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## Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

## Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:15 am  
Wednesday/Solemnities 7:00 pm  
Saturday/Civic Holidays 10:00 am  
First Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 pm

## Confessions:

Saturday 9:15-9:45 am, 4:15-4:45 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration:

First Fridays 12:30 - 7:00 pm

## Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturday Mass 10:00 am

## Communion for the Sick:

Holy Communion will gladly be brought to your home upon request. Please call the parish office.

## School:

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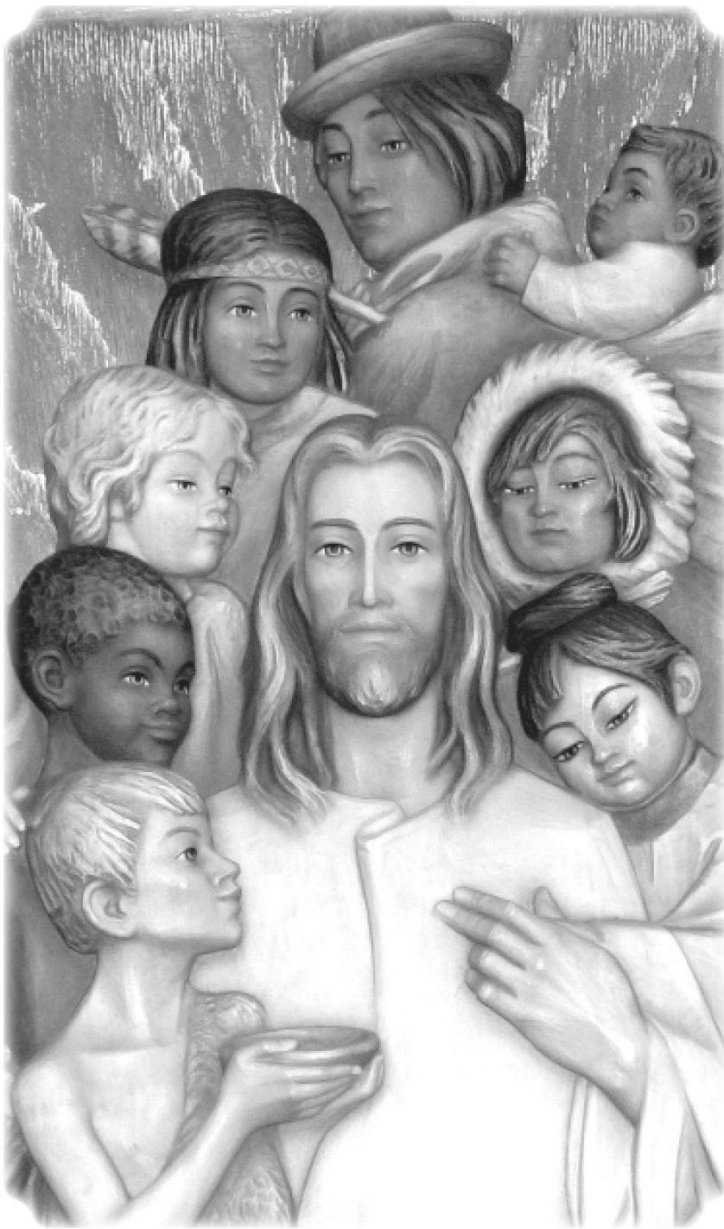
## Catholic Women's League

## Baptism:

Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month by appointment only, after completion of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please pick-up a Baptismal Package from the parish office, read, complete and return same before registering to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Upon class completion a date will be set for the Baptism.

## Marriage:

The Church asks all couples, whether they are to be married here or overseas, to contact the parish 1 year in advance of their planned date of marriage. Couples are also expected to attend and complete a Marriage Preparation Course. If either party has previously gone through any form of marriage, civil or religious, the priest is not to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop's office has been consulted.



## PALM SUNDAY

### THEY BEGAN TO SALUTE HIM WITH, “HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!” (Mark 14:1- 15:47)

What comes to mind when you hear the word “royalty”? Perhaps you picture medieval kings and queens sitting on great thrones. Or you might think of the glamour of today’s royal families.



But what about Jesus? As Son of David, he came from a royal line of earthly kings and rulers. As Son of God, he is King of the universe. But look how he is treated. He is denounced by the crowd, even though Pilate calls him king (Mark 15:9-12). He is mocked by the soldiers, who pretend to give him homage. And he is taunted by those who think that a real king would come down from the cross and save himself.

But this is exactly what royalty in the kingdom of God looks like: a king who empties himself and takes the form of a slave. A king who rides into Jerusalem not on a chariot but on a donkey (Mark 11:1-7). A king who willingly submits to spitting, lashing, and a brutal death to save his people.

As you go through Holy Week, keep Jesus’ kingship in mind. Today he sits at the right hand of the Father, reigning in glory. But he is also the servant King who loved you enough to die for

you and who still loves you enough to forgive every sin. This is God’s way of royalty. It’s your way as well because through Jesus’ death and resurrection, you have become grafted into the family of God. You have royal blood running through your veins! Through the grace that Jesus won for you, you can live out this royal calling as he did: in love, in service, and in laying down your life for his people. As you walk this road, know that a “crown of righteousness” awaits you, and all who serve in Jesus’ royal household. (2: Timothy 4:8).

## PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The ceremonies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are the most important and impressive of the liturgical year. We encourage our parishioners to enter fully into the spirit of these sacred days by participating in the Church’s liturgy. We hope families will attend together, although we remind parents with babies and very young children that the Holy Week rites are longer than the average Sunday Mass. **Note: Holy Thursday ~ Good Friday ~ Easter Vigil and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass will be Live-streamed.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday ~ Tuesday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m. ~ Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00 p.m. with adoration until 10:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday ~ Passion of Our Lord ~ 3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.**

**Easter Monday ~ Mass is celebrated at 10:00 a.m.**

We all know that adjustments to our celebrations have been made these days to keep us all safe in the face of the pandemic. For Holy Week this year, the Archdiocese of Toronto has provided us with a few guidelines during Holy Week:

**Holy Thursday:** There will be no washing of the feet this year. There will also be no Altar of Repose nor procession with the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. We are encouraged to adore and pray from our pews.

The Tabernacle will be opened for adoration until 10:00p.m.

**Good Friday:** There will be no individual veneration of the cross. General veneration from our pews is recommended. We are also encouraged to bring our own crosses for adoration, spiritual or physical.

**Easter Vigil:** The pascal candle will be lit and placed on the altar this year; there will be no service of light. Holy water will be sprinkled from the sanctuary for the renewal of our Baptismal promise.

**MARCH 28, 2021**

### **EASTER TRIDUUM**

The greatest mysteries of the Redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church on the three days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers on Easter Sunday. This time is called the "triduum of the crucified, buried and risen One"; it is also called the "Easter Triduum" because it celebrates the Paschal Mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to His Father. The Church, by the celebration of this mystery is united to Christ, her Spouse, in intimate communion.

The major celebrations of the Triduum are the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

### **HOLY WEEK INDULGENCES**

In her mercy and solicitude for the salvation of souls, Holy Church offers several opportunities to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Easter Triduum: to those who spend at least half an hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; to those who devoutly take part in the adoration of the cross during the solemn liturgy of Good Friday; and to those who renew their baptismal promises during the celebration of the Easter Vigil. These indulgences are granted under the usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

A collection will be taken at the Good Friday liturgy, which will support the Church in the Holy Land. This collection is taken in Catholic churches throughout the world. Due to the ongoing unrest throughout the Middle East, this collection is of great importance to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land which has been given the mandate by the Holy See to serve the Christian minority there and maintain the holy sites associated with our Saviour's earthly life.

### **EASTER VIGIL**

According to a most ancient tradition, the vigil celebrated on Holy Saturday to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the "mother of all holy vigils". The Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation. From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated that annual Pasch, the solemnity of solemnities, above all by means of a night vigil. For the resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we are inserted into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, dying, being buried and raised with Him, and with Him we also hope to reign. The full meaning of this vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord.

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

As we enter into the Holy Week, we also remember that the feast of the Divine Mercy will be coming up in two weeks' time, Second Sunday of Easter (April 11th). We hope to celebrate here in Saint Dunstan at 3pm, in person and virtually. The link to register will be available online soon.

In the meantime, the Novena starts on the 2nd of April, privately in our homes. Let us pray together, seeking the mercy of God through this powerful devotion to the Divine Mercy.



### **VIRTUAL EASTER PRAISE NIGHT**

We are planning another beautiful musical evening! Let's gather together to celebrate Easter with a night of song and praise to our Lord. **Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**, be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to watch. There is still time to sign up to participate in this event, so if you are musically inclined, don't be shy! Contact Fr. Victor or the parish office and come and share your talents with your parish family.


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