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Save the Day:

Palm Sunday
March 28th

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Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

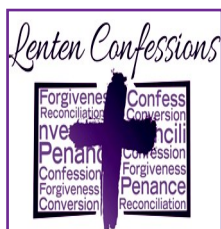
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Franciscus Sukardi

Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support



Saturday, March 27 th	10am - 12noon	-
Monday, March 29 th	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm
Wednesday, March 31 st	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday—April 2nd, 2021**. 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.

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday). This week we journey to the most important celebrations of our liturgical calendar – the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Blessed Lord.

I pray that this coming week will be filled with many graces and blessings and that you and your family may come to know Jesus all the more as your Lord and Saviour – that your friendship with Jesus will have increased because of your Lenten Journey you have been on.

May you have a Holy Week!

Blessings,

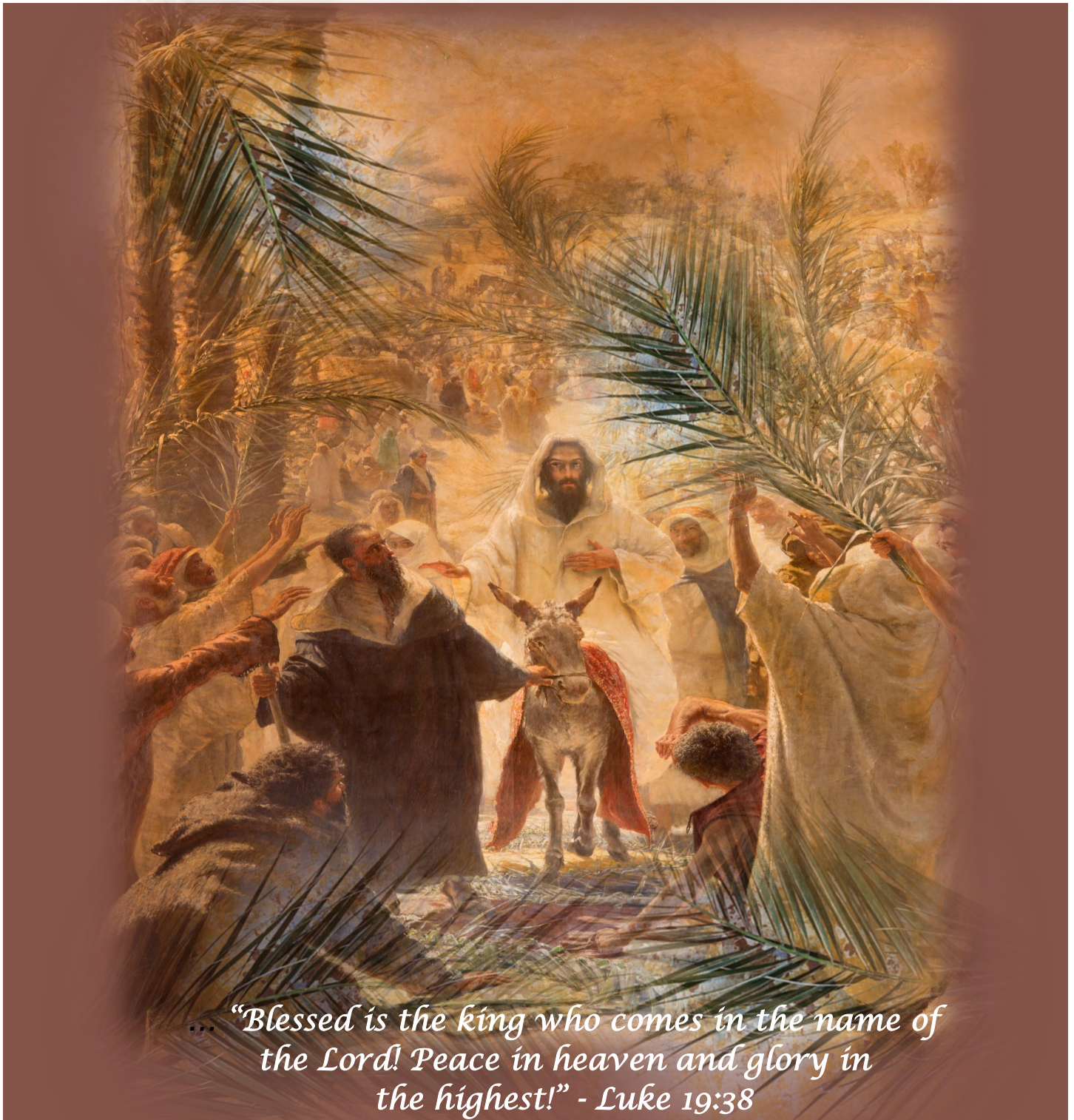
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... *"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of
the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in
the highest!" - Luke 19:38*

Faith Formation



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Beginning with the end we understand His greatness

Our faith is rooted in history, a miraculous history. The Passion of Jesus Christ is not a parable, analogy, or metaphor. It is not a story meant to teach us a lesson apart from its facts. It is not a morality play whose actors mean to teach a lesson. The Passion of Christ is theologically significant because it is historically true. If it were not historically true it would have no significance beyond its power to inspire as a story. But every culture already has myths to inspire its people, or at least mythical figures whose superhuman qualities model greatness. The story of Christ is so much more. It is the true story of a God-man who was betrayed by a friend, suffered calumny from His enemies, was publicly humiliated, made to carry the instrument of His own execution, and then was left to die, naked on a

rough-hewn tree. This story is not sad by analogy to another story. It is sad in and of itself. This is the story we hear every Palm Sunday. This is how a great man's life came to an end. It is also the story of how the Son of God conquered death and opened the gates of heaven to all who not only believe in Him but who belong to Him through the Catholic Church.

[Learn More](#)

Kids Pick of the



The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist!

Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!

Children will learn about *"The Last Supper"*

[Spanish](#)

MOVIE
TIME



Plus, join Brother Francis in praying a special Stations of the Cross for children.

Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

1. Click on the link
2. Register using your email (Create New Account)
3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton
4. Access Code: **8b36b3**

[Stations of the Cross](#)

[Estaciones de la Cruz](#)

Pick of the Week

THE CASE FOR JESUS

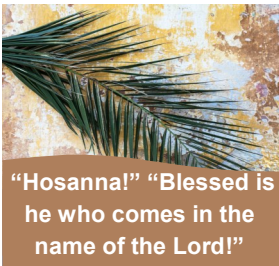
DR. BRANT PITRE



Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the **"case for Jesus"** by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.



Bible Verses



"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- Luke 19:38

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; " - Psalms 92:12

"Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey..." - Zechariah 9:9



Vatican Museums: 'I desire to eat the Passover in your home'

So, let's get our houses ready to welcome Jesus!

This demands creativity.

The *"creativity of love"*, as Pope Francis is calling it.

With this article, we'd like to provide some background on each of the Easter Triduum liturgies, as well as ideas for preparing the place where our families will participate in the liturgies through TV, radio, or social media.

As part of this initiative, we invite you to share your ideas and photos of the sacred places created in your homes. You can do this on Vatican News' social media platforms and by using #EasterAtHome or #JesusInMyHome.

Ideas for preparing a sacred space at home

- the same tomb scene used on Holy Saturday, this time opened up
- symbols of angels and saints
- Baptismal certificates of all those present
- candles we have been given when we received the various Sacraments (e.g., baptismal candle, unity candle)

[Learn More](#)

As we celebrate the most sacred Mysteries of our Faith, let us all make room in our homes and in our hearts to welcome the Risen Lord



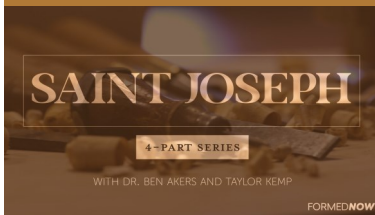
The Last Supper tapestry, Leonardi da Vinci

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

St. Joseph

More Than Words



St Joseph: Old and New (Part 3 of 4)

In this Year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor

Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ.

This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

[Learn More](#)



We all long for happiness -- but there is more. We desire to live lives of significance. If this is going to happen, ***we need to choose to become active participants in the life God offers each one of us.***

[Learn More](#)

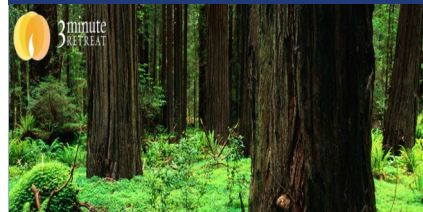
"Prayer gives us a pure heart. It purifies our heart. And a pure heart can See God" - St. Mother Teresa

I Say YES to YOU, Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You are the love that I was born to find.
You are here, offering ME Your heart.
And asking for mine in return.
You have given me the freedom to say no.
I use my freedom to say yes.
I surrender all I am to You.
I renounce satan. Sin.
The spirit of despair. And the idea that I am unlovable.
I forgive others, and I forgive myself of my worst sin.
And I ask you to forgive me and to forgive those who have hurt me.
You are Lord of the Universe.
Be Lord of my heart.
I say yes to You.
Amen

- Real Life Catholic

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Different Gifts

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Holy Spirit, giver of gifts, help me to use my talents to serve others and to help them discover your gifts.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

The Chosen Series - Think You Know Him? Look Again...

The Second Idol of the 21st Century: HAPPINESS



Positive, changes lives, inspires hearts, and lifts the spirit.

You can get it here: www.thechosen.tv/app or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android app store. From the app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. **Click here for [YouTube](#) or click here for [Episode Two](#)**

Our Associate Pastor Fr. Patrick C. Ezimora CCE shares *the second idol of the 21st Century: Happiness.*

I guess you didn't think that happiness could be an idol. You should therefore feel challenged to read and discover the 'god' called 'Happiness'.

"Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord his God" (Psalm 146:5)

Hopefully this article will assist you and your loved ones during this holy season of interior renewal.

[Learn More](#)



Live Your Faith

The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz



New Podcast

From Fr. Mike Schmitz, featuring
Jeff Cavins: *The Bible In A Year*

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ◆ two to three scripture readings ◆ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and ◆ guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.



Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

[Register](#)

Easter Night of Praise

Easter Night of Praise 2021 **Friday, April 9 – 7 p.m.**

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY SAINT DUNSTAN'S PARISH St. Dunstan's Parish invites you to a virtual Easter Praise Night. It will be aired live on our website: stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/en/. Pre-celebration music starts from 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to make a presentation can also contact us at: stdunstan@rogers.com. Come **join us as we celebrate the victory of Christ, a victory that knows no bounds. Not even the pandemic can limit our joy at His resurrection**, for we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community



Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway.
ShareLife Sunday is April 18th

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Please give generously!

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord!

If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Easter Decorating

"We are offering up the opportunity for you, the Parishioners, to raise up the Easter Celebration.

Offerings of flower plants of different varieties like 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 from Saturday, **March 27th to April 3rd behind the altar**.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

- The Liturgical Decoration Team

BAZAAR

This week our CWL virtual bazaar has 3 pages of items available. We have a selection of Easter items including items to dress up your dinner table as well as a couple of wall hangings. There are some cute yarn creations including little slippers and 'Chloe', a dressed up bunny complete with purse. Your purchases help support the charitable works that the CWL does in our community and further afield. If you are interested in anything you see in the link here, please contact Fran at 905-867-7595 or email her at fern0@rogers.com. Thank you! Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.



\$35.00 Easter Egg table runner or wall banner (with sleeve) 44" X 18 1/2"



\$15.00 Easter table topper, 14" across



\$25.00 "Chloe" knitted bunny with removable clothes, 14" tall



\$6.00 each, crocheted slippers with non-slip soles, size 6 to 12 months



For the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

Monday - March 29th

Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - March 30th

Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - March 31st

Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - April 1st

Holy Thursday

Friday - April 2nd

Good Friday

Saturday - April 3rd

Holy Saturday

For the Triduum Schedule of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, please refer to the Holy Week Schedule below

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Yes, Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids



Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

SCHEDULE:

Fridays 9:30am ET

Saturdays 4pm ET

Sundays 7:00am and 2:30pm ET

[Learn More](#)

FAMILY CORNER

5 Ways to Help Families Make Prayer a Priority

The hectic pace of family life can often mean that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five simple, practical tips to encourage families to pray more often:

1. When you rise from bed, get down on your knees...
2. Communicate with God whenever you climb into the car...
3. Place a prayer jar in the kitchen...
4. Fold your hands before you unfold your napkin...
5. Pray when people or events upset you...
6. And, ...

[Learn More](#)



Prayer for Families

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence. May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

- My catholic Life

Holy Week Basket



We are all familiar with Easter Baskets. This activity takes the Easter Basket and transforms it into a Holy Week Basket in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Place a traditional Easter Basket (filled with that fake green grass!) in the center of the room. In the basket, place a number of plastic eggs that you have filled with slips of paper that have suggestions for how to make Holy Week more holy.

Suggestions:

- each day of Holy Week, read the Gospel for the day
- spend 15 minutes in silence each day
- pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- listen to some inspirational music
- rent an inspirational film
- And...

[Learn More](#)



Growing in Grace

by Fr. Thomas J. Connery

In the Ancient near east, a King entered a city riding on a warhorse in order to convey His military power - particularly when he was entering a newly conquered city - where his rule may have been regarded as illegitimate or met with suspicion or outright rejection. The exception to this custom was when a beloved king entered his own capital city. There he would ride in on a donkey - the benevolent king.

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem in meekness and gentleness. He comes not to lord it over the people, not to impose his will upon them. He comes as the benevolent king. How do I deal with authority? We all have some level of authority - maybe at work, or within your family, or even with your pet dog. Kindness first.

Father, your Son Jesus enters The city not to dominate but to Come to die. He accepts this Final ending. He is obedient To your will. Help me to Accept your will for me, Especially when it is difficult or When I deem it unfair. Grant me the Strength and meekness to do your will. When I want to strike back, I will look, to Jesus for inspiration.

I pray in his name.

Amen

Have a blessed

Palm Sunday

Thank You for your Offering!

March 21, 2021 Regular Collection
\$10,219.70

St. Mary's Holy Week Schedule

Live-streaming of Masses will Continue as follows:

Daily Mass at 9 AM

Sunday Masses

11 AM English & 2 PM Spanish

Sunday Masses & Feast Masses will require Registration.

To register visit our website <https://stmarysbr.archtoronto.org>

Date	Feast	Time
Saturday March 27th <i>Office Closed</i>	Vigil of Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday March 28th <i>Office Closed</i>	Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Masses (2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Masses are in Spanish)
Monday March 29th <i>Office Closed</i>	Holy Monday	9:00 a.m. Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 30th <i>Office Closed</i>	Holy Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 31st <i>Office Closed</i>	Holy Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday April 1st <i>Office Closed</i>	Holy Thursday 9:00 a.m. <u>Mass Cancelled</u>	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. (Will be Live-Streamed) Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday April 2nd <i>Office Closed</i>	Good Friday 9:00 a.m. <u>Mass Cancelled</u> 6:00-7:00 p.m. <u>Holy hour Cancelled</u> 7:00 p.m. <u>Mass Cancelled</u>	Good Friday Service's 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon (Spanish), 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. services will be Live-Streamed) 8:00 p.m. Live-streamed Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 3rd <i>Office Closed</i>	Holy Saturday 9:00 a.m. <u>Mass Cancelled</u>	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Will be Live-Streamed) Church open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday April 4th <i>Office Closed</i>	Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses (2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Masses are in Spanish)