

Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into the holy city. This year we hear Matthew's account. Its messianic emphasis is clear. The Master's foreknowledge and authority are affirmed. A prophecy of Scripture (a combination of verses from Isaiah and Zechariah) is being fulfilled; but his coming is in humility and peacefulness. The people cry, 'Hosanna to the Son of David'.

The first reading from Isaiah invites us to learn from the example of the Saviour, the trust we should have in our Father in heaven, whatever trials we face. But it is something else that makes this reading appropriate on the threshold of Holy Week - with God's true Servant, we must be open to a new meeting with our God in what lies ahead - glad that the Lord 'wakes us to hear, to listen like disciples'.

In the second reading, from the letter to the Philippians - echoing a hymn used in the liturgy of the first generation of the Church - Paul summarises with majestic brevity the drama of the Paschal Mystery we are about to celebrate: Jesus 'emptied himself', sharing our human condition, even to 'accepting death on a cross; and then, for our sake, he is 'raised high', one with the Father in the glory of the divine name.

Matthew's account of the Lord's passion has the features we have come to associate with this gospel. Faith in Jesus as the messiah has already been clearly affirmed in the description of his entry into Jerusalem; and the ultimate outcome is clearly anticipated: 'After my resurrection, I shall go before you to Galilee'. But the subtlety with which Matthew's account makes an affirmation of faith in the Saviour seems to indicate that he has his Jewish audience in mind. The refrain of fulfilment - as 'the Son of Man goes to his fate' - echoes through the narrative. The titles attributed to Jesus are few, 'the Christ', 'Son of God' and 'Son of Man'. But they are crucial for converts from a Jewish background. The first raises the great issue that confronted the Jewish people. The title, 'Son of God' (which was to become an ultimate expression of the absolute claim of Christian faith) was open-ended to the ears of old Israel, indicating one who has God's special favour. It was the title, 'Son of Man', crucial at the trial of Jesus, that removed all ambiguity. 'You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power (Yahweh himself); Jesus declares (referring to Psalm 110), 'and coming on the clouds of heaven', (a reference to Dan 7). 'What need of witnesses have we now!' exclaimed the high priest. The rending of the veil of the Temple and the apocalyptic events in the holy city, are a divine confirmation that, with the Lord's death, the old order has given way to the new. And the centurion's words, 'In truth this was a son of God', are an expression of the Church's newfound faith.

The liturgies of Holy Week will teach us, not with fine oratory, but by recounting the great events in which the generous ways of God found a final expression in our human history. Let this recognition set the tone for our participation in the liturgies of these days.



The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the Scriptures say he will

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"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?
If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ Matthew 21.1-11 ~ Isaiah 50.4-7 ~ Philippians 2.6-11 ~ Matthew 26.14 - 27.66

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week — April 10 — April 16

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ members of Grogan family	
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Marc Colvin	Howie Moran
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Maureen Keane	Philip Keane and family
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm	
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 12:00 noon & 3:00pm Stations of the Cross — 7:30pm	
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil — Resurrection of the Lord - 8:00pm There will be NO 9am Mass, 5:15pm Vigil Mass & Confession on this day.	
Easter Sunday	Resurrection of the Lord, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm	



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. (2017 Ordo)

Many Blessings for Our Pastor - Congratulations Fr. Nino

On Sunday, April 16, Fr. Nino Cavoto is celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. Congratulations Fr. Nino! To celebrate this occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, April 28 at 7pm followed by a reception with light refreshments. **Your contributions of bite-size homemade desserts would be greatly appreciated.** Please call the parish office at 416 231 6016 or email olosorrows@bellnet.ca to confirm your contribution.

Reminders for Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Retreat - Candidates with last names beginning with M-Z are scheduled to attend on Saturday, April 22nd in the parish hall from 10am to 6:15pm after the Mass. Parents are asked to pick up their children at 6:15pm or advise if someone else is authorized to pick them up.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection — The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled on **Good Friday, April 14.** Our parish, once a year is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, education and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. Let us give generously and show solidarity to respond to the needs of the Church in the Land of Jesus.

~ Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife and Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps. Please give generously.



COMMUNITY

Pope's prayer intention for April: Youth

'For young people, that they might know how to respond generously to the vocation God has given them, and immerse themselves in the great causes of the world.'

The Apostleship of Prayer has produced the Pope's Video (www.popesprayer.net) on this prayer intention. The full text of the Pope's Video is below, courtesy of Vatican Radio:

"I know that you, young people, don't want to be duped by a false freedom, always at the beck and call of momentary fashions and fads. I know that you aim high. Is that true, or am I wrong? Don't leave it to others to be the protagonists of change. You, young people, are the ones who hold the future! I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world. It is a challenge, yes it is a challenge. Do you accept it? Pray with me that young people may respond generously to their own vocation and mobilize for the great causes of the world."

Navigating the Etobicoke Health Care System with Gary Hepworth Saturday, April 29, 10:30am-12:00noon, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall

You're invited to this seminar that provides an overview of the Health Care System and Services for Seniors that are available in Etobicoke. Other topics to be discussed are the availability and limitations of CCAC, the differences between Retirement Homes and Long Term Care facilities, and how to plan for your future health care needs. This is a FREE event. RSVP: luisa@sorrows.ca or call 416 231 6016.

Stonegate Ministry Benefit Concert - TODAY, April 9 at 2pm, Kingsway-Lambton United Church

Featuring acclaimed soul singer and four-time Juno Award winner Billy Newton-Davis, formerly of The Nylons. Plus performances from the Kingsway Conservatory of Music. Tickets \$10. Children under \$12 free. Call 416 255 6282 for more details.

Learning about the Passion of Jesus - Tuesday, April 11 — 7pm to 9pm, Immaculate Conception Parish

Join us to learn more about the Passion of Jesus. Clergy will lead discussion in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. To register, email Connie.Volpentesta@gmail.com or call 416-651-7875.

Tenebrae Service — The Tenebrae responsories convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music.

1. **Presented by The Victoria Scholars at Our Lady of Sorrows Church** - This weekend, April 9 at 4:00pm. Admission is free. Donations to ShareLife are welcome.
2. **Lenten Music to Stir the Soul - SMCS Alumni Choir at St. James Church (728 Annette St.)** Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. Join us in the church for this awesome experience! Free will offering. All are welcome.

Mary, Mother of God School - Now Registering for September 2017/2018

Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12), deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. We have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. For more information please visit our website at www.marymotherofgodschool.org or call us at 416-531-7897.

Gustav Mahler's Symphony II The Resurrection Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm, St. James' Cathedral

A concert transcribed for organ and performed by David Briggs with the Choir of St. James Cathedral, Julia Morson, *Soprano* and Christina Stelmacovich, *Mezzo Soprano*. Tickets from \$20 at the door or call 416 364 7865 x 245. Visit ciocm.org.

Art Show: Kaleidoscope - Thursday, April 20 from 6:00pm-9:0pm

Father John Redmond C.S.S. and Regional Arts Centre community invites you to their annual art show Featuring Visual Art (in various mediums ranging from traditional to contemporary), Dance, Drama and Music performances. Call 416 393 5540 for more information or visit www.fatherredmond.com