

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 2, 2023



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mt 21:1-11 | Is 50:4-7 | Ps 1s 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14-27:66

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 (5:00 PM)

†Lawrence Mulhall



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 (9:00 AM) [Livestream \(Click Here\)](#)

†Anita Coleman & dec. members of Toncic & Barratto families

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

Isaiah 42:1-7 | Psalms 27:1-3,13-14 | John 12:1-11

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Isaiah 49:1-6 | Psalms 71:1-4a,5ab-6ab,15,17 | John 13:21-33,36-38

Special intention of Dana Lim

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalms 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 | Matthew 26:14-25

†Radegund Fietta and Special Intention of Bernadette Cheng,  
Amelia Dalle Carbonare and Emanuela Riddell

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 (8:00 PM)**

Ex 12:1-8,11-14 | Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 | 1Cor 11:23-26 | Jn 13:1-15

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 (3:00PM) Stations of the Cross 7pm**

Is 52:13-53:12 | Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 | Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 | Jn 18:1-19:42

**LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL), APRIL 8, 2023 (8:00 PM)**

Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;

Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 | Rom 6:3-11 | Mt 28:1-10

For the People of the Parish

### FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

#### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

#### DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 7:00 pm

### Support Your Parish:

1. Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
2. Contribute to your parish offertory by credit card. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to your parish's offertory or other special funds.
3. Contribute through Pre-Authorized giving (PAG). You can obtain a form from the parish office or [click here](#) to download the form.
4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

### Holy Week

This upcoming week is probably the most busy time of the year for any parish priest. I usually get the question, which is more busy Christmas or Easter. My answer, which I think other priests would resonate with is they are busy and tiring in their own respect. Christmas is tiring because of the amount of Masses that we have to celebrate in a week. This year, we were blessed because Christmas fell on a Sunday. But that does not happen every year. And with extra Masses on Christmas Eve and sometimes on Christmas day, it is tiring. Easter, on the other hand, is tiring because of the amount of work that goes into all the celebrations. The planning, the decorating, the rehearsals and coordinating everything can be draining. On top of that, celebrating the rituals are so meaningful and filled with grace that it drains us emotionally and spiritually. If I was to choose one, it would be Easter. Recall back, I am not much of a Christmas spirit guy...but Easter, I love it. Why? We have just been fasting and offering penances for 40 days...we should celebrate with songs and hymns, with prayers and jubilation.

I think another reason why I love Easter so much is that growing up as an altar boy and then becoming the parish MC, I learned about the rituals, their meaning and why we do what we do. It is incredible. Thankfully no altar boy at St. Mary's has to hold the Roman Missal during the Good Friday general intercessions like I did. I will never forget when the priest celebrating the service just lightly rested the book on my forehead and whispered, "your arms need a rest." LOL

With that, if you have never been to the Masses and services over the Easter Triduum, that is Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, the Celebration of the Lord's passion or the Easter Vigil, the mother of all vigils, you should come out. And you might be thinking, it is going to be crowded...trust me, there will be room. And, if you know anyone at some of the larger parishes in Mississauga who are looking for a place that is calm and quaint, invite them down to St. Mary's!

### Divine Mercy Novena

On Saturday March 18th our parish hosted a Lenten retreat where the new Icon of Divine Mercy was revealed. As those in attendance learned, the Icon was not complete. Due to timing and weather, mostly weather, the anointing of the Icon could not be completed in time. The Icon is safely back in the US and Minh, the iconographic, is hard at work completing the final stage. God willing, it will be returned to us and mounted before the Easter Vigil.

With the Divine Mercy Icon with us, I wanted to try something new and that is to pray the Novena of the Divine Mercy together as a parish family. The Novena traditionally begins on Good Friday and concludes on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Here is the schedule and I hope you can make it out.

- 1) Good Friday - April 7th - After the 3pm service
- 2) Easter Saturday - April 8th - 9am
- 3) Easter Sunday - April 9th - 8:30am
- 4) Easter Monday - April 10th - 3pm
- 5) Easter Tuesday - April 11th - 3pm
- 6) Easter Wednesday - April 12th - During Adoration
- 7) Easter Thursday - April 13th - During Adoration
- 8) Easter Friday - April 14th - During Adoration
- 9) Easter Saturday - April 15th - After 9am Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter - April 16th - Divine Mercy Sunday - Holy Hour at 3pm

If you cannot make it out to these dates and times due to work and other responsibilities, please pray the Novena at home with your family. [Here is the link for the Novena.](#)

May you all have a very blessed Holy Week and I look forward to seeing you throughout the week at our solemn celebrations.

Fr Michael

## FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEAL

NO Community Meal on  
Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Last Community Meal of the Season  
Friday, April 28, 2023

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for a collection, to be taken up, on Good Friday for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

### TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 23-28th. Totus tuus is an archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes throughout the summer, spreading the Good News through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. The intermediate/High School programs for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. **The cost is only \$100 (day program) \$25 (night program) per person for the entire week.** Registrations can be found around the parish or online. If you need more information, please contact Samantha or go to [www.totustuustoronto.ca](http://www.totustuustoronto.ca)

#### Next Edge

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm, Topic: Prayer

#### Next LifeTeen

Friday, April 14th 6-8pm, Topic: Peer Pressure

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## VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Connect with us online! Scan the QR code to visit our parish website.  
If you are new to the parish, welcome! Register on the website.



## SHARELIFE

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

**Thus far we have raised \$14,355.40 (11%)  
toward our goal of \$125,000.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Birthday Blessings for Chris Hofmann  
In Loving Memory of Alberto D'Orazio

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For an increase in faith for Diya Lim Hoye Yee  
In Loving Memory of Alberto D'Orazio

### INFANT JESUS

In thanksgiving  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In thanksgiving by Pat and Nigel Power  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

## SSVP HELPLINE: 647-628-2058

Leave your name, number and a brief message  
and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

# DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7**  
AFTER THE 3PM SERVICE

**HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8**  
9AM

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9**  
8:30AM

**EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 10**  
3PM

**EASTER TUESDAY - APRIL 11**  
3PM

**EASTER WEDNESDAY - APRIL 12**  
AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**EASTER THURSDAY - APRIL 13**  
AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**EASTER FRIDAY - APRIL 14**  
AFTER EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**EASTER SATURDAY - APRIL 15**  
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 16**  
HOLY HOUR AT 3PM