

# **PALM SUNDAY**

## **SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2012**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Fr. J. Basil Breen, Msgr. Gerard Breen, Howard Carter, Karen Williams, Olga D’Rosario, Felix Gouveia, Pat Dean, Dirouhi Ansourian, Mary Lou Short, Kathleen Angus, Christopher Chiu, Augustine Leung, Joao Baptista Leung, Sherwin Wong, Tina & Chris Trevizo, Hester Leung, Asuncion & Pedro Gomez

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Francesca Lambino, Adriana Mione and for those who have no one to pray for them.

### **THE PLACING OF THE PALM BRANCES IN THE HOME**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of the universe and source of mercy and love, you sent your Son in human flesh to be our King. He proclaimed that your kingdom is near, and taught that those who rule must be servant of all. He crowned His life, not with the glory of this world, but by fulfilling your will and offering His life for the salvation of the world. On the third day you raised Him in glory and exalted Him at your right hand. Today we proudly carry this palm branch in His honour, and place it in our home as a sign of His victory over sin and death. May the presence of this palm branch remind us of the glory of your kingdom and inspire us to love and serve you in others. Glory and Praise to you, Lord God, forever and ever. Amen

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** will be at 8:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering as usual for Dr. Simone’s Canadian Food for Children. Adoration will continue until Compline at 11:45.

**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION** will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:30 p.m. on Good Friday.

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL** will be at 8:00 p.m. (no mass at 5:00 p.m.)

### **HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS –**

Tuesday and Wednesday (following the evening Mass)

Holy Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday from 10:00 – 10:45 and after the 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday from 10:00 – 10:45 and from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE** from meat for Catholics who are between 14 and 59 years of age and who are in good enough health to participate. Those who suffer illness should join their sufferings to the Passion of our Lord for the good of the Church.

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS** and those who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** begins Good Friday at 11:00 a.m., continues Holy Saturday (11:00), Easter Sunday (after noon Mass) and weeknights (following the evening Mass). See poster.

**ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED** and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and for making up for an absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

**OUR REFUGEE FAMILY** - Let us continue to pray for our refugee family from Iraq who are preparing for arrival to Canada. While the Canadian Embassy is closed in Syria, it is hoped that passports will be issued from Jordan. Our prayers for them are so important. Let us pray also for Lynda Annett at Holy Spirit who is keeping contact with our family, helping them make the connections.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION** for 2012 will be Monday and Tuesday evening of Holy Week, April 2 and 3 on Vision TV at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS** – There will be a free-will offering at the Mass on Holy Thursday for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. The Good Friday Collection in the Archdiocese of Toronto is for the Church in the Holy Land.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING FOR APRIL** will be this Tuesday, April 3 following the evening Mass.

**SHARELIFE 2012 PARISH CAMPAIGN** - Our goal this year is \$88,500.00 So far we have collected \$24,168.50. While donations may be made any time in the regular collection, the second of three collections will be April 29. Use the envelope in your box of Sunday Offertory Envelopes or one on the table at the entrance of the church. Thank you for supporting the good work of the Catholic Charities of SL so generously.

**CLASSES FOR FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** are completed for the year. Many thanks to the dedicated catechists who worked with the children over 12 weeks since the fall helping parents to prepare their children for these sacraments. First Communion will be celebrated at Sunday Masses the weekend of April 22 and 29. Families should continue to work together to prepare their children especially by bringing them to Sunday Mass every Sunday teaching them the importance of penance, prayer and works of mercy in our daily lives.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** are completed. Many thanks to the dedicated catechists who worked with the candidates in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated at our parish on Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. The candidates from our parish schools will be having a day of retreat the week before. Candidates and sponsors should be in the parish hall by 2:30 on the day of Confirmation. Parents and family should go directly to the church.

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE** – The Legion of Mary will bring Our Lady to your home, we encourage the family recitation of the rosary.

**LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.** Is God leading you or someone you know to discern a religious vocation? Contact Fr. Hansoo Park, Vocations Director - [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or (416)968-0997 or check out [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will be April 20-22. This is an opportunity for married couples to consider enriching their spousal relationship. For more information contact Mike and Cora Bryce (905)896-2958 [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** will be in Dublin, Ireland from June 8-12, 2012. A pilgrimage is being organized from Toronto. For more information [www.archtoronto.org/iec](http://www.archtoronto.org/iec)

**VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE** through Canadian Hearts and Hands. Les Rodrigues and some of the Knights of Columbus, family and friends have been working on several projects in recent years. Ongoing projects include St. Vincent's Kitchen in Oshawa (first Sunday each month), Happy Hour with seniors at Extendicare Living Centre (second Sunday each month) and work at the Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto (third Sunday each month). For more information contact Les Rodrigues [l\\_s\\_r\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:l_s_r_3@hotmail.com)

**PROVIDE A MEAL** is a monthly opportunity for the people of St. Thomas the Apostle to bring a frozen shepherd's pie which will be picked up by the Good Shepherd Centre and provide a meal there for those in need. The empty containers are available for pick-up the first weekend every month and the donated pies are collected in our freezer the second weekend every month. Thanks to the many parishioners who have been participating for years to help meet the needs of the homeless and disadvantaged who live in the city.