

# St. Luke's Parish

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

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First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

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New Parishioner ☐

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Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



Each year on Palm Sunday, we read an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers who abandoned him in his greatest hour of need, of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted his death, and of the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution. We are reminded of these things because we have a kinship with them, but that is not the purpose of the Passion reading.

The emphasis is on Jesus. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of the Calvary, his goodness shines even more brightly. The day of his death is not called "Bad Friday" but "Good Friday". What makes it good is the love of Jesus, "Greater love no man has than to lay down his life for his friends." It is that love that we remember this week. It is the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and of life over death.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 14 – April 18**

Monday	Soul of <b>Nellie Parker</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Thomas Shaw</b> Soul of <b>Ina Maher</b> Soul of <b>Rino Salvador</b> Soul of <b>Steven Huta</b> Intentions of <b>Jessie Schmoll</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Osbert D'Sylva</b>
Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***  
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

### **Message for Easter 2025 from His Eminence** **Frank Cardinal Leo**

To access the message, go to the website below  
<https://www.archtoronto.org>

### **Entering Holy Week**

We enter into a week made "holy" forever by the self-surrendering love of Jesus as we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or "distracted" we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections.

He entered into our world - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So, no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces and intimate presence of Jesus.

From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week, which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

Since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Now with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps. For in Holy Week, we seek the special grace of being united to Jesus as we ourselves cope with the suffering in our troubled world and in our personal lives. Like Jesus, we may feel abandoned by God. But like Jesus we are not alone. Just as the Father was with Jesus transforming Jesus through suffering, so Jesus is now with us transforming us through our own suffering!

On Holy Thursday, we witness the betrayal of Jesus at the Last Supper, as we ponder who I am most like in the narrative? Regardless of who we are, we witness the extravagant love of Jesus who kneels in front of his disciples and one by one washes their feet. He was so deeply moved for he ...knew that his hour had come to pass from this world...He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. He understood that he was soon to say good-bye and he wanted to express himself in the tenderest of ways.

Entering Good Friday, we accompany Jesus interiorly from Gethsemane to the Cross humbly asking him to share what was going through his heart at this most difficult time? Not that this will give us a full grasp of his passion and death, but it will help us to grow in solidarity with Jesus and, by "entering" his heart, we can discover a deeper meaning of the devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

Finally, we arrive at Holy Saturday, a final day to reflect on our Lenten journeys and to prepare to enter into the world's most important revelation and celebration that Jesus is alive and with us! Amen. Adapted from Creighton Online Ministries by John Humphries.



This Holy Week, following mass, **the Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed Monday & Wednesday for Adoration until 11:45 am.

Tuesday evening, following mass & devotions, **the Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed for Adoration until 8:45 pm.

Holy Thursday, following the 7:00 pm mass, **the Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed for Adoration until 10:00 pm



Fr. Mark welcomes you to bring your Easter baskets to the Parish altar for a blessing on Holy Saturday – April 19th at 11:30 am.

### **Easter Sunday!**

As we celebrate the Easter Season, The CWL & Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council will be distributing Easter candies after the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and after each mass on Easter Sunday!

### **Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 4393**

### **2025 Children's Easter Drawing Contest**

It is time for the 5th<sup>d</sup> Annual Children's Easter Drawing contest to create awareness of this Christian celebration in our young parishioners.

Entries must be original and illustrate some aspect of **Christ's Resurrection on the first Easter Morning.**

Submission deadline is noon May 4, 2025.

Pickup an entry form with more information in the narthex and share your expressions of our faith.

The chosen entries in the three categories will appear on our website & in our bulletin.



### **April 12th – April 20th**

**Palm Sunday** - Saturday, April 12 - **5:00 pm**

Sunday, April 13 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**

**Holy Thursday** – April 17– **7:00 pm** - *Mass of Our Lord's Supper including Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm*

**Good Friday** - April 18 - **10:30 am** - *Children's Way of the Cross and 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

**Holy Saturday** - April 19 - **8:00 pm** - *Easter Vigil Mass including Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates.*

**Easter Sunday** - April 20 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**

**Easter Monday** – April 21 – **9:00 am**

**The office will be closed Easter Monday**

## **SL ShareLife**

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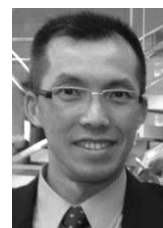
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