

## PALM SUNDAY



**April 11 to April 17**

- Monday 8:30 a.m. +Tiffany & Beverly de'Rozario  
– Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. +Jack Ellig  
– Anne Ellig
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +James Bernard & Daisy Isaacksz  
– Miriam Jayasundera

### LENT ENDS – SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS

- Thursday 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Friday 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Friday 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Saturday 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil & Reception
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday
- Livestream Mass** 11:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Throughout the year ..... Saturdays...11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Twenty minutes before each weekday Mass

Please note:



- 1) **Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence (no meat).
- 2) **Blessing of Easter food** will take place in the church on Holy Saturday afternoon, April 16, at 12:00 p.m. In some cultures, people prepare a basket of special foods (for example, meat, bread, dairy foods, eggs, cakes and pastries, wine) that will be shared at their Easter dinner. These are blessed, symbolic of the desire of Jesus to share a meal with us.

### SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK LITURGIES (THE TRIDUUM)

#### Holy Thursday, April 14

- 7:30 p.m. ....Mass of the Lord's Supper (live stream)
- The church will be open until 9:00 p.m. as we keep watch in prayer in the spirit of Gethsemane. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends at 9:00 p.m.
- 9:00 p.m. ....Night Prayer

#### Good Friday, April 15

- 11:00 a.m. ....Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 3:00 p.m. ....Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (live stream)

#### Holy Saturday, April 16

- 7:30 p.m. ....Easter Vigil (live stream)
- This beautiful and symbol-filled liturgy provides all with the opportunity to reflect on God's presence with us from the beginning of time. The blessing of the Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle are direct, living reminders of the miracle that is Easter. Consider attending, especially if you have never been before.

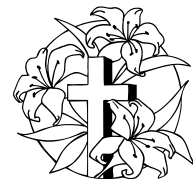
#### Easter Sunday, April 17

**On Easter Sunday** an addition to the regular Sunday Mass schedule is required to accommodate the large crowds and to reduce congestion in the parking lot. An extra Mass will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Please consider coming to this Mass.

- 7:30 a.m. ....Easter Mass
- 9:00 a.m. ....Easter Mass
- 11:00 a.m. ....Easter Mass (live stream)

### EASTER COLLECTION

- May your Easter offering reflect the generosity of God's love for you.



### EASTER ALLELUIA

- Following the liturgy on Holy Saturday evening, **all are invited to the "Easter Alleluia" reception in the church hall.**

# Easter Vigil



## Explanation of the Easter Vigil Mass,

The most sacred night of the Church year.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. *We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at this table (cf Luke 12:35ff).* All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. The vigil is divided into four parts: 1) service of light, 2) liturgy of the Word, 3) liturgy of Baptism, and 4) liturgy of the Eucharist.

**1) Service of Light** The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared with these words while the priest marks the candle: *Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega all the time belongs to him and all the ages to him be glory and power through every age for ever.*

The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

The candle is then processed through the church, with the priest lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (Lumen Christi) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (Deo gratias). Everyone lights their individual candle from the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: The Exsultet (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells the man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us." This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

**2) Liturgy of the Word** During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

**3) Liturgy of the Baptism** During the time of Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through baptism, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

**4) Liturgy of the Eucharist** The Mass resumes, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with glorious... The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Thanks to be God, alleluia, alleluia.

### Why is Saint Joseph not mentioned at Christ's crucifixion?

The last time we hear about St. Joseph in the scriptures is when he is separated from his family and found in the temple. The fact no mention is made of Joseph during Jesus' adult life, Scripture scholars presume that Joseph had died by the time Jesus began His ministry as an adult.

When Jesus was on the cross, with His grieving Mother there, He says to the Apostle John, *"There is your mother... there is your son."* If Joseph had still been alive, then the scenario would not have taken place. Jesus did that because, in Jewish society at the time, a widowed woman with no husband or male children would not have had a lot of income, and she would have been in danger of not having a home. So, for that and other pieces of evidence that are in Scripture, it is assumed that Saint Joseph had died at some point between (the Finding of Jesus in the Temple) when Jesus was about 12-year-old, and when Christ began His ministry.

### Good Friday collection for the Holy Land

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all Catholics in Canada. Your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites, as well as the formation of future priests. Donations to this special collection will be gratefully accepted at the Good Friday Services. A special envelope is included in your envelope box.

**SHARE LENT – TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:** Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including April 28. If you are not using parish offering envelopes, please use one of your own, marking it as **Share Lent**. To learn more about the important work of Development and Peace around the world please visit [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org).



### THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2022

#### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.