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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.



In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Helen Albanese †

9:00 a.m. - Rosary with CWL

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Wladyslawa Szymiski †

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Deceased members of the Doyle Family †

Thursday, April 14 - Thursday of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 15 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Good Friday Mass

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 17 - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Easter Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Mass

Are You Being Called?

"... He opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled."

Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Ukraine Emergency Relief

Church Donation	\$ 25,000.00
Week of 3/13/22	3,529.00
Week of 3/20/22	14,055.00
Week of 3/27/22	3,549.10
Week of 4/4/22	705.00
Total to date	\$46,838.10



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This Lent,
let's put



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish has so far collected \$ 1,250.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Guide To Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



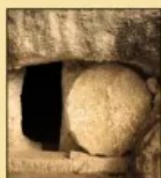
Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

You are invited to be a resident, commuter, or virtual participant in a Laudato Si Retreat to be held at Jericho House, April 29 to May 1, 2022. The retreat begins with dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday and ends at 2:00 pm on Sunday. The fee for the weekend is a free will offering. For further information or to register, please contact Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc, or Sister Jacquie Keefe, cssf at 905 834 0553 or jerichohnp@hotmail.com. We look forward to you joining us.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless you and those that you love.