

# Holy Week

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"Christ's Entry into Jerusalem," Hippolyte Flandrin, c. 1842.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:  
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)  
Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

## MONDAY

Mass: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM  
Confessions: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Vespers: 5:10 PM  
Kelly Lecture (Cardinal Turkson): 7:00 PM

## TUESDAY

Mass: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM  
Confessions: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Vespers: 5:10 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Mass: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM  
Confessions: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Vespers: 5:10 PM  
Tenebrae & Reconciliation Service: 7:00 PM

## HOLY THURSDAY

Mass: 7:30 PM ONLY  
Confessions: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross: 10:30 AM @ Newman  
Confessions: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Service (Eucharist): 3:00 PM

## HOLY SATURDAY

Church Closed until 4:00 PM  
Mass: 8:00 PM  
No Confessions

## A WEEK OF QUESTIONS

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

I have always thought that, spiritually speaking, we are at a disadvantage this week. We know how this week ends, which seems to take away much of the passion it contains. The challenge for each of us, then, is to not simply think about the final days of Jesus' life this week, but to think of our life in a manner that reflects his.

Our week begins with Palm Sunday – that moment when Jesus and his Apostles enter the city with praise and celebration. How misleading

it must have been for the Apostles – how often it is so for us – thinking that our association with Christ will bring honour and joy.

How many times do we feel betrayed when our faith doesn't shield us from our suffering?

I often wonder what those conversations sounded like between Sunday and Thursday night? Did the Apostles start to sense the plan before it unfolded? How did Jesus prepare them or did they spend their days conversing and shopping in the city?

What will we do this Holy Week? Will we take time to reflect on our own life, or will it be business as usual until Thursday evening? What if we were to consider ourselves as one of the Apostles this week – whose life would either end or be dramatically changed at its end? Surely it would change our behavior.

All I ask is that you take time this week to consider such questions, for this week is not like any other. It is a week, when we are changed and defined – perhaps even redefined; but only if we take time to allow ourselves to enter the story.

*Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Luke 22.14-23.56*

### DATE CHANGE: CARDINAL TURKSON LECTURE

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict in Rome for Cardinal Turkson, we have had to postpone the USMC Kelly Lecture by a week. Cardinal Turkson has asked us to reschedule the lecture for **Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm in St. Basil's Parish.**

Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Archbishop emeritus of Cape Coast (Ghana), will deliver this year's presentation, a talk entitled "Laudato Si': Let's Redefine Progress."

If you wish to order a complimentary ticket, please call 416-926-7128.

### TENEBRAE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Join our parish community during Holy Week for Tenebrae and a Reconciliation Service on **Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00pm** in the church. Latin for shadows or darkness, the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This evening will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher in the beginning of the Triduum. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the service for those interested.

For more information, contact JP Farahat at:  
[johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca](mailto:johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca)

### EUTHANASIA IN CANADA: DISCUSSION

You are invited to attend a discussion on 'Euthanasia in Canada' on **Wednesday, March 30** hosted by the University of St. Michael's College and the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. The event will be held at **7:00pm in The Coop, Brennan Hall.** The event will feature the Most Rev. William McGrattan, Bishop of Peterborough, and Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada, as speakers. For more information, please contact [bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca](mailto:bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca) or call 416-353-4224.

### "CHRISTUS", AN ORATORIO ENSEMBLE RECITAL

Join The University of Toronto Oratorio Ensemble, comprised of voice students at the Faculty of Music, returns to Saint Basil's under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30pm in St. Basil's Parish** for a concert celebrating the life of Christ, from His birth through to His death, resurrection, and ascension. Music to include works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Elgar, Rossini, Mozart, among others. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the music program of Saint Basil's. Contact JP Farahat at: [johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca](mailto:johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca) for more information.

## EASTER SCHEDULE

**EASTER MASSES ARE AT 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:00 NOON. THERE IS NO 4:30 PM MASS.**

The office will be completely closed Sunday afternoon until Tuesday morning. There is only a 7:30 AM Mass on Easter Monday. After Mass, the church will be closed for the day.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PREPARING A NEW BEGINNING!



As many of you know, our new atrium is now under construction. It is believed it will be complete about six weeks from now.

For those of you who do not know, the “atrium” is a sacred space for children so that they may encounter God on their own. For over a year, a few parishioners, including Fr. Chris, have been in a certification course and preparing all the many materials so that we can formally begin the program next Fall.

However, we plan to use the summer time to start introducing the space and catechesis to families, young children and other people who may want to be trained.

**Part of this introduction includes the opportunity to receive training, or to be re-trained by the Archdiocese here at St. Basil's over a special one-week summer course.**

*Level I Foundations Course: Children Ages 1 – 6*  
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Sunday, March 13, 2016 \$6,773.85

## MASS INTENTIONS



MARCH 20th-26th

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Corte Sisters (+) Pro Populo Maureen Masterson (+) Jan Firlejczyk (+)
<b>Monday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Fausto Silva (+)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Attilio Colussi (+)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Dr. and Mrs. E. Fitzhenry (+) Simone Minalabog (liv.)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Pro Populo
<b>Friday</b> 3:00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Pro Populo
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b> Pro Populo

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleto, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Hsien Tang Pan Wong, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Sr. Mary Sibbald, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, and Joe Torres.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially Kenneth Heath.



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