

St. John's Parish Bulletin

Weekend of April 10, 2022

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Tuesday to Thursday 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday Mass
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass
Tuesdays to Fridays - 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Reconciliation:
Saturdays – 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Catholic Cemeteries - 416.733.8544

Marriage: Please contact the office 1 Yr in advance
Baptisms: Please email the office



PRAY THE ROSARY

Palm Sunday



GOSPEL MEDITATION: On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year. Many of the Jews want to see him stoned, calling Him a blasphemer, especially after offering proof of His Divinity during a winter visit to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Dedication. Jesus then went to Perea, where he was summoned to Bethany. There he raised Lazarus from the dead, a miracle which wins Him such renown among certain Pharisees that they decided finally to end His life. He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple, and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death. He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday, to share the Last Supper with His apostles. He was subsequently arrested and tried. He was crucified at Calvary on Friday, outside the gates of Jerusalem. He was buried the same day, and arose three days later, on Easter Sunday. All of this is done by our Lord for forgiveness of our sins, and for life everlasting with Him. God so loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us, so that our sins may be forgiven. Lpi

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 14th

(No 8:15 am Mass)

7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration

Good Friday – April 15th

(No 8:15 am Mass)

12 noon & 3 pm – The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 16th

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

8:30 pm – The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – April 17th

9 am and 11 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9th

For + JOE COSTA

Requested by Maria Tavares

Tuesday, April 12th

For + MICHAEL MOLLOY

Requested by Anna Molloy & Family

Wednesday, April 13th

For + JOHN & MARIE MELNYCHUK

Requested by Edna Higgin & Family



The Sanctuary Light
burns in loving memory of
Roger Savoie

Please Pray For The Sick

Claude & Naomi Bailey, Francois de Siebental, Mary Alice Sisk, Joseph Abate & Carmel Richard



OFFERING Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
Offertory	\$ 5828	\$ 2444
Offertory PAG	\$ 1110	\$ 1183
Maintenance	\$ 3079	\$ 995



The Good Friday collection for the "Needs of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land.

These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.

ShareLife ShareLife agencies need our support. The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife-funded that agency that helps seniors. Here's how your support of ShareLife is enabling their lifesaving work: "This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through ShareLife's support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our food delivery program. Your support is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough!" Our parishioners have contributed \$7367 toward our goal of \$73,000. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

WEARING MASKS AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH. We will continue to strongly recommend the use of masks while inside the church as the numbers are on the rise. Out of care for your fellow parishioners, we ask you to wear your mask as you enter and exit the church and approach for Communion. Masks maybe removed while seated. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to "Be my brothers keeper".

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Parish Financial Report for 2021 is available on our website, under the "Parish Life" menu. Explanatory notes are provided. Thank you for supporting your parish through a second challenging year. With prayers, --Fr. John-Mark

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available to be picked up. Email or call the office. Or if you wish to begin using our Pre authorized programme, PAG, please email the office. Don't forget to leave something to your parish in your Will. Every bit goes a long way.

40 CANS FOR LENT: The Knights of Columbus want to thank you for your generous donations during their Lenten Drive. All donations of over 400 pounds of non perishable foods as well as \$40 of monetary donations will go directly to the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen St. Thank you for journeying through Lent with this worth sacrifice.

CWL FUNDRAISER! Bright packs of 3 breathable-washable-reusable produce bags being sold for only \$5. Each multi-use bag holds 2 kg/4lbs! Bags will be sold after all Masses on April 23/24. Cash at the church doors or e-transfer anytime to: jaybeescwl@gmail.com or for cash home delivery phone Dorothy Currie at 416-804-1793 or Maryse Ristuccia at 437-983-0557.

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.

HOLY WEEK: In the Church's instructions for the ceremonies of Holy Week, a few details may be noted: 1. In keeping with ancient tradition, crucifixes, statues and images are veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It is a fast from images, and a fast from the Cross, which heightens our joy in this sign of our salvation when the Cross is unveiled on Good Friday. 2. On Holy Thursday, rather than omit the washing of the feet, a smaller number may be chosen. It is not necessary to have 12 people in the rite. After Mass the church will remain open for one hour to allow for silent prayer after the Solemn Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. (It is not permitted to use the monstrance for Exposition on this day.) 3. On Good Friday, we will not have individual Veneration of the Cross, in accordance with ongoing safety measures from the Archdiocese. 4. The Easter Vigil (which the Church calls "The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night") begins after sunset, which happens a little after 8pm on April 16, so our best start time would be 8:30pm. "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday." There will be 6 readings out of the full complement of 9. There is no one to baptize this year but we will be Confirming and welcoming a few people into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for those who are completing this journey of faith.

Kids Korner
www.kidsoutlet.com

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



Follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem.

Little Levitic: Pierre a local farm boy accidentally overturned his wagon load of wheat. Mark, the farmer came to investigate. "Hey son, forget your troubles for a while and come and have dinner with us. Then I'll help you overturn the wagon." "That's very nice of you," said Pierre, "but I don't think my Dad would like that." "Aw come on, son!" the farmer insisted. "Ok" the boy finally agreed, "but I know Dad won't like it." and off he went. After a hearty dinner, Pierre thanked the farmer. "I feel a lot better now but my Dad's going to be really upset" "Don't be silly!" said the farmer. "By the way, where is he?" "Under the wagon" replied Pierre. Peace begins with a smile St. Teresa