpected death. In the gospels, Jesus' last few days are marked by the growing hostility of the religious leaders and the startling realization that even his closest disciples will betray him and deny him. At the Last Supper Jesus called His disciples to "Do this in Memory of Me"... and so we have down through the centuries.

The highpoint of Holy Week and the Entire Christian Year is found in the "Triduum", Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Will you watch with the Lord this Holy Week and follow His Way? Will you do this in His Memory?