

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / B

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, 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, as it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

### PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Jesus my Lord let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be "truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life. Amen.

### RECOGNIZING WORLD DAY OF YOUTH

**Today is World Day of Youth.** Pope Francis says, "Young people must say to the world: *It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart.*" This year's theme is: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). Let us continue to pray for all youth here and around the world, that they may rise to the occasion in being good stewards of Jesus Christ in doing and promoting great acts of kindness. Let us pray that they continue to be motivated to work together to promote positive change so that this world can continue to be a better place for many generations to come!

### SHORT-TERM SABBATICAL FOR FR. CARLOS

Starting on Monday, April 5th, Fr. Carlos will be taking a three-month sabbatical to nourish spiritual growth. We will welcome him back on the first week of July. We wish Fr. Carlos all the best on his journey – we continue to pray for him as he will be praying for us.

### ADORIS ANGELUS / ADORER ANGELS

Many years ago, our altar was adorned with two beautiful angels. Unfortunately, they were removed due to damage and were never replaced. Recently, we were presented with an opportunity to purchase two angels at an exceptionally low cost to our Church. In the past, many of you have expressed an interest in bringing back the two angels to the altar and in helping us with the associated costs. If you would like to make a donation to assist us in purchasing these two angels, we invite you to contact the Parish office. Your donation will be eligible for a tax receipt.

## SEASON OF LENT

As we enter Holy Week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Lenten season is a time of reflection and a time to be thankful for our blessings. Through **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving** and **Sacrifice** we are called to remember these inseparable pillars as a sign of our care for those in need, and an expression of our gratitude for all the blessings God has given us.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

#### PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME: MAR. 28

8:30 am - 9:45 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

*The ushers will hand out the blessed palms at the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday Morning Masses*

#### HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO: APR. 1

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)  
*Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook.*

8:30 pm Holy Hour and Adoration until 10:30 pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO: APR. 2

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

1:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)  
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

#### HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO: APR. 3

11:00 am Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation

8:30 pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APR. 4

8:30 am - 9:45 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule  
*Mass at 11:00 am will be livestreamed on Facebook.*

#### EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA: APR. 5

9:00 am Daily Mass

### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

**APRIL 17 & 18 / JUNE 19 & 20 / OCTOBER 2 & 3**

**From Arthur Peters, Executive Director of ShareLife:** As we begin the 2021 campaign, I wanted to provide you with an update on some preparations and logistics taking place for the annual appeal. The pandemic has significantly impacted the needs of those suffering within our community, creating an increased demand for the work of our agencies, and more funding is required from the annual ShareLife appeal. It is the greatest need we have ever witnessed, and we are being called to rise to the challenge to support them. We know that you care about those in need and that every day you bear witness to the pain and suffering of those within your community. We thank you in advance for all that you currently do and all that you will do to promote the work of ShareLife-funded agencies this year.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - MAY 2 TO 7 NURTURING HOPE

Catholic Education Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of a Catholic education to the Church and to the world. The theme for this year was inspired by many considerations, one of which was to recognize the special Year of ‘Laudato Si’, which will run through to May 24, 2021. “At a time of national and local crisis, it became clear that there was a need to celebrate the hope of Catholic education, now and in the future.” For more information, visit: [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Your **2021 donation envelopes** can be picked up at the Parish office. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be placing the envelopes at the Church. If you would like to pick yours up, please contact the Parish office.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 21st was **\$3,200.00**. Please remember **St. Brigid’s Parish in your last will and testament**. Don’t forget to ask us about **Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)**.

## DOMENICA DELLE PALME E DELLA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE / B

Vertice della liturgia della Parola è la lettura della Passione: è a questo centro che occorre volgere l’attenzione, più che alla processione delle palme. I ramoscelli d’olivo non sono un talismano contro possibili disgrazie; al contrario, sono il segno di un popolo che acclama al suo Re e lo riconosce come Signore che salva e che libera. Ma la sua regalità si manifesterà in modo sconcertante sulla croce. Proprio in questo misterioso scandalo di umiliazione, di sofferenza, di abbandono totale si compie il disegno salvifico di Dio. Nell’impatto con la croce la fede vacilla: il peso di una forza schiaccia il Giusto per eccellenza e sembra dar ragione alla potenza dell’ingiustizia, della violenza e della malvagità. Sale inquietante la domanda del «perché» di questo cumulo insopportabile di sofferenza e di dolore che investe Gesù, il Crocifisso, e con lui tutti i crocifissi della storia.

### PREGHIERA PER LA SETTIMANA SANTA

Se dovessi scegliere una reliquia della tua Passione, prenderei proprio quel catino colmo d’acqua sporca. Girare il mondo con quel recipiente e ad ogni piede cingermi dell’asciugatoio e curvarmi giù in basso, non alzando mai la testa oltre il polpaccio per non distinguere i nemici dagli amici, e lavare i piedi del vagabondo, dell’ateo, del carcerato, e di chi non mi saluta più, in silenzio finché tutti abbiano capito nel mio tuo amore. Amen.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 21 Marzo e’ stata **\$3,200.00**. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo’ essere “il terzo figlio della carità” nel vostro testamento?**

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

### Saturday, March 27th

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Members of our Community  
5:00 p.m. +Frank & Marry Harris, req. by Peter & Theresa Buchner  
+Hans Buchner, req. by Peter & Theresa Buchner

### Sunday, March 28th ~ Palm Sunday / Domenica delle Palme

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:45 a.m. +Carmelo Grosso, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo  
+Michelo & Rita Doto, req. by the Doto Family  
+Mariangela & Antonio Maraio, req. by the Schiavo Family  
+Luigi Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini  
11:00 a.m. *Special 90th Birthday Blessing for Gianmaria Massaro, req. by Tina Morlando*  
For all the Deceased Members of the Calo Family  
+Salvatore Morlando, req. by Lina Morlando  
+Ted Fraser, req. by Anne, Stephen & Theresa  
+Joe Caputo, req. by the Family

### Monday of Holy Week, March 29th

- 12:00 p.m. +Domenico Grande, req. by the Calo Family  
+Jerry & Isabella Angela Calo, req. by the Calo Family  
+Emilia Frassica, req. by the Grandchildren

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30th

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for the Personal Intentions of Ignacio Uriarte

### Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31st

- 12:00 p.m. +Michele Romano, req. by the Romano Family

### Holy Thursday, April 1st

- 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
8:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Adoration (until 10:30 pm)

### Good Friday, April 2nd

- 11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)  
1:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Italian)  
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (English)  
Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

### Holy Saturday, April 3rd

- 11:00 a.m. Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation  
8:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Daily Mass at 12:00 Noon on Holy Thursday and no 5:00 pm evening Mass on Holy Saturday.**

God our Father, we bring before you today those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are profoundly affected by their illness. When they feel fragile and broken, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **We pray for all those suffering from illnesses, for their families, their friends, and for those who care for them.**

**The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of April: Fundamental Rights.** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### PRAYER CARDS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

In honour of the Year of St. Joseph, we are offering prayer cards that can be returned to the Church with your special intention(s) stated on the back. All intentions will be prayed over at every Mass until December 8th of this year. Prayer cards can be picked up at the Church before or after daily Mass or by contacting the Parish office: (416) 696-8660.