

**Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



**From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan:** Today we begin the Holy Week with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) are the important days during this Holy Week, which is known as Easter or Paschal Triduum. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, enters Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and reaches its high point and closes in the Easter Vigil. Even though, it covers three days, it is one and only liturgy which covers the whole Paschal Mystery, (Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection).

On Holy Thursday, the Church celebrates the Institution of the Holy Eucharist recalling the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ where Jesus asked His disciples "to do this in memory of Me". We also recall and affirm the institution of Priesthood in the washing of the feet which invites all priests to take part in the priesthood of Jesus who washed the feet of his disciples manifesting the service of humility. Holy Thursday service ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," where people of God are called to stay and pray with the reposed Eucharist, remembering Jesus' request in the Garden of Gethsemane to "watch and pray" with him.

Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. This day is the only day the Church does not celebrate Mass. This is to signify Jesus' death. People of God come to Church to meditate the suffering and death of Jesus. Priests prostrate themselves, at the beginning of the service before listening as the Passion narratives are read while contemplating Jesus' death. Adoration of the cross takes place at this service, in which the priest and the people of God kneel before the cross and venerate it. We are also invited to observe the day of fasting and abstinence.

Holy Saturday, after nightfall, before dawn on Easter Sunday, the Vigil celebration takes place to rejoice the Resurrection of Jesus. At the Easter Vigil, the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are included to remind the people how Jesus brought Light of Life to all and all the faithful through baptism have received the grace of salvation and eternal life. You may also see at this Mass RCIA catechumens being brought into full Communion with the Catholic Church. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass.)

Let us enter in to this Holy Week keeping in mind the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation.



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.



**Easter Triduum**

**Holy Thursday – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

(No 8:15 am Mass)

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration for One hour

**Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon & 3:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word – Communion Rite

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday – April 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday Masses – April 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**Easter Monday Mass – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 am**



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**HOLY LAND:** collection on Good Friday is taken up worldwide in the Catholic Church and offered in support of the Holy Land. It was born out of the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong

bond between the faithful across the world and the Holy Places. There are many Christian communities, who are suffering persecution in the Holy Land. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule.

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

For + DUNCAN BUCHANAN MACPHERSON

Requested by Monish Sarker



**Rest in Peace**

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of*

**Ramona Horbay & Rev. Gerald Sherry, SFM**

**Please Pray For The Sick**

David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



*Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about PreAuthorized Giving (P.A.G)*

	2019	2023
<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$ 5081	\$ 3240
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1110	\$ 1421
<i>ShareLife</i>	\$23490	\$ 8100

**In The News**

**MASS OF CHRISM:** will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11 am. The Renewal of Priestly Promises will take place after the homily. The Holy Oils blessed during this Mass – will be disturbed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments. The faithful are invited to attend. For more information visit [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Holy Name Parish is seeking a music director for a SATB Choir of 20+ volunteers. If interested please email your resume to [holynameto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holynameto@archtoronto.org).

**BUNDLE UP FOR SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** at St. Theresa's Shrine, 2550 Kingston Road, Scarborough on the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Already spring cleaning, drop off your gentle used clothing, bedding, shoes at the St. Vincent de Paul truck that will be available at St. Theresa's Shrine Church. For more information visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)

**"SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? MY NEW LIFE AFTER THE RESURRECTION":** As the long journey through Lent finally comes to an end and Easter dawns upon us, we can so quickly move onto the ordinary once again. There is new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are called into the light. Join in this retreat, as Fr. Michael Corpus (Vice Rector at St. Augustine's Seminary and former intern seminarian of Blessed Trinity Parish) returns to share his wisdom on resisting the ordinary and striving for excellence in the Easter Season. Saturday, April 15, 2023 – 8 am Mass followed by breakfast at 8:30 am. Presentation: 9 am – 12:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto. Contact: Ria Kinghorn at 416.827.6659 or [ria\\_sunshine@hotmail.com](mailto:ria_sunshine@hotmail.com)

**SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION:** One of the most financially sound ways to support your parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).



**VOCATIONS:** "Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon,

brother or sister? If God is calling you to serve him contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Parish News**



In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thus far we have raised

\$8100 toward our goal of \$76,000.

You can still donate to the first collection by using the ShareLife envelope found in the vestibule, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO:** Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on Tuesday, April 11, at Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto at 7 pm. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. If you are interested in attending and require a ride please contact the office. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

**HELP KEEP MASKS OUT OF LANDFILLS:** If you use disposable masks, please save them and not throw them out. St. John School has partnered with an organization that recycles disposable N95 and surgical type masks. To celebrate Earth Day/Week the students of St. John's will be collecting used disposable masks at all 3 Masses on the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd. Please save your masks from landfills and drop them off at Mass that weekend. Spread the word to your family and friends. Every mask helps.



We welcome the newest members of our parish family:

Liam Thompson & Ave Marie Priebe  
pictured below)



**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all homebound parishioner. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.

**THANK YOU!** To all the bakers, buyers and helpers of the very successful Irish Soda Bread sale last weekend! Your continued support of St. John's Catholic Women's League is greatly appreciated.

**Little Levery:** Michael was trying to set up a password on Microsoft. Windows: Please enter your new password. Michael: cabbage. Widows: Sorry the password must be more than 8 characters. Michael typed boiled cabbage. Windows: sorry the password must contain 1 numerical character. Michael: 1 boiled cabbage. Windows: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case and no spaces. Michael: "1BoiledCabbagenowimreallymadsogivemeaccessnow" Windows: "Sorry that password is already in use"

*Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*