

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CONNECTIONS

OUR MISSION

As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Savior risen.

Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

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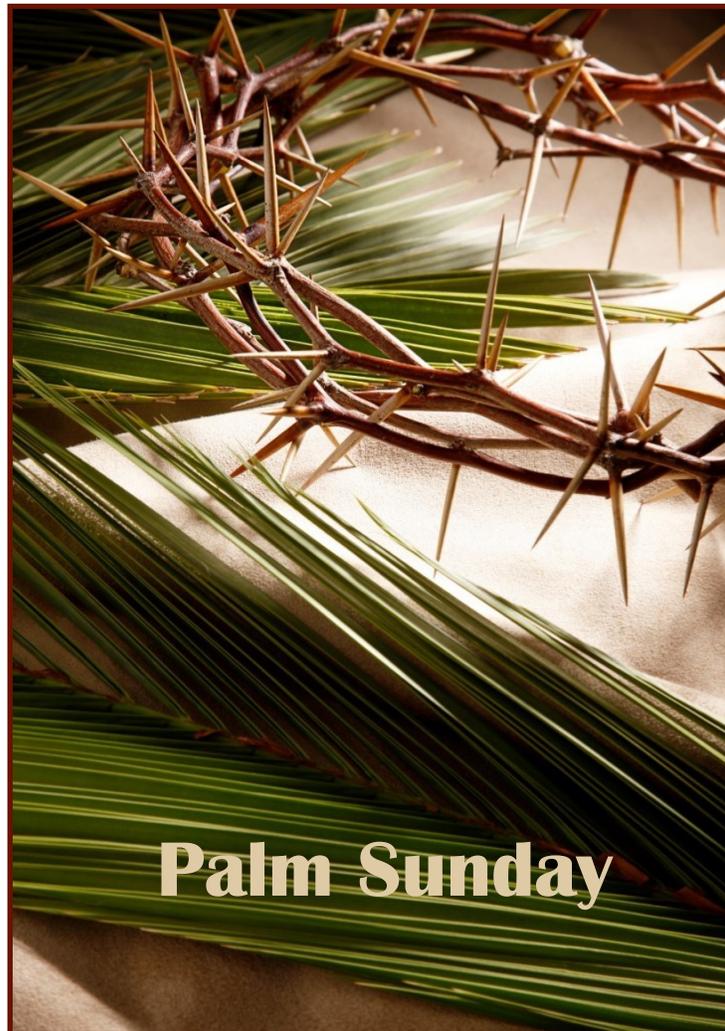
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Palm Sunday

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday
8:00am 9:30am &
11:30am

Monday & Tuesday
7:00pm
Wednesday - Friday
9:30am

Saturday
5:00pm

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:00pm - 4:45pm
(and after our
Weekday Masses)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm
Closed from
12:00pm - 1:00pm
for lunch



FROM HOSANNA TO THE CROSS: WALKING WITH CHRIST INTO THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

Dear brothers and sisters of St. John Vianney Parish,

Today, on this sacred Palm Sunday, the Church gathers us at the threshold of the holiest week of the year. We begin with palms in our hands and songs of "Hosanna" on our lips, yet we are led swiftly into the solemn proclamation of the Passion. The liturgy invites us not to remain spectators, but to enter deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering, love, and obedience.

The First Reading from the Book of Isaiah reveals the figure of the Suffering Servant who declares, "I gave my back to those who struck me... I did not hide my face from insult and spitting." Here we see a profound image of trust in God amidst suffering. The Servant does not resist, not out of weakness, but out of unwavering fidelity. This passage finds its fulfillment in Jesus, who embraces the Cross with divine resolve. In our own lives, when we encounter trials, rejection, or misunderstanding, we are invited to echo this same trust, confident that "the Lord God helps me."

St. Paul, in the Letter to the Philippians, draws us into the very heart of Christ's mystery, "Though he was in the form of God... he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." This beautiful hymn of kenosis, or self-emptying, reveals the humility of Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption" (CCC 517). His obedience unto death, even death on a cross, becomes the path to exaltation and glory. In an age characterized by self-assertion and pride, Christ shows us that true greatness lies in humility, service, and surrender to the Father's will.

The Passion according to Matthew confronts us with the stark reality of human sin and divine mercy. We hear the cries of the crowd, "Crucify him," and we are reminded that sin is not an abstract reality, but a personal participation in the rejection of God's love. Yet even in the darkest moments, grace abounds. The centurion's confession, "Truly this was the Son of God," becomes a beacon of hope. It tells us that even at the foot of the Cross, faith can be born, hearts can be transformed, and salvation is offered to all.

Dear friends, Holy Week is not merely a remembrance, it is a sacred participation in the saving mysteries of Christ. The Church, in her wisdom and tradition, invites us to observe this week with reverence and intentionality. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the liturgy is "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed" and the "source from which all her power

flows" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). Therefore, to truly live Holy Week is to enter into the liturgical life of the Church.

How then shall we observe this holy time?

First, by participating fully in the sacred liturgies, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, where we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, the solemn celebration of the Passion on Good Friday, where we venerate the Cross, and the Easter Vigil, the mother of all vigils, where darkness gives way to the radiant light of the Resurrection. These are not optional devotions, but central moments of grace.

Second, by deepening our prayer life. Spend time before the Lord, meditate on the Passion narratives, pray the Stations of the Cross. Allow silence to speak, allow the Word of God to penetrate your heart.

Third, by seeking reconciliation. As we lay down our sins at the foot of the Cross, we experience the healing mercy of Christ who bore our wounds.

Fourth, by practicing acts of charity and sacrifice. Unite your small sacrifices with the great sacrifice of Christ. Reach out to those in need, forgive those who have hurt you, and let love guide your actions.

I warmly invite each one of you to take part in the Holy Week services here at St. John Vianney Parish. Come as you are, bring your joys, your burdens, your questions, and your hopes. Walk with Christ from the triumph of Palm Sunday through the silence of the tomb to the glory of Easter morning.

Let us not remain at a distance. Let us walk with Him. Let us suffer with Him. Let us die with Him, so that we may also rise with Him.

May this Holy Week be a time of profound grace for you and your families, a time of renewal, healing, and deeper union with our Lord.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Joshy George, CMI



The Good Friday 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. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

ATTENTION!!

The Parish office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
March 28th 5:00 pm † **Dawn McGann**
Requested by: Christine Liggett

5:00 pm For the special intentions
of **David Joncas**
Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish

Sunday
March 29th 8:00 am † **Lawrence & Davis Kim**
and **Family**
Requested by: Anna Kim

9:30 am † **Maurice Marentette**
Requested by: Seraphine Dowd

11:30 am † **Margaret Wanamaker & † Irv White**
Requested by: Marg White Jacobs

Monday
March 30th 7:00 pm † **Norah Idornigie**
Requested by: Philomina Oiwoh

Tuesday
March 31st 7:00 pm † **Michael Askey**
Requested by: Lynne Askey

7:00 pm For the special intentions
of **Tom Montag**
Requested by: Mary Jane White

Wednesday
April 1st 9:30 am † **Fred Aloise & Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

Thursday
April 2nd 9:30 am **NO MASS**
7:00pm – **The Mass of the Lords Supper**
For the special intentions of **Baby Thottappilly**
Requested by: Family

Friday
April 3rd 9:30 am **NO MASS**
10:00 am – **The Lords Passion**
3:00 pm – **The Lords Passion**
7:00 pm – **Enhanced Stations of the Cross**



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Once we have a list of people who are seriously interested,
we will schedule a information evening with Intersight
Tours.



Holy Week
2026

Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Sat. March 28 th 5:00 pm	Thursday April 2 nd 7:00 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Friday April 3 rd 10:00 am 3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord	Saturday April 4 th 8:00 pm	Sunday April 5 th 8:00am 9:30 am 11:30 am
Sun. March 29 th 8:00am 9:30 am 11:30 am		Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm		

**THE
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of Marriage will begin on Tuesday April 7th at 7:00pm in
the Parish Hall and run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays
concluding on May 19th. To register, please contact the
Parish Office.

705-722-3771 or holyspiritba@archtoronto.org



The Stations of the Cross

Please join us on April 3rd at
7:00 p.m. for the

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Come and sit beneath the candle-lit Cross as the
fourteen Stations commemorating the final moments of
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WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Has been CANCELLED for this week but will resume on
April 8th.

FELLOWSHIP

There will be **NO** Fellowship this weekend or next. We invite
you to join us and the Spanish Community when we resume
on Sunday, April 12th.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Lady Joan Belanger, † Anthony Hebert O. Nwosu,
† Fr. Edward Joseph Smith and † Tim Schaub



Please pray for those who are sick:

Shawn Hunter, Irene Zsigmond, Tony
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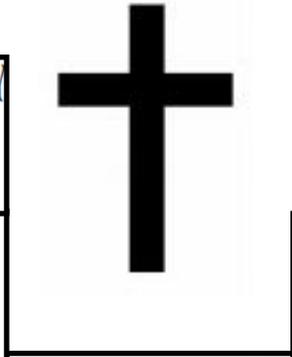
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