

St. Luke's Parish

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Hosanna in the Highest



Today we enter Holy Week, the most sacred time in the church year with **Palm Sunday** and Christ's triumphant entry on a humble donkey into Jerusalem. He is openly proclaimed as the Messiah by an enthusiastic throng of followers in festive moods, waving palms and carpeting his pathway with their clothing. This week swings from one extreme to the other and Christ has no illusions about this fickle crowd because as the week unfolds, the palm branches will shape themselves into crosses and the Hosannas will become jeers of a treacherous mob calling for his death. The voices that shout Hosannas become cries of hatred and despair as Jesus exchanges his donkey ride for a nightmare trip on a wooden cross.

The story of the passion speaks for itself and its presentation is simple and direct. In it, we glimpse the presence of the contradictory in our lives. As we travel along the road with Jesus and encounter all the people he meets, we live the events and have an opportunity to enter into the sufferings of Christ during his last days on earth. The people involved in his death are so like us that we can identify with this. There is no role in the drama that we are not capable of playing. We must never forget that each of us has a hand in Jesus' death when we hurt others through gossip, slander, degrading or treating someone unjustly. The cross is lifted up as a sign of Christ taking the sins of humanity upon himself in order to soften our hearts, by revealing the depth of his perfect love.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | Soul of Leo Ceolin |
| Tuesday | Soul of Americo Gorizzan |
| | Soul of Virginia Gorizzan |
| | Soul of Steven Huta |
| | Soul of Joseph Kmet |
| | Soul of Stephen Schmoll |
| Wednesday | Soul of Lucretia Joseph |
| Thursday | Holy Thursday |
| Friday | Good Friday |

Please pray for the sick in our community.

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Publico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Giulio Guizzetti, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke and Leslie Albert

As we begin this holiest of all weeks in our Christian calendar we begin with the crowds on the outskirts of Jerusalem. We join the people as we lay our cloaks and branches on the road to warmly welcome Jesus into the city. We wave our palms and shout out, 'Hosanna' as we do each Mass before the Eucharistic prayer welcoming Jesus into our church and into our hearts.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word which means: 'Save us now'. It is interesting that at the start of Holy Week the crowds are welcoming and chanting: "Save us now," and just a few days later we see them chanting: "Crucify him, crucify him!" Surely our relationship with God isn't so fickle, is it?

Though our faith may not be as fickle as the crowds it is true that we can be easily swayed with them, one minute welcoming Jesus and the next crucifying him with our words and actions. This is why we are so blessed to have such a wonderful place like St. Luke's where we can reorient ourselves and gather with the crowds chanting: 'Hosanna' instead of 'Crucify'. When we sing the Holy, Holy I always find it helpful to imagine Jesus once again riding on the donkey into our church and taking his place at the altar.

As Jesus enters the city in today's Gospel it is interesting to note the perspective we take in the scene. I have always taken the perspective of one looking on cheering loudly and welcoming Jesus as he enters. I have a deep sense of gratitude and compassion for him, aware of what he must face over the coming week leading to his death.

But more and more I have been reflecting where Jesus wants me to be. Off to the side and cheering him on or riding beside him on the colt he has brought along. The same can be said within the Mass. Do I join Christ on the altar offering my body and blood for the salvation of the world or do I remain in the pew observing the unfolding scene.

Just last week we saw Jesus weeping, greatly disturbed by the people's lack of faith when he raised Lazarus. Perhaps he was wondering if his followers would ever get the message and exhibit the faith, he was hoping to enkindle in them. Perhaps this week we can take that extra step and ride with Jesus as he enters the city echoing Thomas' prophetic words: "Let us also go, that we may die with him," carrying our crosses and joining him on the altar as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

John Humphries.



WELCOME Archbishop Francis Leo
His Grace Francis Leo was installed as Archbishop of Toronto March 25, 2023. To allow the faithful an opportunity to meet the new Archbishop, there will be a Central Region Mass on **Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish** and a Northern Region Mass on **Monday, April 17th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish in Barrie**. All are welcome. No pre-registration required.



Fr. Mark welcomes you to bring your Easter foods to the Parish altar for a blessing on Holy Saturday – April 8th at 12:00 noon.

Pontifical Collection for the HOLY LAND Friday, April 7th

The security we enjoy in Canada does not exist throughout the world and perhaps less in the Middle East and the Holy Land. There the church's struggle just to retain possession of and maintain the holy places that have existed since the time of Christ, which are important for Christians around the world. This Good Friday, the Holy See asks us more fortunate Christians, to remember and support our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land who feel more greatly the weight of Christ's cross. May they, by our solidarity, experience something of the blessings Christ in his glory has brought to all of us.
Special Collection envelopes will be in the pew pockets for your convenience.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1st – April 9th

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 1 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 2 - 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

Holy Thursday – April 6 – 7:30 pm - *Mass of Our Lord's Supper including Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

Good Friday - April 7 - 10:30 am - *Children's Way of the Cross and 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

Holy Saturday - April 8 - 8:00 pm - *Easter Vigil Mass including Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates.*

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

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Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

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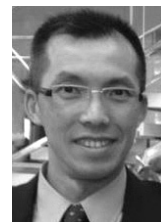
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