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9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm or by appointment with a priest

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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Moving? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we enter into the most beautiful mystery of our faith, I wish you all a prayerful and deeply spiritual Holy Week.

Let us pray for one another during this time. We, your priests, ask you to especially pray for us on Tuesday, when we will be at St. Michael Cathedral together with His Eminence, Cardinal Collins and all the priests from the Archdiocese celebrating Chrism Mass and renewing our ordination promises.

I also would like to let you know that we will start to sell Spring Gala tickets on April 2/3 weekend after all the Masses. I would like to personally invite you to buy a ticket as this is a great opportunity for all parishioners to get together and to celebrate our Parish Family.

May Jesus our Saviour continue to bless our Parish Family. Have a deeply spiritual Holy Week!

You are in my prayers!

Fr. Pawel

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION will take place in all the churches of the world in support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. This annual Good Friday appeal dates back to 1421 and the pontificate of Pope Martin V, to recognize the grave responsibility Catholics throughout the world have to support Christians in the Holy Land, the birthplace of Christianity, with prayers and material help. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites we as Catholics hold so dear. *Thank you for your contribution.*

TRIDUUM, EASTER & DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Holy Thursday, March 24th (church opens at 8 am) 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) Good Friday, March 25th (church opens at 9 am) 12:00 p.m. Commemoration of our Lord's Passion 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

3:00 p.m. Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion

5:00 p.m. Passione del Signore

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Italian)

Blessing of Easter Food ('Swieconka')

Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil, March 26th

6:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27th

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet will be said at 9:15 a.m. in Italian.

<u>Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet</u> will be said after each weekday Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 3rd

Regular Sunday Mass schedule. Divine Mercy Celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Bring religious items to be blessed.

REMINDER: All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to the needs of others, and to save money to give to the poor. Current Church discipline permits one to take a main and two lesser meals which do not equal the main meal. Mandatory fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, on which days one must abstain from meat and eat only one main meal. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and meat may not be taken on these days. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - PROTECT THE VULNERABLE & **THOSE** WHO **CARE** FOR CANADIANSFORCONSCIENCE.CA By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use the website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1st.

MARK your CALENDAR



SPRING GALA on Friday, May 13th!

The Spring Gala is an opportunity for parishioners to get together at a nice banquet hall with a sumptuous dinner to celebrate our parish family. Come join us! \$80/adult. For tickets, please call Antonietta at 905-737-3210, Ross at 905-883-5458 or the parish office.



YOUTH GROUP will meet in the Parish Hall on March 20th after the Sunday 4:30 p.m.. All the youth of the parish are invited to attend.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> that the parish office will be **closed** on Tues., March 22^{nd} due to the Chrism Mass downtown. Let us pray for all priests renewing their promises this day.

REHEARSAL FOR LECTORS. USHERS AND SERVERS FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. All involved in these liturgies are required to attend.

REHEARSAL FOR LECTORS AND SERVERS ON EASTER VIGIL on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. All involved in these liturgies are required to attend.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to reevangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 5th of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday, March 30 from 7-8 p.m.**. The rest of the sessions will be on April 13, May 4, and June 8.

EASTER LILIES & HYDRANGEAS Anyone who would like to donate these Easter flowers are asked to bring them into the Sacristy by Friday evening. Thanking you in advance for your response.

COINS FOR LIFE As our annual Lenten initiative, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change by taking a 'Coins for Life' box. These boxes are at the entrances of the Church. Filled up boxes will be collected after Divine Mercy weekend. Thank you for your contribution on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

COME & JOIN FR. PAWEL FOR A TOUR OF CHINA on October 11 – 25 (15 days)! Information can be found on the flyers at the entrances of the Church. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

20 marzo 2016 - Domenica delle Palme Gloria a te che vieni, pieno di bontà e di misericordia(Antifona d'ingresso).

La chiamata a "contemplare il volto di Cristo" un'enfasi particolare all'inizio della Settimana Santa, mentre ci prepariamo a celebrare il Triduo di Pasqua della morte risurrezione di Cristo, culmine dell'intero anno liturgico. Il sacro Triduo inizia al tramonto di Giovedì Santo, con la Messa della Cena del Signore. L'esortazione di papa Benedetto a vivere la Quaresima come tempo eucaristico, accogliendo l'amore di Gesù (Messaggio di Quaresima) trova il suo compimento in questa notte dell'istituzione dell'Eucaristia, che ci include nell'atto oblativo di Gesù e ci fa entrare nella dinamica stessa del suo dono di se (Deus caritas est, 13). Il digiuno pasquale-segno non più dello spirito quaresimale di penitenza, ma in gioioso anticipo della Risurrezione-inizia dopo questa liturgia. Il Venerdì Santo, giorno di astinenza e digiuno, ci avviciniamo al piede della Croce con Maria Immacolata, non solo per guardare a colui che abbiamo trafitto (Gv. 19:37), ma per baciare le sue ferite, il suo Cuore squarciato, nel quale molti santi hanno scoperto l'espressione più profonda del mistero dell'amore. Possa questo bacio essere segno della risposta che il Signore desidera così ardentemente da noi, di accoglienza del suo amore e di lasciarci attirare a Lui (Messaggio di Quaresima). Il Sabato Santo, continuando il digiuno pasquale, rimaniamo uniti spiritualmente a Maria, vegliando presso il sepolcro. Il culmine del Triduo, la Vigilia Pasquale, celebra la nostra fede in Cristo che ha conquistato il peccato e la morte ed é risorto dai La Domenica di Pasqua conclude la celebrazione del Triduo con la Messa di quella Risurrezione che é pietra angolare della nostra fede a che dovrebbe ottenere il più alto rango nella vita spirituale di ogni cristiano.

AVVISI

- Celebrazioni del Triduo pasquale: Giovedì Santo: Messa bilingue alle 7pm; Venerdì Santo: Comemorazione della Passione del Signore in italiano alle 5pm; Via Crucis in italiano alle 8pm; Sabato Santo: Veglia pasquale bilingue alle 8pm.
- Ogni primo lunedì del mese, 1.30-4pm, si recitano i quattro rosari in chiesa. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Rosa Marsella (905-731-9175).
- Ogni sabato pomeriggio, 1.30-3pm, ci si incontra per I 20 sabati della Madonna di Pompei del Beato Bartolomeo Longo. Per ulteriori informazioni chiamate Marisa (905-884-2670).
- 4. Ogni mercoledì sera si incontra il gruppo di preghiera. Per informazioni chiamate Adele (905-884-6210).

MASS INTENTIONS		March 20-26
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
	11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	12:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Int. of Sanny & Anne Fong
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Michael Kerr
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Stephen B. Roman &
		deceased family members

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Alan Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Giovanna Nonni, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette

NEW ALTAR SERVERS (male or female) are needed. If you or your child can help, please call the parish office.

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Thompson, Leonor Vargas, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla

NEW USHERS (male or female) are needed. If you can help, please call the parish office.

INTENTIONS FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMPS are available for \$20 donation for each lamp from the office.

ST> PASCHAL BAYLON CHARISMATIC GROUP will be having Introuction of the Life in the Spirit Seminar & Mass

with Healing Services on Monday, March 21st at 7 p.m. at St. Paschal Baylon Church (Yonge & Steeles). Celebrant &

Speaker will be Rev. Fr. Ben St. Croix.

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<u>VOCATION SEEDS</u> If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> or 416-968-0997.

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