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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

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Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

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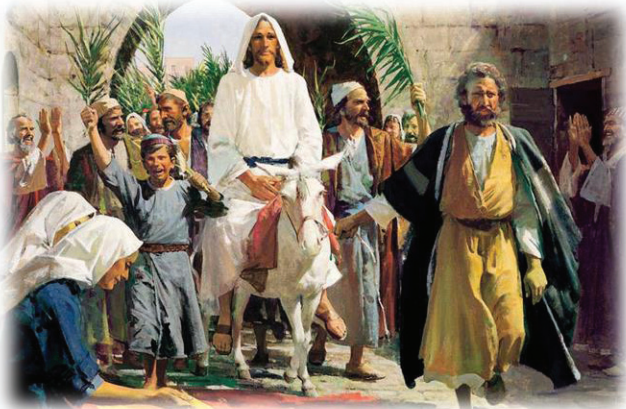
Through the Eyes of a Donkey

The Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26.14-27. 66

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.



As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. **This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?**

Summary

The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions for the week

Mon.	Apr. 3	12:05 pm	
Tue.	Apr. 4	12:05 pm	† Esdon Edralin, requested by Guadelina Edralin
Wed.	Apr. 5	12:05 pm	
Holy Thursday	Apr. 6	7:00 pm	[no intentions available]
Good Friday	Apr. 7	1:00 pm	[no intentions available]
Easter Vigil	Apr. 8	7:00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	Apr. 9	10:00 am	In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Manny Estanislao on his 40 th birthday, requested by the Sevilla family

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For 2023, all offertory envelopes box numbers will be **reassigned**. Please contact the parish office to pick up your NEW box of envelopes. Thank you for supporting the parish!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER	DATE	TIME
		DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
Day 1	Good Friday Apr. 7 th	11:30 am
Day 2	Easter Vigil Sat. Apr. 8 th	3:00pm
Day 3	Easter Sunday Apr. 9 th	11:00 am
Day 4	Monday – Apr. 10 th	12:30 pm
Day 5	Tuesday - Apr. 11 th	12:30 pm
Day 6	Wednesday Apr. 12 th	12:30 pm
Day 7	Thursday Apr. 13 th	12:30 pm
Day 8	Friday - Apr. 14 th	12:30 pm
Day 9	Saturday -Apr. 15 th	9:30 am
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday – Apr. 16 th	2:45 – 3:30 pm ♦ Confession ♦ Exposition & Benediction ♦ Blessing of candles & rosaries ♦ Light refreshments





Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds [leaves] which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they should not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance or burned and returned to the earth or simply buried.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the **redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.**

♦ **Palm Sunday:**

- Saturday, April 1st @ 5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 2nd @ 9:00 & 11:00 am

♦ **Monday – Wednesday, April 3rd – 5th @ 12:05 pm**

♦ **Holy Thursday, April 6th @ 7:00 pm**

♦ **Good Friday, April 7th @ 1:00 pm**

♦ **Easter Vigil, April 8th @ 7:00 pm**

♦ **Easter Sunday, April 9th @ 10:00 am**

THE SACRED TRIDUUM



The word “Triduum” comes from the Latin word meaning “three days,” and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. It begins at sundown on Holy Thursday, reaches a high point at the Easter Vigil, and concludes with evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday. The liturgical celebrations during the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, Catholics are encouraged to observe the entire Triduum by attending all of the liturgies.

12 ways to make Holy Week more meaningful

1. **THINK PRAYER** - If you have to work or go to school during Holy Week, think about how you can incorporate prayer breaks into each day.
2. **MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE** by fasting and abstaining from meat on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in addition to Good Friday.
3. **DON'T WATCH TELEVISION** from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning.
4. **GO** to confession.
5. **SET ASIDE** 10 minutes every day to read Passion accounts in the Gospels.
6. Make it a point to **FORGIVE** someone on Good Friday.
7. **PRAY** the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
8. **OFFER UP** any pain or difficulties you experience during Holy Week and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ.
9. **PRAY** the Stations of the Cross.
10. **ATTEND** all of the Triduum liturgies.
11. **INVITE** family members, friends and neighbors, especially people who have strayed from the church, to come to church with you.
12. **VOLUNTEER** to help decorate your parish on Holy Saturday for Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday throughout Lent, there will be **Mass & Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm.**
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