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“So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

**Prayer *Fasting *Almsgiving*



2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Apr 1- 5:15pm Saturday
Vigil Passion Sunday Mass
Apr 2- 9am; 12:15pm; 5:30pm
Passion Sunday

Apr 3- 7pm – Holy Monday
Apr 4- 7pm – Holy Tuesday
Apr 5- 7pm – Holy Wednesday
Apr 6- 7pm – Mass of the
Lord’s Supper
8pm - Adoration of the
Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY – The Lord’s Passion
Apr 7- 2:00pm – Station of the Cross
3:00pm – Service & Veneration of
the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY MASS
Apr 8- 8:00pm- Easter Vigil Mass
Apr 9- 9am; 12:15pm; 5:30pm Easter
Sunday Mass



*“Know of my
commitment to You; for
now, Toronto is my new
Home and You are my
Family.”*

Archbishop Francis Leo

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. VINCENT FERRER,
PRAY FOR US**

Feast Day on April 4th



“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.!” Mathew 21:9

The Proclamation of the People of Jerusalem as they welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, where he was to die for Our Salvation. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week; “The Week of an Abundance of Grace!”

This past week for those who attend daily Masses, in every Gospel Reading we read; “*the Leaders of the People*” tried to arrest Jesus, but He could not allow it because His Hour had not yet come.

This Holy Week, Liturgies, especially the Tridium will celebrate the “Hour;” “the Hour of the Lord” which comprise; “His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.” “This is the moment of Christ’s ultimate self-giving,” on the Altar of the Cross and His Victory over death;” all in obedience to the Will of the Father; revealing the extent of God’s Love for us.

After the Fall of Our 1st Parents, God is heard in the Garden looking for them; “*Adam where are you?*” The Lord called. Our self-will had come between us and him! Nevertheless God, did not to give up on us rather he planned to rescue us from the Power of evil.

After a while, God chose Abraham from whom Israel came. God guided them through Moses, Judges, Kings, and Prophets to the time of Fulfillment; a Time foreseen by Isaiah and proclaimed to us in the 1st Reading, as the Fulfillment of the Promise;

“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.” (Isaiah 50:6) ***“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 52:14-15)

St Paul observing “this whole picture of the peak in our Salvation History, summarized it as “The Self - Emptying;” ***“Emptying Himself, and taking the form of a Slave ... and being found in the Human form, he humbled himself ... even unto death, death on the Cross.”*** (Phil. 2:6-11)

Brothers and Sisters, the Celebrations, this Holy Week, invites us to be attentive to the Greatest Event of Our Salvation. The Celebrations this 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.

On Holy Thursday, the link between the Passion and Passover Meal will be made. Jesus anticipating the Sacrifice on the Cross instituted its Memorial and in today’s Proclamation emphasize how deliberate this Meal was; “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”

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 to keep vigil with Him, in Prayer. The question Jesus asked Peter, could be asked to any of us; ***“Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not keep watch with me for one hour? ‘Watch and pray that you may not be put to the test!’”***

Let us keep watch and be attentive to the Events of Our Salvation.



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about? 557-560; 569-570

I. At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy:

“Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! *Hosanna* (save us!)” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.”

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? 571-573

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death? 574-576

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason, they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? 595-598

The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan? 599-605; 619
To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 01 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass -Parishioners

Apr 02 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Germinio N.

12:15 PM + Ashley L.

5:30 PM + Madge Moura

Apr 03– Monday, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey A.

Apr 04 – Tuesday, 7 PM Intention of Mercedes A.

Apr 05 – Wednesday, 7PM + Chandra & deceased members of LAL family

Apr 06 – Thursday, 7PM +Marcy M.

Apr 07 – Friday, 2PM GOOD FRIDAY

Apr 08– Saturday, 9AM + Rosadas D.

he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about “in accordance with the Scriptures”.

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father? 609-609; 620

The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.

120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper? 610-611; 621

At the Last Supper with his apostles on the eve of his passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: “This is my Body which is given for you” (Luke 22:19), “This is my Blood which is poured out...” (Matthew 26:28) Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the “memorial” (1 Corinthians 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his apostles as priests of the new covenant.

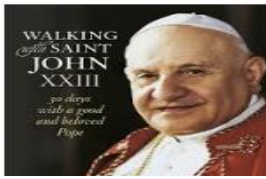
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

“We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



Our Patron Saint..



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

“In the hour of farewell, or, better, of leave-taking, I repeat once more that what matters most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ, his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel above all else the Our Father according to the mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must be meek and kind, hardworking and patient, unconquerable and victorious.”

To be continued.....

St. Vincent Ferrer, April 4th

A patron of builders, roofers and plumbers, Vincent was born in Spain in 1350. He joined the Dominicans in 1367, who sent him to study and teach philosophy throughout Europe. Despite his stern interpretation of the Christian message, Vincent became an amazingly successful preacher, converting thousands. He was also a key figure in ending the Western Schism, a divide in the Church over pretenders to the papacy. He died in 1419 and was canonized in 1455.

Living with Christ, April 2023 edition

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Station of the Cross – on Good Friday is at 2:00pm followed by the 3pm service

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

-Everyday – personal in the chapel

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Shrine Apostolate Icon of Our Lady

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1st- Jesus is condemned to Death

2nd- Jesus carries His Cross

3rd - Jesus falls the 1st time

4th - Jesus meets His sorrowful mother

5th - Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross

6th - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7th- Jesus falls the 2nd time

8th –The women weep over Jesus

9th - Jesus Falls the 3rd time

10th- Jesus is stripped of His garments

11th- Jesus is nailed to the cross

12th -Jesus dies on the Cross

13th- Jesus is taken from the Cross

14th-Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher

**V. WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU,
R. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU REDEMED THE WORLD.**

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. The Passion Sunday is also known as _____?
2. This Sunday, the first reading was taken from what book?
3. This is the responsorial Psalm “My God, My God why have you forsaken me?”, in what Psalm it was taken?
4. St. Paul said to the Philippians, he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God and emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. Who was he referring to?

6. Who was the prophet who prophesied that the Lord who was to come will be sold for thirty pieces of silver?
7. Who said “I am innocent of this man’s blood, see to it for yourselves”?
8. What is a Triduum means?
9. What does the **INRI** on the Cross mean?
10. Why did Jesus died on the Cross?
11. What is the Paschal Mystery? †

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Ezekiel; 2. The Lord said “I will put my spirit within you, and I will place you on your soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.”; 3. The Spirit of God dwells in us; 4. Lazarus; 5. Mary & Martha; 6. The Lord revealed to Martha that He is the Resurrection & the Life; 7. She said “Yes Lord I believe You are the Christ Son of God, the one coming into the world; 8. Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.; 9. He was disturbed in spirit & deeply moved; 10. Jesus went and came to the tomb & said Take away the Stone.