

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 15th

+ Noreen O'Reilly

Requested by Marie Foley

Wednesday, April 16th

Intentions of Maria-Sophia

Requested by Adriana & Daniel Fernandez

Thursday, April 17th

Pro Populo

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday

Saturday, April 19th

Pro Populo

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the parishioners of St. John's Parish

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of the community of St. John's Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, Elaine Atwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Lynn Sparkes, Edna Higgins

WEEKLY REFLECTION

God Freely chooses to be emptied of the power and control that is unique to divinity in order to become vulnerable and in communion with all people. Where are the areas in my life where I am being invited to let go so that I may enter into a deeper relationship with others?

God of humility, you entered the messiness of our broken world and experiences life as we do. Help me see myself and others as you do and guide me on the path toward solidarity and communion.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JUBILEE 2025 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE:

Why not consider a Lenten Pilgrimage to one of our designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings? A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/jubilee. The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."

Jubilee 2025 – Suggested Prayer of the Faithful for April 2025

For this parish community, brothers and sisters united in the Risen Christ; may the joy and peace of the Redeemer inspire us, Pilgrims of Hope, to be tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.

2025 NEOPHYTE MASS:

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church at Easter. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto.**

This Mass is open to all, but reserved seating is available only for Neophytes and up to five guests. Reserved seating will be designated by parish. Registration closes Monday, May 5. Seating is limited, so please register early. All other attendees will be seated in non-reserved sections on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

REGISTER:

<https://bit.ly/NeophyteMassRegisterMay2025>

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday	April 17 th	This collection will be given to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.
Good Friday	April 18 th	This collection is for the Needs of the Holy Land. <i>Envelopes can be picked up at the entrance of the church.</i>
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	Second collection

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (APRIL 17TH – APRIL 20TH):

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper	April 17 th	7PM (Note: there is no 8:15AM mass)
Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord	April 18 th	12PM & 3PM (Note: there is no 8:15AM mass)
Easter Vigil	April 19 th	8PM (Note: there is no 4:30PM mass)
Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord	April 20 th	9AM & 11AM

HOLY WEEK OFFICE HOURS (APRIL 17TH – APRIL 20TH):

Holy Thursday	April 17 th	Early closure: 12pm
Good Friday	April 18 th	Closed
Easter Monday	April 20 th	Closed

ENTERING HOLY WEEK AND LOOKING TOWARDS THE EASTER TRIDUUM:

HOLY WEEK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION. THIS WEEK OF GREAT REVERENCE SPANS THE FINAL EIGHT DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE, FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY.

Palm (Passion) Sunday – at the beginning of Holy Week, we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday – The first day of the Easter Triduum in which we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, also known as the "Last Supper". It is here that Jesus Christ, the High Priest, institutes the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and gives us all an example of what it means to serve. Which leads Him to celebrate the very first Holy Mass and give us the Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood, His Soul and Divinity, for us to be in communion with Him always.

Good Friday – The second day of the Easter Triduum in which we Commemorate the Passion of the Lord. We walk and journey with the Lord to Calvary where He makes the ultimate sacrificial act of love, to show the world the depths of His Merciful Love through the power of the Holy Cross.

Easter Saturday – The final day of the Easter Triduum, where we make a Vigil at the Tomb of the Lord waiting for the Promise of the Resurrection to be fulfilled. That despite our sadness and pain that can flow from the Cross, we put our trust in His Word, that nothing can separate from the love of Christ – not even death itself.