

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **PALM SUNDAY** | 13 April 2025



**“BLESSED IS THE
KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD! PEACE IN HEAVEN,
AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST
HEAVEN.”** Luke 19:38



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 2025 is in the months of
September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 &
up registration for 2025 is on October and
November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

Parish School-

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Pilgrimage Churches. see page 5

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

St. Kateri Tekakwitha April 17th
Pray for us.

**“I am not my own; I have given
myself to Jesus.”**



“My God, my god, why have you forsaken me.” Psalm 22

“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 2:6ff

These words of St Paul in his letter to the Philippians gives us, “The Way of the Lord,” and serves as a summary of 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 could 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 Eden, after the Fall of Our 1st Parents. God was heard looking for us “Adam where are you?” Our self-will had come between us and God and we had disobeyed his command. God, however, did not 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 unfold,

“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 this day proclamation, Jesus emphasize how deliberate this Meal was; *“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”*
Luke: 22:15

On Holy Friday, we shall again experience the transforming power of “Christ’s Self-giving Act.” With the Passion Narrative, it will point, 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 the link: [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 12,5:15PM Vigil Mass +Antonio Gonzales

Apr 13-Sun ---PALM SUNDAY

9:00Am +The Parishioners

12:15PM + Baby Kaire Brequillo

5:30 PM + Alfonso Cabilin

Apr 14 -Mon,7:00PM + Roman Steve Capar

Apr 15-Tue,7:00PM +Francisco & Pietro Gulli

Apr 16-Wed7:00PM+Magdalena&Thomas Quebral

Apr 17-Thu,7:00PM + Luisa Estoista Hernandez

Apr 18-Fri, 2:00PM GOOD FRIDAY

Apr 19-Sat,9:00am No MASS

[See page 6 for the Schedule of Easter Sunday Masses](#)

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention

Apr 12- 18, 2025

Sanctuary--- Healing of Nida

Virgin Mary- Healing of the friends of Claire

Chapel -

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WORDS OF THE WEEK

"PASSION OF THE LORD"

-The Passion of Christ, from the Latin *patior* meaning "suffer," refers to those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden until His death on Calvary.

The Passion of the Lord is narrated and read during Palm Sunday and taken from the Gospel of Luke. Palm Sunday is also called the Passion Sunday.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-*April 2025*- For the use of the new Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Our Patron Saint...



"The feelings of my smallness and my nothingness always kept me good company."

Pope John

St. Kateri Tekakwitha April 17th

The first North American indigenous woman to be canonized, é Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks. Tekakwitha was born in 1656, on the southern bank of Mohawk River at Osserneon (Auriesville, NY). Her mother was a Christina Algonquin from Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk Turtle chief. When she was four years old, a small pox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her with seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face.

Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri, likely in honour of St. Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the St. Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiaki (Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized in 2013. Kateri is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day. *(Living with Christ, April 2025 ed.)*

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 Francis made a surprise appearance at end of Jubilee Mass for the Sick and Healthcare Workers on Sunday

Pope shows ongoing improvement as convalescence continues

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope shows ongoing improvement as convalescence continues - Vatican News](#)



A DAY WITH MARY – MAY 31 – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Friday, April 04, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS EVENTS ARCHBISHOP LEO



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025 FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Monday, March 03, 2025



CARDINAL FRANK LEO'S HOLY THURSDAY MESSAGE TO PRIESTS
Thursday, April 10, 2025

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****

Announcements!!!

All Masses on April 14 to 16 are at 7:00pm;

Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7:00pm followed by the Eucharistic Adoration;

Good Friday, April 18, Station of the Cross at 2:00PM followed by the Adoration of the Cross at 3:00pm;

Easter Vigil, April 19, at 8:00PM.





JUBILEE 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Pilgrimage Churches *identified*

holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year.

Archdiocesan- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Central Region

- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (Bathurst St)
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

Western Region

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Easter Region

- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

Northern Region

- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Shrines - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

LENT - 2025



PRAYER



Fasting



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- Spend time with the Lord
- Attend Mass daily
- Read the Bible
- Attend Lenten Retreat
- Jubilee Pilgrimages
- Do the Station of the Cross

- * Give up watching TV
- * No Meat in all Fridays
- * Less phone screen time
- * No gossiping
- * Less shopping
- * Do not drink coffee for today

- * Share your blessings
- * Volunteering
- * Visit the sick
- * Say kind words
- * Feed the homeless
- * Pray for the pope & the clergy

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,*

*when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

Franciscus

From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

[Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

[Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly Reflections for the Lenten Season - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

Click the link above to watch the video

Other Resources, click the link below:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Resources for the Season of Lent](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -----Every Friday at 6:30pm



**Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2025**

April 12 – 5:15 PM – **Vigil Mass Palm Sunday** (blessing of Palms)

April 13 – 9:00 AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM – **Palm Sunday Masses** (blessings of Palms)

April 14 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Monday**

April 15 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Tuesday** (There is no 9AM Mass)

April 16 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Wednesday**

April 17 – **Holy Thursday** (There is no 9AM Mass)

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 PM - 11:00PM, Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

April 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 PM – Station of the Cross

3:00 PM – Service & Veneration of the Cross

April 19 – **Holy Saturday** – (no 9AM Mass)

8:00 PM – **Easter Vigil Mass** – with the Baptism of the 5 Catechumens

April 20 – EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM