

Sunday, April 10, 2022

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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## RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses Mon. to Saturday or by appointment.

## BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

## MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:  
9:30am—4:30pm and 6:00-8:30pm  
Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm  
Saturday:  
9:30am -12:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm  
Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm

## MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am  
Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 7:00pm  
Additional Mass on 1st Fridays: 7:00pm  
Sundays:  
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm  
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

## AddMe

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.



Click here for  
Live Stream

All 9am morning masses, Monday to Saturday, and the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass will be livestreamed.

## PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:

1. Wear mask
2. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, April 12, 9am**

1. For the soul of Orville George, requested by Jennifer Seuradge
2. For the soul of Joy George Yeemon, requested by Jennifer Seuradge

**Wednesday, April 13, 9am**

1. Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Yorrick DeSouza Jr., requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the soul of Joseph Valerian D'Souza, requested by Gilbert D'Souza
4. For the soul of Tulia Oliveira, requested by the Family
5. For the soul of Walfrido De Leon, requested by the Family
6. For the soul of Eugenio P. Corpus Jr., requested by Sharlyne & Virgilio Cometa
7. For the soul of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad

**Wednesday, April 13, 7pm**

1. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by the Family
2. For the soul of Katherine Bobnic, requested by the Bobnic Family

**Sunday, April 17, 8am**

1. For the soul of Maureen Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz
2. For the soul of Antonio Izquierdo, requested by Stephine Izquierdo & Family

**Sunday, April 17, 10am**

1. For the soul of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Pearl, Lionel & Irene
2. For the soul of Inocencio Antonio Coutinho, requested by the Family
3. For the soul of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
4. For the soul of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad
5. Birthday Blessings for Mina Maranan, requested by Mina Maranan
6. Birthday Blessings for Mila Harris, requested by Bogusia & Henry

*Please pray for all the sick especially from our parish.*

*After the Holy Mass,  
please wait for the priest  
to reach the back of the  
church before leaving.*

*Thank you!*

**Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion Ministry**

**Volunteers Need**

The ministry provides volunteers with the opportunity to participate at Mass as Eucharistic Ministers assisting with the service of Holy Communion. Volunteers are needed for all Masses but are especially needed for the noon and 4pm Masses on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your name, phone number, and email address at the church office.

**Prayer:**

*"Lord Jesus, you are  
the fulfillment of all our  
hopes and desires.  
Your Spirit brings us grace,  
truth, life, and freedom. Fill  
me with the joy of the gospel  
and inflame my heart with  
love and zeal for you and for  
your will".*

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## *Message from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

Our journey through Lent takes a major shift this week as we begin the Holy Week. The road to Calvary over these forty days will be marked by confusion and concern, sadness and yes, even moments of joy – not the passing happiness we think of when we hear the word but pure joy, the kind that resides in our hearts when we put our trust in Jesus. The stories that mark our path from here until Easter are powerful and familiar, sometimes so familiar they fail to move us, or more accurately, we fail to be moved. We've heard it all before. There is nothing new here. Ah, but God makes all things new and the scriptures are alive with the Spirit, who blows through the ancient texts to make a word, a phrase, a scene jump out at the exact moment we need it, if only we'd settle down and pay attention.

We need reminders, someone or something to point out what we're missing. Holy Week is that reminder, affording us the time and space to go deeper, to sit with stories and let them speak to us as if for the first time. What is calling you to transformation? What speaks to your heart?

We walk this journey together, even if we think we are walking alone. Faith and grace bind us to each other and to our God, and that is the stuff of which pure joy is made. Begin down the path today, and, if you get sidetracked, dust yourself off and begin again, knowing that you have companions, seen and unseen, lifting you up, a communion of saints, in which we all get to stake our claim. Stop, look, listen. Joy is hiding in plain sight, even on the road to Calvary, even on the cross, because joy is not fleeting, joy is not a feeling; joy is the knowledge that we have been saved by Jesus Christ, who invites us to join him on the Way today.

Praying that the Lord fills all your Heart with peace; Holds you in His Love and Blesses you with His grace ... On this Holy Week and Always. Let us begin ....

*Fr. Joyson*

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# LENTEN SCHEDULE

**April 9th/10th**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 9th, 5pm**

**Sunday, April 10th**

**8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm**

**April 14th**

**8pm—12am**

*Church service will be livestreamed.*

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**Holy Eucharist with Washing of  
the Feet followed by Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament**

**April 15th**

**10:00am**

**3:00pm**

*3pm Service will be livestreamed.*

**7:00pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Stations of the Cross (Youth)**

**Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord**

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**April 16th**

**8:00pm**

*Vigil Mass will be livestreamed.*

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Easter Sunday Vigil Mass**

**April 17th**

*8am Holy Mass will be livestreamed.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm**

**April 24th**

**3pm**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Prayer by Parish Prayer Group**

## CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

**Q: I was told Jesus is without sin. But on Easter, at Mass I heard a reading that said, "Jesus died to sin." Which is true?**

**A:** You are quoting Romans 6:10 which says, "the death he died, he died to sin, once for all." In saying that "Christ died to sin," St. Paul is not saying he died on account of his own personal sins. The Greek word *hamartia* (Sin), is often used by St. Paul to refer to our own personal sins. But it is also used to refer in a more collective sense to the sin of the world. For, this fallen world of ours, is immersed in sin, in an attitude of rebellion, pride, greed, lust, and so forth. And this climate of sin, is like a force, a mindset, initiated by Satan, and connived in by human beings. It is to this world of sin that Christ died. He broke its back, by dying to it, and rising victorious over it. And he defeated it in the most paradoxical way; he conquered pride by humility, disobedience by obedience, and death, by dying and rising.

It is to this regime of sin, that Christ died, not his own personal sins of which scripture is clear, he had none. (1Peter 2:22)

In the same chapter (6:2,11), we are taught to realize that we too have died to sin, and this world of sin is to have no more power over us. We must come to experience increasing power, authority, and victory over the influence of this world of sin. We are to lay hold of the life, which Christ offers us wherein this world of sin has no more power over us.

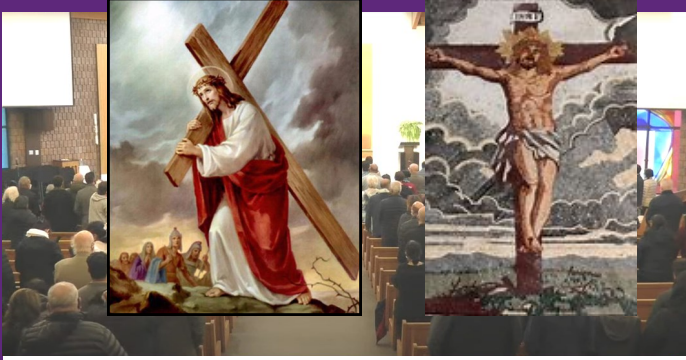
Answered by Msgr. Charles Pope

*"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."*

St. Augustine of Hippo

# GOOD FRIDAY

## A day of Fasting and Abstinence



There is no longer a dispensation to those who are participating in the Holy Mass by livestream or TV except if they are sick or in isolation.

*Come! Let us gather in-person and celebrate our faith together.*

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*“... Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”*

*Matthew 19:14*



## **FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:** **Palm Sunday**

Hi guys, guess what you and your family will be receiving this weekend? Yes, palms! Blessed palms.

On Palm Sunday, the church commemorates the entry of Jesus in Jerusalem. When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a young donkey, the people greeted him with so much joy. They were shouting, “Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” They were waving palms to welcome Jesus.



You see, boys and girls, the palms represent victory. The people were waving palms and putting them on the road for the donkey to walk on as Jesus entered the city. They wanted Jesus to be victorious in driving away the Romans who invaded their land.

Well, Jesus did free them from their enemies. Not only that. Jesus freed every one of us from our enemies. He freed us from our sins - the biggest enemy because sin prevents us from getting into heaven, the eternal kingdom where we live with God forever and ever! Now, you and me, and everybody can really and truly, go to heaven. That, boys and girls, is a humungous victory!

So, this Sunday, wave your palms gladly.

Remember, Jesus is victorious!

**Do you want to make a Palm Cross from your palm? Follow the instructions below:**

1. Take a palm strip that is about 2 feet long and 1/2" wide (if it tapers at the top, this is good!). Hold the palm upright, so the tapered end points toward the ceiling.
2. Then bend the top end down and toward you so that the bend is about 5 or 6 inches from the bottom of the palm.
3. About a third of the way from the bend you just made, twist the section you've pulled down to the right, forming a right angle.
4. About an inch and a half away from the "stem" of the cross, bend this arm of the palm back behind the palm so that it is now facing to your left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the Cross.
5. Folding that same section at a point that equals the length on the right side, bend it on the left side and bring the end forward over what is now the front of the cross.
6. From the very center of the Cross, fold that arm up and to the upper right (in a "northeast" direction) so that it can wrap around where the upright post of the Cross and the right arm intersect.
7. Fold this down and to the left behind the Cross....and then fold it toward the right so that it is parallel and under the transverse arms of the Cross.
8. Bring it up behind the Cross again, this time folding it up toward the "northwest" direction.
9. Tuck the tapered end into the transverse section you made in step 7.....and pull through.
10. Turn the Cross over; this side will be the front. Trim the tapered end if necessary, remembering that the palm is a sacramental and any part you trim away should be kept and respected as a sacramental!



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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Feast Service starts at  
2:45pm, Sunday, April 24th**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
prayer and blessing of Divine Mercy  
icons.

Bring your Divine Mercy statues and  
pictures for blessings.



*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

## Altar Servers Needed

Moms and Dads, if your child is in  
Grade 4 and above, see if they want to  
be an

Altar Server. It will be wonderful to  
see them serving during Holy Mass.

There is a  
form to be  
completed if  
they are  
interested.

Please  
contact the  
Parish Office.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPREAD MULCH ON CHURCH GARDENS

Mulch spreading will take place on Satur-  
day, April 30, starting at 9 am. If you can  
spare a couple of hours, come and join  
us for some mulching  
under the sun!

Bring a wheelbarrow if  
you have one. It will  
come in handy.

(Questions? Call Al at  
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DAILY MASS READINGS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Readings. Rows include Apr. 11, Apr. 12, Apr. 13, Apr. 14 Holy Thursday, April 15 Good Friday, April 16 Easter Vigil, and April 17 Easter Sunday.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CANADA

We are inviting adult parishioners to attend an on-line Christian Life Program hosted by Couples For Christ Canada. This 8-session program is meant to rediscover our faith and deepen our spiritual relationship with our Lord Jesus. First session of the program will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Couples For Christ is a global Catholic community that journeys together towards holiness while renewing the face of the earth. CFC is recognized by the Holy See as an international organization of the lay faithful with Pontifical Rights. Please visit www.couplesforchrist.ca For more information about the program please contact: Rick & Roni Van Tassel (416)984-9047 rickvantassel@gmail.com; or Robert & Rebecca Natanegara (289) 400 -1840 rnatanegara@yahoo.ca

INCOME TAX PREPARATION For Eligible Individuals

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, during the months of March and April.

Due to the current restrictions, all tax preparation will be completed by way of telephone interview with the approval of the taxpayer.

To qualify for the CVITP program, the income requirements (Approx.) are as follows:

\$35,000 for a single person who has no dependents

- \$45,000 for a single parent and 1 child plus \$2,500 per additional dependent
• \$45,000 for a couple plus \$2,500 per dependent

The clinic does not complete tax returns for individuals with rental income, capital gains, self-employment / business income or returns for deceased individuals.

Interest income must be below \$1,000.

Flowers Offering for the Altar


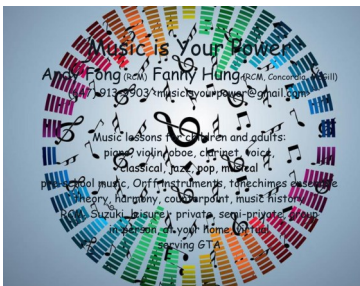
If you wish to contribute for the altar flowers for Easter, please feel free to use the green envelope marked Flower Offering.

Thank you for your generosity!

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

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