

Holy Week / Triduum Masses (Sign ups start Monday, March 29 @ 7am. Please <u>click here</u>): Holy Thursday (Apr 1) : SignUp >The Lord's Supper 7PM; Adoration 8PM to 10PM Good Friday (Apr 2) : Stations 9AM; Sign up > Good Friday Service 11AM, 3PM English / 1PM Italian Holy Saturday (Apr 3) : SignUp > Easter Vigil Mass 7:30PM Easter Sunday (Apr 4) : SignUp > 7AM, 8:30AM, 11:30AM English / 10AM Italian / 1PM, 2:30PM Latin



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.

This year's Holy Week we will watch with the Lord from our homes and follow His Way.

Will you do this in His Memory?

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Mark's account of the Passion is the shortest of the Gospel accounts and is known for its swift impact and

MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY MARCH 27TH – SABATO 5:00 P.M. – Benedicta Hiler

SUNDAY MARCH 28TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - + Jimmy, Debbie & Michael Cerqua

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia Tony Lamanna - Mike e Vito Cuoppolo Edmondo Della Siepe- Agostino Marianna Leonore Tredice - Oriele Beccati e defunti famiglia Leonello Pecorari - Luigi, Giovanni e LuiginaDeRose

Nino Armonio e defunti famiglia Joe Rinella e defunti famiglia Defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - + Virgil Joseph Vieira

5:00 P.M. - + Tony Tersigni

MONDAY MARCH 29TH – LUNEDI 8:30 A.M. – Leticia Dela Cruz 11:00 A.M. – Ronel Torres

TUESDAY MARCH 30TH – MARTEDI 8:30 A.M. – Special Intentions 11:00 A.M. – Lilian De Souza

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Reynaldo Gapasin Cornelius Jr 11:00 A.M. – John Miceli

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1st – GIOVEDI SANTO 7:00 P.M. – English

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND – VENERDI SANTO 11:00 A.M. – English 1:00 P.M. – Italian 3:00 P.M. – English

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3RD – SABATO SANTO 7:00 P.M. – English



drama. It begins with an unnamed woman pouring costly perfumed oil on Jesus' head and includes accounts of the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples praying in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, his trial, Crucifixion, Death, and burial.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

The Gospel story told today further unfolds in the liturgies of Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday. The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday) is the Church's annual retreat time. It is a time to tell the story of the Paschal Mystery-the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The story is told through lavish use of Scripture, symbol, Sacrament, song, and procession. This is the holiest time of the entire Church year. How will your family spend these holiest of days? As Holy Week begins, make room on the family calendar for quiet and prayer together, and make time to attend the liturgies of the Triduum.



BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

If you are unable to attend your parish's celebration of the Triduum, gather your family and read aloud the appropriate portions of today's Gospel on Holy Thursday evening and on Good Friday. Sing a simple refrain or hymn such as "Jesus, Remember Me" and spend a few moments together in silent prayer.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Instead of responding to open-ended discussion questions today, invite family members to take part in a lengthier discussion on each of the days of the Triduum.



1. **On Holy Thursday**: On this night, Jesus gathered together his closest friends his disciples—to share a special meal. If you were

holding a special meal tonight, what friends would you invite and why? What foods would you serve? What would you talk about?

2. **On Good Friday**: On this day, Jesus suffered and died on the Cross out of love for us. What does it mean to you that he did this? Who are those suffering in the world, in your workplace, in your classroom, and in



your family today? How can you ease their suffering?



3. **On Holy Saturday**: Jesus is in the tomb. His friends are trying to make sense of what has happened. They cannot see the coming of the Resurrection. Today is a day

for waiting and for praying. For what are you waiting? For what do you wish to pray?

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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 –John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio



Sorbera, Bill Mattews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Bill Cook.

Dear Padre



March 28, 2021

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

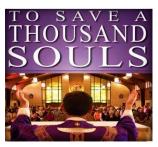
That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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VOCATION REFLECTION:

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy**, **Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997 Email <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> Website <u>https://www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>



Practice radical humility when it comes to your own accomplishments, and give credit everywhere except to your ego.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Radical Humility: As we enter Holy Week we are faced with the great paradox of the cross. The crucifixion from a mere human standpoint was an utter and humiliating defeat for Jesus. How could God let Himself be killed by His own creatures? The only way we can recognize the sublime beauty and victory of the cross is if we view it through a Divine lens.

The Jews resisted accepting the necessity of the crucifixion because they expected Him to be a wondrous king that would set them free

from the political rule of the Romans. Jesus on the other hand comes as a poor and lowly carpenter sent to set them free not from political tyranny, but from the tyranny of sin. To do this, he "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Jesus hid all of His Divine majesty with His humanity and allowed Himself to die for love of us. It was because of this humility that "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. The Lord can bring about tremendous good out of our willingness to humbly serve Him wherever He places us. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives as stewards.

Summary: As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great, but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives.



If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.

Mother Teresa

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH MARCH 28, 2021 – PALM SUNDAY

Virtual stops: St. Theresa's Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, St. Maria Goretti Church & St. Lawrence Martyr Church

<u>History of Good Friday Walk</u>

In 1980, a few parishioners of St. Theresa's Shrine of the Little Flower, in Scarborough, decided to organize a Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk starting at St. Theresa's Church (Midland & Kingston Rd.) and ending at Our Lady of Fatima Church (St. Clair & Victoria Park). The first Walk was held on April 4, 1980 and along the way, the following churches/chapel were visited: St. Augustine Seminary, Cardinal Newman High School, Scarboro Foreign Mission, Monastery of the Sisters of Precious Blood and Providence Villa. Two Stations of the Cross were done at each location.

The tradition continued every year until the Covid-19 Pandemic arrived last year. It was cancelled only once due to inclement weather conditions that year making the Walk unsafe, and the Stations were done at St. Theresa's Church instead.

The Good Friday Walk was opened to everyone and attracted some 50-120 people every year, depending on the weather conditions. Some travelled from as far as Barrie to participate. Refreshments were served in St. Theresa's Parish Hall afterwards.

The route did not change much over the years, except that a stop at the Monastery of the Sisters of Precious Blood was omitted when it was closed down several years ago. Also over the past 10 years, security issues prevented us from entering the premises of St. Augustine Seminary, Cardinal Newman High School and Providence Villa, requiring us remain outside to do the Stations of Cross.

The Knights of Columbus took over this event over 20 years ago, once the original organisers stepped down due to their age and failing health. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, last year's Walk was done virtually using Zoom and did not include any other parishes. This year we are again forced to go virtual, however we are hoping get participation from other parishes and thereby giving the illusion of visiting these parishes during our virtual walk. This of course subject to getting permission from these proposed parishes.

For more information, contact Michel Lafrance - Tel: 416-526-8079 - Email: miclaf@rogers.com.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney - founder of the Knights of Columbus

On March 29 the Knights of Columbus celebrate "Founder's Day" worldwide.

For the 2 million Catholics, members of the Knights of Columbus worldwide, it was the experience of a lifetime to witness the Beatification of our Founder, last year 2020.

The path to sainthood of Fr. Michael J. McGivney began with the postulation / opening the case in 1997. In 2008 he was declared Venerable after the Church was satisfied that he had led an exemplary virtuous life. In May 2020 a miracle attributed to Fr McGivney was approved by Pope Francis, which led to him being declared Blessed. He is now on the last step of becoming a Saint.

There are various documentaries about the life and works of Fr McGivney, produced by the Knights of Columbus, EWTN and there is a dedicated website. I recommend the following 5-min video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVnUoFVbb9o</u>

The life and example of Fr McGivney is both relevant to our times and inspirational.

- He had a vision and worked hard to make it reality
- He forged a working relationship between the laity and the clergy (in a way anticipated the recommendation of the II Vatican Council).
- He illustrated the practicality of loving your neighbor. This is particularly relevant in our present time of COVID-19 pandemic.
- He proved that it is possible to be a good Catholic and a good citizen
- He made the Parish the center of family life, even organized baseball activities.
- He became the protector of families (which is the origin and ultimate purpose of the Knight's Insurance Program)

At the St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, we have a local Knights of Columbus Council, which was established in 2003. The Council has been growing and currently has 109 members. The Service Program is organized in four areas: Faith, Family, Community and Pro-Life

- Faith prayers (Rosaries, Novenas), spiritual reflections, pilgrimages
- Family Coats for Kids, social gatherings, Basketball free throw
- Community Helping hands, Charities fundraising
- Pro-Life Life Chain, March for Life, supporting pro-life groups

The Knights of Columbus is a family organization. Membership is open to men, older than 18 and practical Catholics. For more information please contact Jaime Libaque at (416) 456 7084 or by email at Jaime.libaque@rogers.com.

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH MARCH 28, 2021 – PALM SUNDAY

For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

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

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.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on-line, please <u>click here Archdiocese of Toronto</u> and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.



May God continue to bless you now and always!

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Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali)

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

5:00 pm

English

English

Italian

English

English

Latin

(Inglese)

(Inglese)

(Italiano)

(Inglese)

(Latino)

(Inglese)

Parish Groups

We invite you to consider joining a parish group. For more information, please call 416-759-9359.

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Lectors
- Choir 5:00 pm English Mass
- Choir 10:00 am Italian Mass
- Choir 11:30 am English Mass
- Ushers
- St. Lawrence Women's Group...1st Sunday of every month after 8:30 am Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline 416-410-3589)
 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
- The Craft Group...every Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass
- Knights of Columbus...3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Legion of Mary...every Tuesday at 7pm
- Marian Movement for Priests...every Wednesday following 8:30 am Mass
- Youth Group...2nd and last Saturday of the month at 2 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting Friday Night at 7:00pm

Parish Office

Julia Di Paolo....Parish Secretary

Office Hours	
Mon to Thurs: 9:15 am -12:00 pm	Mon to T
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
Friday9:15 am - 1:00 pm	
Sunday9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Sunday
Closed on Saturday and holidays	Closed

Orario Di Ufficio

Dal Lun al Gio: 9:15 am-12:00pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Venerdi......9:15 am - 1:00pm Domenica......9:30 am - 1:00 pm Sabato e giorni di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



FAX: 416-759-6725

Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell	Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph	Associate Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Russell Asch	
	Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass

Sat. Vigil

(Sabato)

Sunday

(Domenica)

	Confessions									
	Saturdays following 8:30 am Mass									
	Saturday4:15 to 4:45 pm									
	Any time by request Confessioni									

Contession									
Sabato dopo la messa dale 8:30am									
Sabato 4:15 alle 4:45 pm									
Qualsiasi altro giorno a richiesta dei									
fedeli.									

Daily Ma (Giorni F	Mon (Lun)	Tues (Mar)	Wed (Mer)	Thur (Gio)	Fri (Ven)	Sat (Sab)
English Latin	 8:30 am 11:00 am		8:30 am 11:00 am	8:30 am 7:00 am		8:30 am 10:00 am

* Weekday Latin Masses subject to change due to funeral or absence of priest. Latin Masses are of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, according to the 1962 Missal. * Messe nei giorni feriali latino sono soggetti a variazioni a causa di funerale o assenza del sacerdote. Messe latine sono della forma straordinaria del Rito Romano, secondo il Messale del 1962.

Eucharistic Holy Hours

- Sunday Evenings: 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
- First Fridays: 7:15 am 8:15 am, 9:15 am 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm 4:00 am
- For Baptism, Marriage and Sacrament of the Sick:
- Please contact the parish office at 416-759-9359
- Parish School: St. Lawrence Catholic School

2216 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough, ON Tel.: 416-393-5264

Devotions

- Rosary: 8:00 am Monday through Saturday
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 8:25 am Wednesdays
- Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Mon. after the 8:30am Mass (Oct-May)
- Novena to St. Anthony of Padua: For thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony

BAPTISMS

Baptism takes place on the Second Sunday of each month. Pre-baptism instructions are provided to parents and sponsors who must be practicing Catholics. Contact parish office for details.

MARRIAGES

Contact the parish priest at least one year in advance of the marriage. Engaged couples must attend a marriage preparation course offered by the Archdiocese. Please contact the parish office for more details. FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS Please contact parish office for details

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Please contact parish office for details.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS Please contact parish office to arrange a visit.

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