

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **Passion (Palm) Sunday** | **29 March 2026**



“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass –9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism- every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation - for Grade 7 & up registration for 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

Wedding – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

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The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday - Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil - Resurrection

“PASSION, DEATH & RESURRECTION”



“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being of human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross.” Phil 2.6

These words of St Paul in his letter to the Philippians give us, “The Way of the Lord,” and illumines us to understand better what we hear in the Gospel Reading, today; The Passion Narrative.

This past week for those who came to daily Masses, in every Gospel Reading we heard, the leaders of the people trying to arrest Jesus. Jesus would not allow himself to be arrested, because his Hour had not yet come.

This coming week, the Holy Week, liturgies celebrate this **“Hour,”** “The Hour of Christ;” “His Passion, Death and Resurrection.”

The journey of Our Salvation History began in the Garden of Aden. After the fall of our first Parents, God was heard looking for them; “Adam where are you?” the Lord called and searched. Our self-will had come between us and God and we had disobeyed his command. God, however, did not to give up on us, rather, he planned to save us from the power of the evil one.

He chose Abraham and from him Israel who became his chosen People! God guided them through Moses, Judges, Kings and Prophets, to this time of Fulfillment!

Brothers and Sisters, the celebrations this Holy Week, invites us to ascend with Jesus, to Jerusalem and to the Altar of His Self-giving. In Jerusalem, this week the events of the Hour prophesied by Prophet Isaiah will be fulfilled; *“I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spittle. So disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human. So will the crowds be astonished at him, and Kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.”* **Isaiah 50: 6ff**

On Holy Thursday, the link between the Passion and Passover Meal will be made. Jesus anticipating the Sacrifice on the Cross, instituted its Memorial. In the day’s proclamation, Jesus will emphasize how important and deliberate this meal would be; *“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”* **Luke:22:15**

On Good Friday, we shall again experience the transforming power of “Christ’s Self-giving Act.” With the Passion Narrative, it will be pointed out, yet again, as was today, how generous and loving our heavenly Father is, despite our human infidelity and cruelty;

On Holy Saturday, Creation will be silent as it awaits its victory in the Mystery of the Resurrection of Christ.”

+ **Easter Sunday,** we shall be jubilant with the victorious Christ in his victory over death through his Resurrection.

As we go home, today, to prepare for these great festivities, the Lord calls on us as he requested of Peter, John and James, to keep vigil with him in Prayer; *“My Soul is sorrowful even to death, remain here and keep watch with me.”* **Mt: 26:38.**



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 4 "JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED"

571. The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the centre of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all"³¹³ by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

572. The Church remains faithful to the interpretation of "all the Scriptures" that Jesus gave both before and after his Passover: "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"³¹⁴ Jesus' sufferings took their historical, concrete form from the fact that he was "rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes", who handed "him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified".³¹⁵

573. Faith can therefore try to examine the circumstances of Jesus' death, faithfully handed on by the Gospels³¹⁶ and illuminated by other historical sources, the better to understand the meaning of the Redemption.

574. From the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, certain Pharisees and partisans of Herod together with priests and scribes agreed together to destroy him.³¹⁷ Because of certain acts of his expelling demons, forgiving sins, healing on the sabbath day, his novel interpretation of the precepts of the Law regarding purity, and his familiarity with tax collectors and public sinners³¹⁸--some ill-intentioned persons suspected Jesus of demonic possession.³¹⁹ He is accused of blasphemy and false prophecy, religious crimes which the Law punished with death by stoning.³²⁰ was fully revealed in his Resurrection.

To read more click this link: [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 28-Sat,5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + The Parishioners +Esperanza Intoy – 40th day of passing
- Mar 29-Sun9:00 AM + Bibiana & Claudio Duaso
12:15 PM + Emilio Duaso
5:30 PM + Gregorio delos Reyes
- Mar 30-Mon, 7:00PM + Edizer Casana
+ Mary Grace Garcia
- Mar 31-Tue, 7:00 AM + Edlin Marina Pereira
+ Oswin de Almeida
- Apr 01-Wed,7:00PM + Joselino Arebado
- Apr 02 -Thu, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey Ayala
- Apr 03 -GOOD FRIDAY
2:00 PM Station of the Cross
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Apr 04-Sat, 9:00 AM no Mass

Apr 04-Sat, 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention-March 28-Apr 3, 2026

- Sanctuary— Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORDS OF THE WEEK

“PALM SUNDAY”

-Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week.

It commemorates the Lord’s entrance to Jerusalem. And the crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven. Matthew 21.9

The Passion of the Lord is narrated and read during Palm Sunday and Good Friday and this year it is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 26.14-27.66).

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention - March 2026 - FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

“Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.”



Our Patron Saint...



“I must consider myself as the man of the cross and love the one that God gives me without thinking any further.” St. John XXIII

Holy Saturday Apr 4th

Holy Saturday is the day of silence.

Jesus lies in the tomb. The disciples are scattered, frightened, without hope. Mary alone keeps faith. This is the day the Church waits – not in despair, but in the quiet certainty that what God has promised, He will fulfill.

During the day, there are no sacraments, no Mass. It is a day for prayer, preparations, and interior stillness.

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors—Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS



Pope at Audience: Church’s hierarchy born from Christ to proclaim Gospel

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope at Audience: Church’s hierarchy born from Christ to proclaim Gospel - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Monday, February 16, 2026



CARDINAL LEO’S HOLY THURSDAY MESSAGE TO PRIESTS
Thursday, March 26, 2026



36TH ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER – A RECORD GATHERING CELEBRATES FOUR ‘YESES’ TO GOD’S CALL
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Click the link to read more Archdiocese News: [Archdiocese of Toronto - News](#)

Announcements!!!

Station of the Cross on Good Friday is at 2:00pm & The Lord’s Passion at 3pm;

FHC candidates and parents, confession is moved to April 9 and 10th. If you have not booked yet, please email the office;

Confirmation Candidates, the 8th Session is moved to April 11th at 11am.



Holy Week SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES**Parish Reflection****March 28 – 9:00AM-1:00PM****Begin with the Mass; Talk; End with the Eucharistic Adoration**(Light Snack will be served)**March 28 – 5:15PM – Vigil Mass Palm Sunday (blessing of Palms)****March 29 – 9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM – Palm Sunday Masses (blessings of Palms)****March 31 – 7:00PM, Holy Tuesday – The 9:00AM MASS is moved to 7:00PM****April 02 – 7:00PM, Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper****8:00PM-11:00PM, Holy Thursday – Adoration of the Holy Eucharist****April 03 – GOOD FRIDAY****2:00PM – Station of the Cross****3:00PM – PASSION OF THE LORD****April 04 - Holy Saturday –****8:00PM - Vigil Easter Mass with the Baptism of the Catechumens****April 05 - 9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM - Easter Sunday Masses****Holy Thursday- April 2**

Holy Thursday is one of the most beautiful nights of the Church year.

At the Last Supper, Jesus did three things that changed the world forever: He instituted the Eucharist, giving us His Body and Blood as food for the journey. He washed the feet of His Disciples, showing us that true greatness is service. And He gave us the new commandment: *“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

What to Do on Holy Thursday

- Attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening- one of the most moving liturgies of the year
- Stay for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, keeping watch with Jesus as His disciples could not
- Pray in Silence, remembering that on this night He was handed over

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends without a final blessing- the liturgy does not conclude, but continues through Good Friday and into Easter.

Good Friday - April 3

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the year. There is no Mass. The Church kneels in silence before the Cross.

On this day, Jesus was condemned, crucified, and died. He endured it all-not because He had to, but because He chosen to. For us.

What to Do on Good Friday

- Attend the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM – the hour of Christ's death
- Pray the **Stations of the Cross** – with your Parish
- Fast and abstain from meat – both are required by the Church on this day
- Keep silence as much as possible, especially from noon to 3:00PM
- Venerate the Cross if your parish offers it.

Good Friday is not a day of mourning without hope. It is the day Love paid the full price of our freedom.

To read more click this link: [Holy Week 2026 - A Catholic Guide to the Most Sacred Days of the Year](#)



≈ Did you know??? ≈

Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

- *These three days are often overlooked yet they are rich in meaning.*

Holy Monday – March 30

Jesus returns to the Temple and drives out the money changers- a powerful act that reveals His zeal for the house of God and for authentic worship. It is a good day to examine our own interior temples: what needs to be cleansed from our hearts?

Holy Tuesday – March 31

Jesus teaches in the Temple for the last time before His arrest. His words are urgent, prophetic, full of love. This is a good day to sit with the Gospel and listen.

Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday) – April 1st

Tradition calls this “Spy Wednesday”- the day Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. It is a sobering day to reflect on our own betrayals, small and large, and to ask for the grace of fidelity.

These three days are well suited for quiet prayer, Scripture reading, and if possible, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To read more click the link below:

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LENT



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries His Cross
3. Jesus Falls the first time
4. Jesus meets His sorrowful mother
5. Simon helps Jesus to carry the Cross
6. Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. The women weep over Jesus
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is laid in the sepulcher

*We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.
Because by your holy Cross, you have
redeemed the world.*

HOSANNA