

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 26 MARCH

9:10 AM +ROSALIA VIRGILIO
Requested by the Virgilio Family

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH

9:10 AM +EMILIA CARMELO SPADOLA
Requested by the Spadola Family

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH

7:00 PM +STELLA KASS
Requested by Percy Kass
+IVY CHIN
Requested by Mary Chin
+FRANCIS ALANGADEN
Requested by the Chathanat Family
+JESSICA ALFANE
Requested by Joanne Alfane
+FRANCIS FERNANDO
Requested by Maureen Fernando
+JOHN FREDERICK
Requested by the Frederick Family



WALK WITH US ON GOOD FRIDAY! The Charismatic Prayer group, Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus invite you to an outdoor praying of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We will meet in the church parking lot at **9:00 am**. Look for posters detailing the route.

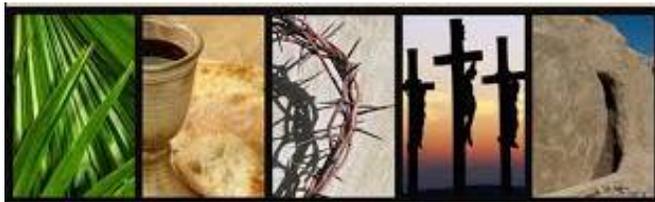
March is Baby Month: The Knights of Columbus are once again organizing their annual drive to collect baby items for Mothers and Babies in need. You can drop off items principally, Baby food (with extended expiry dates); formula, disposable diapers, (newborns to pullups), new receiving blankets, baby wipes, baby oils, shampoo, sleepers (newborn to 24 months), baby & toddler clothing (sizes newborn – 24 months), . **Items should be new or in excellent condition**, please. Special white Drop Boxes will be placed in the Church hallway.



EASTER FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting non-perishable food on the weekends of **31 March/1 April and 7/8 April** in our parish food baskets for the Good Shepherd Refuge. Food items most needed include canned fish, canned meat/soups/stews/vegetables/ fruit/condensed milk etc., breakfast cereals, spices, rice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, powdered fruit juice, condiments, cookies & crackers, peanut butter & jams. Good Shepherd is requesting toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, NEW men's socks and underwear. Please be generous as we lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:
29 March 2018 8:00PM (No 9:10AM Mass)

Good Friday Services: (No 9:10AM Mass)
30 March 2018 12:00PM and 3:00PM

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Note: Good Friday is a Day of Fasting (one full meal) for all Catholics (aged 18 to 59 years) and Abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Easter Vigil Mass:
31 March 2018 Saturday 8:00PM
(No 9:10AM nor 5:00PM Mass)

Easter Sunday:
1 April 2018 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, & 7PM

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

for the week of 26 March to 1 April
is offered by **PETER AND COLEEN ALLUM**
for their Anniversary.

HOLY WEEK SERVING SCHEDULE PICK UP

All Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have signed up for a Holy Week liturgy are asked to pick up a schedule in the sacristy if you have not received an emailed copy.

CATHOLICS COME HOME: If you have been away from the Catholic Church, you are welcome to return. Or if you would like to help family and friends "come home". Explore the wonders of our faith by visiting the following website: www.catholicscomehome.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY: A truck will be available in the parish parking lot during **9am on Saturday 7 April until 2pm on Sunday 8 April** to accept gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need. For more info, visit www.ssvptoronto.ca

CALLING ALL MOMS... and grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual moms, and all women who nurture! Catholic Moms Group meets on **Wednesday of Holy Week, 28 March** after the 7pm Mass. Theme: Making the Holiest Weekend of the Year Great! Please enter through the church office. New participants always welcome. To rsvp or inquire: contact Rita rvperta@gmail.com.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus?

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ. *(Further reading: CCC 571-573)*

What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death?

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death. *(Further reading: CCC 574-576)*

How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the Law of Israel?

Jesus did not abolish the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore, as the faithful Servant, he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the "transgression committed by men under the first Covenant" (Hebrews 9:15). *(Further reading: CCC 577-582, 592)*

Who is responsible for the death of Jesus?

The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices. *(Further reading: CCC 595-598)*

Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan?

To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially at the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about "in accordance with the Scriptures". *(Further reading: CCC 599-605, 619)*

In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father?

The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave "his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people. *(Further reading: CCC 606-609, 620)*

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE		
As of 18 March 2018		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,561
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 182,000	\$ 174,448
HOPE Fund (March)	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,828
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,689
Debt Outstanding as of 25 March 2018		\$ 189,063
(Repayment from Family of Faith in March		\$61,984.94)

FAMILY OF FAITH UPDATE:

Thank you for your continued support of the Family of Faith Campaign. Our parish has met the goal of the Archdiocese by raising \$945,000. This means the parish is now receiving 75% of all donations. We just received our 6th allocation of funds in the amount of \$123,969.87. As per policy 50% of this amount (\$61,984.94) was applied to the Parish Debt and the other 50% was credited to the Parish Family of Faith Account. These funds will be directed to address the items in our case statement mainly for the furnace systems and to enhance our youth ministry.



Total funds received (Dec.2017)	\$1,351,788.37
Archdiocesan Share	\$ 794,097.00
Parish Share	\$ 535,891.28
Debt Repayment	\$ 257,784.06
Parish Funds	\$ 278,107.23

Please remember the spirit of the campaign and the prayerful consideration that compelled so many of us to make a sacrificial gift to secure a future for our Church.

	<p>Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife last weekend. We have collected thus far \$29,487.85. The campaign goal for our parish this year is \$150,000. Our next ShareLife collection will be on 21/22 May. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at www.sharelife.org, or place your donation in any Sunday basket before the end of July, the closing of the ShareLife Appeal.</p>
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FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic Teaching and traditions around Cremation, presented by the Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services. An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshment will be provided. **Location:** Christ the King Cemetery (7770 Steeles Avenue E, Markham ON, L6B 1A8) **Saturday, 21 April 2018 at 9:30 am, RSVP:** Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries 416.733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@cc-fs.ca.