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ON STEWARDSHIP...

by sharing our blessings

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts? See Isaiah 50:4

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

ShareLife

Today is **FRIDAY**. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

There will be a special collection at our Good Friday service for the Needs of the Holy Land. This collection is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites and the formation of priests. Please be generous to show our solidarity in responding to the needs of the church in the Land of Jesus

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

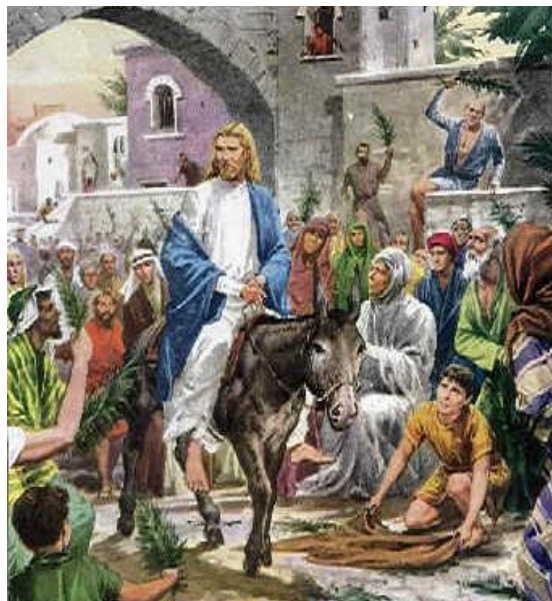
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

HOLY WEEK

Today we start Holy Week by the blessing and distributing Palms which signifies the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem before his death and Resurrection.

This journey continues on **Holy Thursday** as we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper. Our Mass is highlighted by the washing of the feet symbolizing Jesus washing of the feet at the last supper. Today is a great feast of the Eucharist and after Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until night prayer at 10pm. Then the altar is stripped awaiting the sorrow of Good Friday.

On **Good Friday** we celebrate the Passion of the Lord. Good Friday is different from all our other days in the year as we do not celebrate Mass.

We do receive Holy Communion but the Holy Sacrament that has been consecrated on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday we begin by Sacred Readings including the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. This is followed by a very solemn Prayer of the Faithful, 12 petitions in all from the Church to non-believers. The second part of the service is the adoration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion. Finally the faithful will adore the Cross.

The **Easter Vigil: On Holy Saturday** of this night's Vigil which is the greatest and most notable of all solemnities begins with the Easter Proclamation after the blessing of the Easter candle in a darkened church. Holy Church meditates on the wonders the Lord has done for his people from the beginning. Then in most churches the Catechumens are baptized and confirmed in the faith and the Holy Water is blessed for another year. The service is brought to a joyful close with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Holy Week is designed by the Church for the faithful to come alive in the faith. She hopes that all Christians will consider Holy Week as a special week of retreat a week we follow Jesus from his triumphal march into Jerusalem to his Passion and death on the Cross ending or should we say the beginning of His Glorious Resurrection.