

PALM SUNDAY

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2014

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Angus, Christopher Chiu, Tony Logtenberg, Angeline Nazareth, Rosalina Asilador, Bob Hustins, John Mackenzie, Cleo Savoie, Patti Wong, Elizabeth Wong, Anne Sequeira, Jean Lee, Philip Selvanayagam, Vincent Marshall, Gemma Camilleri and Shogik Zarkarian

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Maggie Leung, Joseph Chiu Fai Luk 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. (no noon Mass) There will be a free will offering for Canadian Food for Children.

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD is next weekend. The children who are celebrating the Liturgy of the Word on their own will be part of the entrance procession at noon Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 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.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL will be at 8:00 p.m. (no 9:00 a.m. Mass or 5:00 Mass)

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS will be Tuesday evening following the evening Mass, Holy Thursday from 6:30-7:30, Good Friday from 10:00 – 10:45 and following the Stations of the Cross, Holy Saturday from 10:00-10:45 and from 4:00 – 5:00.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, our regional bishop presiding. Candidates and sponsors only are

to gather in the parish hall before 2:30. Let us pray for the candidates and their families that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them to bear witness to their Catholic faith.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2015 will be broadcast on Vision TV in two episodes on March 30 and March 31 at 6:00 p.m. (repeated at 10:00 p.m.) "Beware the Holy Spirit" will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and featuring Fr. Anthony Gittins.

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

COLLECTIONS AROUND HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – Holy Thursday there is a free will offering collection for the good work of Canadian Food for Children. The Good Friday collection is for the shrines in the Holy Land. There is a second collection on Easter Sunday.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS on the Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum is available at the Archdiocese of Toronto website www.archtoronto.org

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK is in our parking lot this weekend, March 29 for the collection of used clothing and shoes. Many thanks to all who help to fill the truck.

PALM SUNDAY (THE PASSION OF THE LORD)

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997
email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

2015 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN – Our Parish Campaign Goal this year has been set at \$99,500.00 So far we have received \$33,568.00 The next collection dates are April 12 and May 3. ShareLife envelopes are in your box of Sunday offertory envelopes. Envelopes are also available on the table at the entrance of the church. Donations may also be made on-line.

PALM SUNDAY – Working wonders in our livelihoods.....

When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at The Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table – exhausted – trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. But for the past two years since moving into his own place, Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills," says Kiwayne.

Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE is offered in four two hour sessions at St. Thomas the Apostle Church from 1:00-3:00 on April 9, 16, 30 and May 7. Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ is the facilitator. To register contact Brenda Voisin (416)934-3400 EXT. 523

ALTAR SERVERS – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Fr. Andrews to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support

from parents.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S RETREAT at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00-6:00 facilitated by the Office of Vocations. Send registration form by fax to (416)968-1227 or by email to vocations@archtoronto.org For further info (416)968-0997

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL in our parish is looking for a few new members to accomplish their good work serving our community. Volunteer hours for high school community may be served in our parish.

PROJECT RACHEL is a private and confidential retreat weekend for young women or men who have been hurt by an abortion and seek healing and reconciliation with the Lord, the Church and inner peace. Contact (416)629-8264

CANADIAN HEARTS AND HANDS is looking for volunteers from our parish to assist at the following projects on Sundays in the GTA: St. Vincent's Kitchen in Oshawa, Happy Hour at Tendercare Living Centre in Scarborough, Good Shepherd Centre and Good Neighbours Club in downtown Toronto. Thanks to Les Rodrigues and the many volunteers who have been working with people on these projects. For more information check www.canadianheartsandhands.ca or contact Les Rodrigues l_s_r_3@hotmail.com

PROVIDE A MEAL is a monthly opportunity for the people of our parish to bring a frozen shepherd's pie which will be picked up by the Good Shepherd Centre and provide a meal 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 too many parishioners who have been participating for years to help meet the needs of the homeless. For more information contact Rosemarie Ling (416)495-1067

TWO WEEK TRIP TO ST. THERESE CENTRE IN KENYA (organized by Canadian Hearts and Hands) departing July 9, 2015. This trip is a retreat with daily inspirational talks followed by daily tasks of service at the Centre, eating and praying with the people the Centre serves. Tours of surrounding area will also be offered. Contact Les Rodrigues for more information l_s_r_3@hotmail.com

RETROUVAILLE is a live-in weekend program followed by a number of post sessions to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It attempts to provide the tools to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register, contact (416)281-6007 or www.torontoretrouvaille.com

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS if you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.