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April 14th, 2019

Palm Sunday

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Franciscus Sukardi and Douglas Asselstine

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Office Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. Friday 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

& 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

<u>Devotions</u> Rosary half an hour

before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

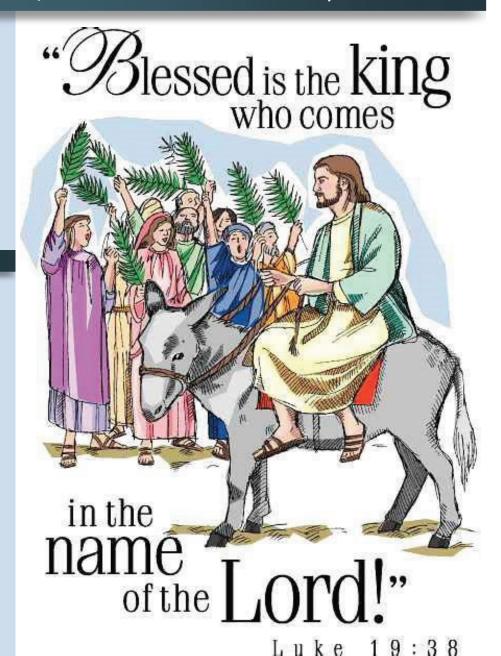
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Adoration Chapel

Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm

Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm



Parish Schools

Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

Marriages Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

Vocations Director Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 www.vocationstoronto.ca

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Monday April 15th

• 9:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Tuesday April 16th

• 8:00 a.m. Mass

Note: the Mass is moved to 8:00 a.m. and not the regular 9:00 a.m.

Holy Wednesday April 17th

• 9:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday April 18th

• 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

Note: No 9 a.m. Mass

Good Fríday Servíces April 19th

- 11:00 a.m. in Spanish
- 1:00 p.m. in English
- 3:00 p.m. in English
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

<u>Note:</u> No 9:00 a.m. Mass and no 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour or 7:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Saturday April 20th

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Note: No 9 a.m. Mass and no evening 5 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday April 21st

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 12:30 p.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Mass Spanish

Easter Monday April 22nd

• 9:00 a.m. Mass

<u>Mote</u>: The Church will be closed soon after the morning Mass.)

Pastor's Corner

ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This weekend we celebrate "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"
it leads us into Holy Week. One great way that you and I can prepare ourselves fully for this Holy Week is to read one of the Passion accounts in the Gospels.
But in the reading of the account we should allow ourselves to meditate and enter more fully into the events that happened 2000 years ago – events that have shaped our lives and our world for all time.

I invite you to pick up a bible, or download a bible on your phone (if you haven't yet done so) and read one of the Passion accounts – read it slowly, meditating on the words your eyes gaze on and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.



Here is a short example of what I mean;

Read the Passion narrative of the Gospel of Luke – (i.e. Gospel Lk 22:14—23:56)

this is the Passion narrative we are using this Palm Sunday weekend:

Now read each line slowly and pray it in your heart (Meditation and Contemplation):

Lk 22:14 "When <u>the hour</u> came, Jesus took <u>his place</u> at table with the apostles."

In your reading of this first Scripture verse you might have the Holy Spirit lead you to reflect on

"the hour" – Jesus had his "hour" of passion, suffering and death. Think about how you and I also have our "hour" for many things, one of which is our own passion, suffering and death. We have our "hour" to end our schooling and enter the workforce, our "hour" to enter retirement, our "hour" to propose to our loved one, our "hour" to have a major surgery, our "hour" to be fired, our "hour" to have a test, our "hour" for.... etc. etc.

The Holy Spirit might lead you to reflect on "his place" – Jesus had "his place", even at table. Think of how we too have our "place" and are we willing to take it, or do we search for another "place" that is not ours. We have our "place" in a family unit, our "place" in our church, our "place" in the work field, our "place" in school, our "place" in our workplace, our "place" in... etc. etc.

As you can see, one can pray the whole of the Passion narrative and find in it, hours and hours of great conversations with God and He with us. Yes, let the Holy Spirit (the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity) guide you in your pray of the heart (Meditation and Contemplation).

A blessed Holy Week to all,

Fr. Liborio

Easter Decorating

We are offering up the opportunity for the Parishioners to raise up the Easter Celebration. Offerings of flower plants of different varieties such as Hydrangeas, Lilies, Tulips, Mums, Daffodils, etc. would help in this most Blessed time. If you wish to dedicate your flower plants to someone who has passed away, please put the name in the pot. Please leave them by April 19th in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless, - The Liturgical Decoration Team

Pontifical Collection—Good Friday

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday—April 19th, 2019.** Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

Living the Gospel by Supporting Vocations



StareLife Martin Dicuangco had a life-changing encounter when he visited Serra House, a residence run by St. Augustine's Seminary for those

discerning a priestly vocation. He is now a third-year theology student at St. Augustine's. "I thank ShareLife

for supporting St. Augustine's Seminary," says Martin, "where young men like myself, after experiencing the love of Christ, are joyfully preparing for ordination to the priesthood."

May 5th is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

2019 **Parish Goal:** \$116,200.00 **Collected to Date:** \$ Thank You! \$ 31,682.10

CWL News

Bazaar Worknights Mondays May 13 and May 27 at 7:30 pm Church lower level. Everyone welcome.

Executive Meeting Wednesday April 17th at 7:00 pm Parish Hall. Please note the meeting time has changed from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.



Flea Market - Saturday April 27 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Please bring your donations of gently used clothing, purses, shoes/boots, linens, books, toys, jewellery, Christmas decorations, dishes, electronics, and any other household items, that you no longer need on Friday April 26 after 6 pm. Please bring all donations to the Parish Hall. Please ensure that clothing donations are clean. No furniture or large appliances. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Youth Volunteers Needed St. Mary's Catholic Women's League are looking for youth volunteers (grade 8 -12) to help with the set up and take down of the Flea Market. Help is needed on Friday April 26 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. and Saturday April 27 from 12 noon -1:00 pm. Volunteer time worked will be applied to school community hours. Please call Rachel 416-994-4767.



May 9th Bus to Ottawa for Pro-Life March for Life

This 22nd National March for Life marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. We march in memory of the 4 million + children killed before H birth by abortion since 1969, the year former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau passed an omnibus bill decriminalizing abortion. Abortion is the civil rights movement of our day and you are invited to

add your support through active participation in this event. St Jerome's and St Mary's are sharing a bus that will be departing St Mary's at 4:30 am on Thursday May 9th - Let's fill the bus!! It is an amazing "must see for yourself" day and truly memorable experience. For details and to sign up call Liz at St Mary's office 905-451-2300 ext. 28.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar—Saturday, April 27th

Assumption Catholic Cemetery, 6933 Tomken Road, Mississauga, Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 am. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic Teaching and traditions around Cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share: - How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will - How to ensure your wishes are legally protected - About Powers of Attorney- Estate Trustee selection - Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors - Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and

The office will be closed from Thursday April 18th to Monday April 22nd.

Funerals. An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries, 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@cc-fs.ca



For the Sick Bob Byrne

For the Recently Deceased

John Rideout Maria Keller Jose Canadinha Glynn Davies



Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org

Bundle Up for St. Vincent de Paul

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need. The weekend of April 27/28 there will be a truck in the parking lot to drop off your donations. They accept all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels and toys. Please note: they do not accept books, construction material, dishes, furniture, videos or audio cassettes.

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April 7th, 2019

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