





Today's readings present us the triumphant entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem. It portray his pain and suffering. Inspite the rejection pain and humiliation, Jesus stands firm and, faithful to God till the end. In the process, there is a transformation. The leader becomes a servant; shame turns to honor; mockery becomes praise; fear turns to trust; abandonment becomes love; despair turns into hope; and above all death blossoms into new life. The lessons from the readings is that young or old, as followers of Jesus, we must take risks. Loving others especially the ones we do not like is difficult. Giving of ourselves when we have nothing left requires great strength. Having faith when everything points to doubt when all seems lost needs is grace, love and blessing in the God who loves us.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 12 5:00 PM [‡] Maria & Luigi Martire; Piero Pirri, Teresa Falcone

SUNDAY, April 13 – Palm Sunday 8:00 AM – [‡] Virisithama **10:00 AM** [‡]Luigi Mareschiello; Clemente Varbaro 12:00 PM Birthday thanksgiving for Christina Abejero [‡]Larry Ragasa; all souls **5:00 PM** – Birthday thanksgiving for Paul & Angie De Lara; 37th Wedding Anniversary of Edna & Brigido Cloma [‡] Aldo Borghello; Floriano Resco Sr., & Fortunata

MONDAY April 14 8: 00 am – 🏛 9:15 am - Confession JCM School 7:00 pm – ‡

TUESDAY April 15 8:00 AM - ‡ 7:00 PM - [‡]Assunta Pitaro

WEDNESDAY April 16 8:00 AM [‡] Magdalena Eramo 12:45 PM - St. Jerome's School Mass 7:00 PM [‡]

THURSDAY April 17 – Holy Thursday 8:00 AM - NO MASS 7:00 PM - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, April 18 – Good Friday 1:00 PM – Italian Passion Reading 3:00 PM – English Passion Reading 6:30 PM - STATION OF THE CROSS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, April 19 - EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm – COMMUNITY

Perpetual Mass Cards Available

Oggi festeggiamo l'entrata trionfale di Gesu' a Gerusalemme. In ricordo del suo trionfo, benediciamo le palme e leggiamo il racconto della sua passione e e morte. La sofferenza fa parte della missione di Gesu'. Ma nella sofferenza risiede la vittoria. "Egli spogliò se stesso, assumendo la condizione di servo, umiliò se stesso, facendosi obbediente fino alla morte, e alla morte di croce". "Per questo Dio l'ha esaltato al di sopra di tutto". L'intera gloria di Gesu' e' nello spogliarsi completamente, nell'abbassarsi, per servire come uno schiavo, fino alla morte. Ancor di piu, l''elevazione divina di Cristo è nel suo abbassarsi, nel suo servire, e nella sua solidarietà con noi, in particolare con i più deboli e i più provati.

SENIORS' GROUP IS

HAVING A TRIP TO

FALLSVIEW CASINO

WED., APRIL 30

9 AM FOR

REGISTRATION

DEPARTURE: 9:30 AM

\$50 PER PERSON

CAROL: 416-638-7120

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Novena to the Divine Mercy April 18 - 26 Join us with the rosary and novena before the masses Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

2:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church 3:00 pm - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Benediction

PILGRIMAGES & TRIPS

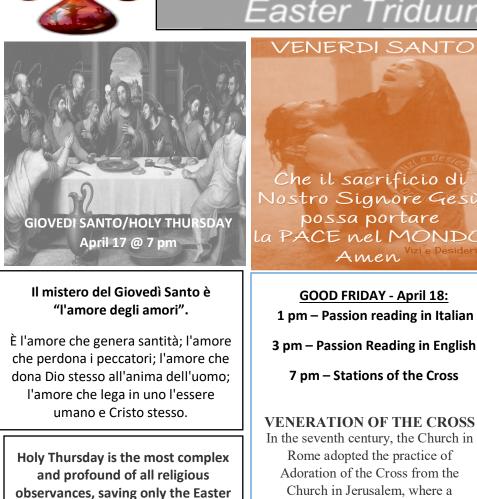
May 3 - Niagara Falls Attraction Adult: \$110 Children (6-12): 100 Cost: Includes admission fee & bus

May 17 - 19 Join us for Gospel Walk, visit other churches & enjoy the Tulip Festival. Ottawa – Montreal – Sherbrooke – Trois-Rivieres, Quebec Cost: \$445 per person (4 persons in a room)

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE TRIP

September 20 - October 4, 2025

TO THE SHRINES OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE & HOLY DOORS OF ITALY Cost: \$5,590.00 - including taxes & tips A deposit of \$700.00 guarantees you a spot!! For more information for above trips please see flyers in the entrance of the church or call the numbers below: Please Contact: Edith: 416-420-5185 Office: 416-840-3111

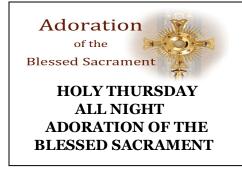


It celebrates both the institution by Christ himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the sacerdotal priesthood (as distinct from the 'priesthood of all believers') for in this, His last supper with the

Vigil.

disciples, a celebration of Passover, He is the self-offered Passover Victim, and every ordained priest to this day presents this same sacrifice, by Christ's authority and command, in exactly the same way.

The Last Supper was also Christ's farewell to His assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny Him before the sun rose again.



Amen

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18: 1 pm – Passion reading in Italian 3 pm – Passion Reading in English 7 pm – Stations of the Cross

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Adoration or veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross does not mean that we actually adore the material image, of course, but rather what it represents. In kneeling before the crucifix and kissing it we are paying the highest honor to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation.

Easter Triduum



In the seventh century, the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the fourth century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. A fifth century account describes this service in Jerusalem. A coffer of goldplated silver containing the wood of the cross was brought forward. The bishop placed the relic on the table in the chapel of the Crucifixion and the faithful approached it, touching brow and eyes and lips to the wood as the priest said (as every priest has done ever since): 'Behold, the Wood of the Cross.'



La Veglia nella notte di Pasqua segna il passaggio dall'oscurità alla luce, dalla morte alla vita perché celebra Cristo Risorto, Cristo vivo che "ancora oggi passa, trasforma e libera". L'invito che questa sera ci rivolge è a rotolare la pietra dal sepolcro per portare a tutti la gioia di Gesù.



The Great Vigil of Easter This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,

and rose victorious from the grave.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most joyous and beautiful liturgy of the Church Year. This most ancient of Holy Days is rich in symbolism, saturated with the Word of God, and is, in fact, the principal celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Throughout the ages, it has been in this service that countless saints have proclaimed, "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" Indeed, when the Easter Vigil is not celebrated, there is a significant loss in the Christian's subsequent Easter worship.

If we are to "die with Christ" in Baptism, then it is unthinkable that we should not experience the total darkness of the tomb, in order that the splendid light of the Resurrection might be all the more glorious.

