

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday,
& Friday:
10:00 AM—12:00 PM,
1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Wednesday:
Office Closed

Saturday, Sunday,
Public Holiday:
Office Closed

NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Welcome, we're happy to have you!
To register or get involved, please contact the Parish Office or visit the Welcome Desk in the Foyer after the weekend Masses.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, & 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday	8:00 AM & 12:30 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM
Public Holiday	9:00 AM only

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (except holidays)	8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Benediction	12:15 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays	8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Saturday	9:30 AM & 4:00 PM (or by appointment)

ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary Monday to Friday at 7:30 AM in the Family Room. 8:00 AM Weekday Mass to follow.

BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Registration Form to the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish. Attendance at a Baptismal Preparation Meeting is mandatory.

MARRIAGE

Couple themselves must contact the parish office at least *one full year in advance* of the anticipated marriage date. No date may be set before meeting with a priest. Completion of a Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Chancery of the Archdiocese.

CARE of the SICK and HOMEBOUND

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick and/or homebound is available upon request.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 pm: † Leticia Mejico

Sunday, March 29th—Palm Sunday

8:00 am: Thanksgiving—Verdida Family & † Reynaldo Marcelo

10:00 am: † Conchita Medina

12:00 pm: † Karen Garcia

7:00 pm: People of the Parish



Monday, March 30th

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: For Health—Jaiden

Tuesday, March 31st

8:00 am: Donor's Intention

12:30 pm: † Sebastiampillai Gnanaratnam

Wednesday, April 1st

8:00 am: Intentions of Luke Cox

12:30 pm: † Martha Chang

Thursday, April 2nd, Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm: People of the Parish

Friday, April 3rd, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00 pm: Good Friday Liturgy

3:00 pm: Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross



Saturday, April 4th - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 pm: People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5th—Easter Sunday

8:00 am: † Antonio Figueira, Zachia & Richard Morales

10:00 am: † Omer & Elva Morin

12:00 pm: † Rogelio Christopher Chang & Edgardo Cruz



HOLY WEEK PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, Friday, April 3rd, and Easter Monday, Monday, April 6th. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 7th.

NO ADORATION DURING HOLY WEEK

There is no adoration on Monday March 30th, Wednesday April 1st, Friday April 3rd or Monday April 6th. Adoration will resume on Wednesday April 8th at 8:30am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.

This Friday, April 3rd will be the last Stations of the Cross. Please join us on Good Friday!

HOLY WEEK – 2026

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Holy Week Begins on March 29. Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, are the center and pivot of the entire Liturgical Year, for the events re-lived during this time are at the very heart of our Faith. The Palms blessed on Passion Sunday are placed in significant locations in our homes (behind Crucifixes on home Altars or shire tables, etc.) as a reminder that we welcome our Saviour into the city of our hearts.

Mass of Chrism - Tuesday, March 31

Will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, on Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00 am, Presided over by our Archbishop Frank Cardinal Leo. Priests who serve in the Archdiocese of Toronto renew their commitment to serve, and the Holy Oils used in the Sacraments (*Sacred Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick*) are blessed. To join in this celebration virtually, <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

Tenebrae, Tuesday March 31, at 8:00 pm

Tenebrae is a liturgical service of sung Readings and Psalms that features distinctive symbolic elements of Christ's passion and death. A perfect prelude to the Sacred Triduum.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 2

This is the opening Mass of the Paschal Triduum; this liturgy commemorates the Last Supper Christ ate with his Apostles the night before he died. The Church recalls the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood, as well as Christ's new commandment of love. After the Homily, the Washing of Feet recalls for us Christ's own act of charity and humility at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. The liturgy concludes with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday - Passion of the Lord, April 3

On this day we reflect on the Passion of Jesus Christ who became our Pascal Sacrifice through his suffering and death on the Cross. We are obliged to fast and abstain from eating meat. We are also invited to keep the Paschal Fast: a quiet period of prayer, reflection and fasting during the Paschal Triduum, especially during Good Friday and Holy Saturday. A special collection will be taken for the Church in Holy Land.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Liturgy, April 4

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil, the night when Jesus rose from the dead, is the *Mother of all Vigils*. Easter Vigil Liturgy includes the Service of the Light, Easter Proclamation and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. At this liturgy, we welcome new members to the Catholic Church

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord, April 5

Our renewal of baptismal promises, sealed by the sprinkling of the new Holy Water blessed at the vigil the previous night, expresses our faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

TENEBRAE

By St. Michael's Choir School Alumni

Tuesday, March 31st, at 8:00 pm

Tenebrae: A service of Light and Darkness, of Readings, Psalms and Sacred Music. A perfect prelude to the Paschal Triduum

What: Tenebrae is a liturgical service of Readings and Psalms that features distinctive symbolic elements of Christ's passion and death.

Why Tenebrae?: *Tenebrae* means "shadows" or "darkness" in Latin. The service shows the darkness that comes over the earth upon Christ's death. One of the chants of the service draws from Scripture that *tenebrae factae sunt* — "darkness fell" at the death of Christ (Matthew 27:45-46).

Elements: Candles are gradually extinguished, and a loud noise, called a "strepitus" at the service's conclusion symbolizes the chaos following Christ's death.

According to Tradition: Historically, it was a portion of the Liturgy of the Hours prayers of Matins and Lauds for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week. Now, it is often an adaptation or shortened form of those prayers typically offered on Wednesday of Holy Week.

Holy Week Connection: Tenebrae is designed to serve as a powerful, reflective experience for the faithful ahead of the Easter Triduum. The representation of the darkness of sin and death serve to call the faithful to embrace the light of Christ, who has conquered death.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd, 2026

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. You can contribute at Mass or online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps. We thank you on behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years.



USE OF INCENSE AT HOLY WEEK MASSES

A courtesy message to parishioners who are sensitive to burning incense:



Incense **will be used** at 7:00pm Mass on Holy Thursday, 8:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday, and 10:00am and 12 Noon Masses on Easter Sunday.

Incense will **not** be used at 12:00pm and 3:00pm on Good Friday, or 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday.

ALTAR SERVERS HOLY WEEK PRACTICE

A reminder to all altar servers who signed up for Holy Week, please attend the following:



Holy Thursday Training
Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30pm

Good Friday Training
Friday, April 3rd at 10:00am

Holy Saturday Training
Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

March 28– April 3

In loving memory of
Mario Morra

Beloved husband, father and nonno.
You are loved and greatly missed.

Requested by Lorenza Morra, Rocco & Lydia,
Maria & Carmine, Pasquale & Carm,
grandchildren Marco, Mateo, Mario & Gianna.

In loving memory of
Eudine Wilson

May eternal rest be granted upon you.

Requested by your son Benedict Torres & wife
Maria, the extended family in Canada, your nieces
Heather & Dixie Ann, and goddaughter Angela.

In loving memory of
Catarina Fernandes

Beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister.
Your strong faith and belief has been an example
to all your family and friends.
You will always be remembered.

Requested by Astra & Ara Hagopian and Family



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