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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am  
11:30am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday: 5:00pm  
Friday: 5:00pm

**REGISTRATION**

New parishioners are always welcome! They are requested to register at the parish office

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**Good Friday**

On Good Friday churches throughout the world take up a collection for the "needs to the holy land". This year's Vatican financial appeal for the Holy Land highlights the urgent humanitarian crisis facing the beleaguered population in Gaza and the pope's plea for peace.

This year's appeal comes against the backdrop of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, which has had a devastating effect on the civilian population. "With the breaking out of the way the aid has been intensified in order to support the basic and primary needs of the population exhausted by the bombardments and overcrowded within the compound of the buildings of the parish," the summary report stated.

The Pontifical Collection provides community aid and assistance for parochial activities for Holy Family Parish, the only Roman Catholic parish in Gaza.

**ShareLife:**

**Welcome Jesus into your hearts  
by sharing your blessings today**

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our [parish website](http://parishwebsite.com), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**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.

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](http://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



**The Jerusalem Syndrome**

Jesus made His entry into the city of Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. The city called holy now continues to be an unholy melting pot of fighting factions - both religious and political. Once the psalmist described Jerusalem as a 'city of compact unity, with peace within its walls and prosperity in its buildings' (Psalm 122). At present Jerusalem is a veritable war zone. In a city that should be characterised by God's own justice and equity, retaliation and revenge are the order of the day.

The theological tenor of this Holy Week prompts each of us to recognise that there is something of Jerusalem in all of us. Inasmuch as grudges are retained and forgiveness refused... inasmuch as vengeance is plotted, if only in the mind... inasmuch as we rejoice at the misfortune of another, withhold justice from the victimised or cast an unseeing, apathetic eye upon the plight of the poor,... inasmuch as we continue to return tit for tat, evil for evil, insult for insult... the Jerusalem syndrome lives on and we are all affected.

Despite the fact of our faults and failings Jesus wills to come to us once again, in the mystery of

His Passover. He wills to heal and forgive so that the Jerusalem within us might be transformed and we may become what we are meant to be - a people united, a people of peace, a people who cry for justice.

To prompt our efforts in this regard, a 14th Century sculpture, 'Christ on Palmdonkey', may aid us. Now housed in the Augustinen Museum in Freiburg, this sculpture was made to be pulled on a cart in the Palm Sunday procession. To those who look upon him, the sculptured Jesus' unfocused eyes seem to see what no one else can see. There is penetrating insight into the 'Jerusalem of the human heart' but also an immense compassion. This same Jesus rides into our hearts today and sees us for who we are. Nevertheless, He loves us because of who He is.

**BLESSING OF PALMS**



**This week is Palm Sunday.**

There will be a blessing of palms at all masses this weekend.



**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist. There are two special components to this mass: 1) The washing of the feet which represents the service and charity of Christ, who came 'not to be served, but to serve.'

2) After the communion prayer there is no final blessing. The Holy Eucharist is carried in procession and transferred to the side tabernacle.

It should be noted that you should not genuflect facing the empty front tabernacle at this time but the side tabernacle until the Holy Eucharist is returned to the front tabernacle after the Good Friday service.