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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00am
Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 11:00am, 12:30pm *Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Lord

April 2, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Agustin Meneses, *Deacon*

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Ministries and Groups

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Call the office for info on:

Sacrament of Baptism

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
This program is for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us one year prior to your requested wedding date.

Pastoral References

You must be a registered parishioner, attending Sunday Mass regularly, participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community, be serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an on going basis, and be in good canonical standing within the Church.

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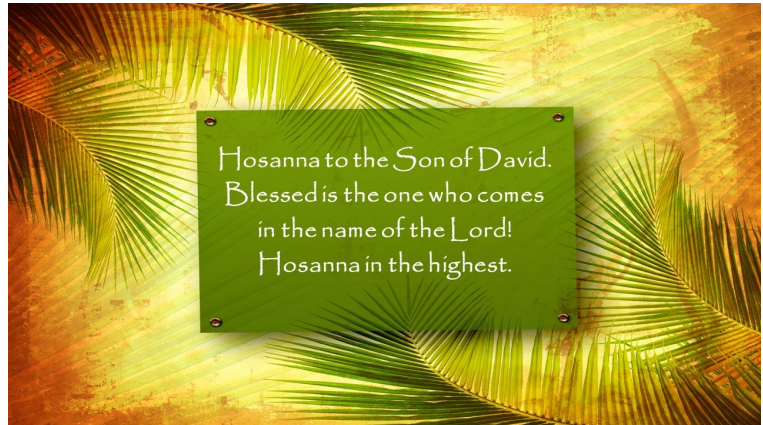
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Passion Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the readings invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

We see Jesus as a humble and peaceful king surrounded by crowds of people who wave palm branches and shout his praises. This image reminds us of Jesus' identity as a powerful and beloved leader who comes to save us from sin and death.

At the same time, we are also reminded of the cost of Jesus' sacrifice. The Gospel reading describes the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. We see Jesus' selflessness and obedience, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation.

The readings on Palm Sunday ask us to place ourselves in the events of Holy Week and consider how we would have responded had we been there: perhaps we would have been among the crowd on the street singing Hosanna, or maybe one of the people complaining about demonstrators disrupting our preparations for the Passover. We might have been sitting next to Peter, denying we even know the Lord, fearful and afraid. Or among the crowd calling for the crucifixion of Jesus.

We are invited to consider our own personal response to Jesus' sacrifice. *Are we willing to follow his example of love, humility, and selflessness?*



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The day recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of our salvation that takes place about a week before his Resurrection (Easter).

Why do we wave palms?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, crowds greeted him by waving palms and covering his path with small branches. We wave palms today to hail Christ in his triumph for our salvation in the light of his Paschal Mystery - his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments are stretched out before him, there is talk of the miracles he has accomplished, and loud praises are heard:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
(Luke 19:38)

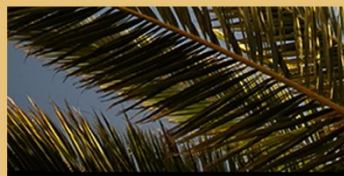
POPE FRANCIS

Read the story of Palm Sunday:
Luke 19:28-44

On Palm Sunday, priests will wear **red vestments** in keeping with the Church's focus on the Lord's glorious Passion



Traditionally, before the beginning of Lent the following year, the palms are collected and burned to a fine ash. The ashes are blessed and used for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.



Abstinence and Fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. *Fasting* is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between.

Catholics age 14 + are obliged to practice abstinence. Catholics 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On Fridays, we abstain from eating meat since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday. Those outside the age limits and those whose state in life (pregnant women, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or act of charity or piety on this day.



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Daily Mass - April 3, 4 & 5 at 9:00am

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm (No morning Mass)

Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria. Altar of repose will be in the meeting room (parish hall) from 8:30pm to midnight.

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 7 at 12:00 noon & 3:00pm (No morning Mass)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9:00am & 7:30pm. The church will be open for private prayer until 8pm.

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday, April 8 at 8:00pm

There will be no 9:00am & 5:15pm Mass No Confessions. Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 9

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Additional seating available in the parish hall.

Children at the 9:30am Mass are to remain with their families since there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word.








Special Collection on Good Friday, April 7

- This annual collection supports the work of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land in preserving the Sacred Places, promoting the Christian presence in the Holy Land and providing aid to the poor. Special envelopes are available at the church entrance.

The Doctrine of Discovery, a set of theories backed by 15th-century "papal bulls", were used to justify European Christian colonialists' seizure of Indigenous lands in Africa and the Americas.

In a recently published, *Statement on the "Doctrine of Discovery"*, The Vatican has rejected the "Doctrine of Discovery" because it "did not adequately reflect the equal dignity & rights of Indigenous peoples" and have never been an expression of the Catholic faith.

The entire Statement is available at <http://bit.ly/3zkhYo7>

<h1>Paschal Triduum</h1>		<p>PASCHAL: associated with the Hebrew Passover; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God</p> <p>TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days</p>	<p>The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of Lent to Easter.</p>
<p>The Easter Triduum or Holy Triduum is the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ</p>		<p>The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life.</p>	
<p>DAY 1: sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday</p>		<p>HOLY THURSDAY: "Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."</p>	
<p>DAY 2: sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday</p>		<p>GOOD FRIDAY: "In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."</p>	
<p>DAY 3: sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday</p>		<p>HOLY SATURDAY: "The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."</p>	
 <p>www.archtoronto.org archtoronto</p>		<p>"These, then, are days which speak to us powerfully of God's love and mercy." - Pope Francis</p>	

Tenebrae Service
Tuesday, April 4, 7: 30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Please join us for this moving service of light through darkness. Free will offering appreciated. All donations go towards ShareLife.



Sharing Our Blessings

One way for us to live the Gospel is to share with those in need. Thank you to those who generously donated on ShareLife Sunday last weekend. A total of \$50,064.40 was collected toward our annual Parish campaign goal of \$440,000.



Digital Payment Pilot at OLS


OLS Parish will be participating in an archdiocesan pilot project from April to June to use *Tip Tap Pay* for our votive candles and the St Vincent de Paul poor boxes. An easy alternative to cash, simply tap the pre-set giving amounts on the display with your debit card, credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. As no personal information is recorded by the devices, donations receipts are not issued.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- April 3 - 9**
- Mon.** †Montoya Delia by Delia Urosevic
 - Tues.** †Richard Wade by family
 - Wed.** †Patricia Brennan by Anne & Simon Carette
- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil**
Parish Intentions
- Sun. 8am** Parish Intentions
 - 9:30am** †Magda Keddy by Cynthia & John Wujek
 - 11:00am** †Victor Manuel Leitoguinho by David & Belinda Leitoguinho
 - 12:30pm** Parish Intentions

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