

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY | MARCH 25

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## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);  
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm  
LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

by Norm Tanck, CSB

We have arrived scripturally and liturgically in Jerusalem. There are two alternate Gospel readings for the blessing of Palms (Mk 11:1-10 and Jn 12:12-16) that remind us that Jesus had come there as crowds of pilgrims were gathering to celebrate the Feast of Passover. For the Jews this was a feast that celebrated their freedom from slavery in Egypt but also looked forward to the time when Messiah would come and free them from the oppression of the Roman Empire. It would not be too much of a stretch of the imagination to see Jesus' arrival as a protest march confronting the Empire, proclaiming that its

## PARISH STAFF

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power would end, hopefully soon. But it is much, much more than that.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus arrives riding a colt, which could be a horse (only Matthew's Gospel says it's a donkey). He comes riding in like a king, while people place their cloaks on the ground, a gesture usually reserved for royalty. At the same time, they are waving leafy branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!". That kingdom would come sooner than, I am sure, the crowds may have expected or hoped for. But it would be much different than the kingdom of their dreams. It would be a kingdom that transcends political powers and boundaries. It would be an eternal, universal kingdom of justice and peace. A kingdom where even death would not hold God's people captive. It was the Kingdom of God.

When we read about the suffering and death of Jesus today and on Good Friday it is important for us to look beyond the Cross, and even the Resurrection, to see that the Kingdom of God is breaking through and that we have been invited to live in it forever. The Triduum (Holy Thursday through to the Easter Vigil) is a celebration of our liberation from sin and death and of our citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 50.4-7

PSALM 22

PHILLIPPIANS 2.6-11

MARK 14.1-15.47

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Redefining Success — How God's definition of success might challenge that of the secular world. All young adults (19-39) are invited to join together for an evening of thought-provoking conversation! Special guest: Kevin Kelly, SJ, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

**7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Duke of York Pub**

**39 Prince Arthur Ave**

*For more information contact  
faithconnections@csj-to.ca*

### TENEBRAE

Join our parish community during Holy Week for **Tenebrae on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00pm**. Latin for shadows or darkness, the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This evening will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher the beginning of the Triduum.

*For more information, contact JP Farahat  
johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca*

### VOICES FOR PEACE

Join the Church of the Redeemer, Citizens for Public Justice, Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Henri Nouwen Society for Voices of Peace. A day of presentations and workshops by seasoned and dynamic peacemakers. Steeped in the tradition of Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton, these committed individuals will encourage and motivate you with a peaceful call to action. Keynote speakers are author/activist Jim Forest, and musician/broadcaster Shad.

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

**8:30am-4:30pm**

Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre

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*visit <http://bit.ly/VoicesforPeace> for more information  
or to purchase tickets (\$25 Adults | \$15 Students)*

### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ORATORIO ENSEMBLE

Join the University of Toronto Oratorio Ensembles class and the Toronto Youth Choir for "OraSTORYo!, He is Risen," an evening of sacred repertoire, featuring works by Bach, Haydn, Handel, Mozart, Salieri, Dvořák, Sullivan, Pergolesi and Puccini. Matthew Otto, guest conductor and Helen Becqué, guest pianist, join Mia Bach, pianist and Prof. Darryl Edwards director.

**Wednesday, April 4, 7:30pm**

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music program of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.*

## JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please note that the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive will take place **April 7th and 8th**. Be sure to check next weekend's bulletin for a list of items that are in need.

Thank you.

## WAY OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Way of the Cross on **Good Friday, March 30**, starting from the Newman Center (89 St. George Street) at **10:00am** ending at 12:00pm at St. Basil's Church.

*For any questions, please email  
secretary@clonline.ca*

## PRAY THE EASTER SEQUENCE

The "Sequence" is a special sung prayer which comes before the Gospel on important feast days. Most of the Sequence prayers are around 1000 years old! The Sequence for Easter Sunday is named "Victimae Paschali Laudes", or "Praise the Paschal Victim", and we will be singing it before the Gospel at all Masses next week for Easter Sunday.

We are all invited to join our voices in singing this beautiful prayer as a community of believers. If you wish to practice beforehand, the words and music can be found in the We Celebrate Hymnal at number 604. You can hear it sung with text at this link: <https://youtu.be/biToVpwMWgw>

## CHRISM MASS

All are welcome to join the annual Mass to bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism, which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:00am**  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond St., Toronto

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 18, 2018 \$ 5,619.10



## MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> — APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

### SUNDAY

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

9:00am Mary and Lou Ricco (+,+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Dolores Ciuro (+)  
4:30pm Lim Huy Long (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am Dolores Ciuro (+)  
12:10pm Magadaleno and Elena Almeda (+,+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Leo Rubino (liv.)  
12:10pm *Deceased members of the Cacho Family*

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Marie Pearce (liv.)  
12:10pm Rosa Desá (+)

### THURSDAY **Holy Thursday**

7:00pm

### FRIDAY **Good Friday**

3:00pm

### SATURDAY **Vigil of Easter**

8:00pm

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, Alexander Wu, and Desmond Brownlee.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Joe Torres, and Sally Roche.



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