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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am | 10:00 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

Eucharistic

Adoration

Every Friday 4pm-7pm

Mass to follow Adoration every Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Office closed Monday through Friday 12 pm - 1 pm

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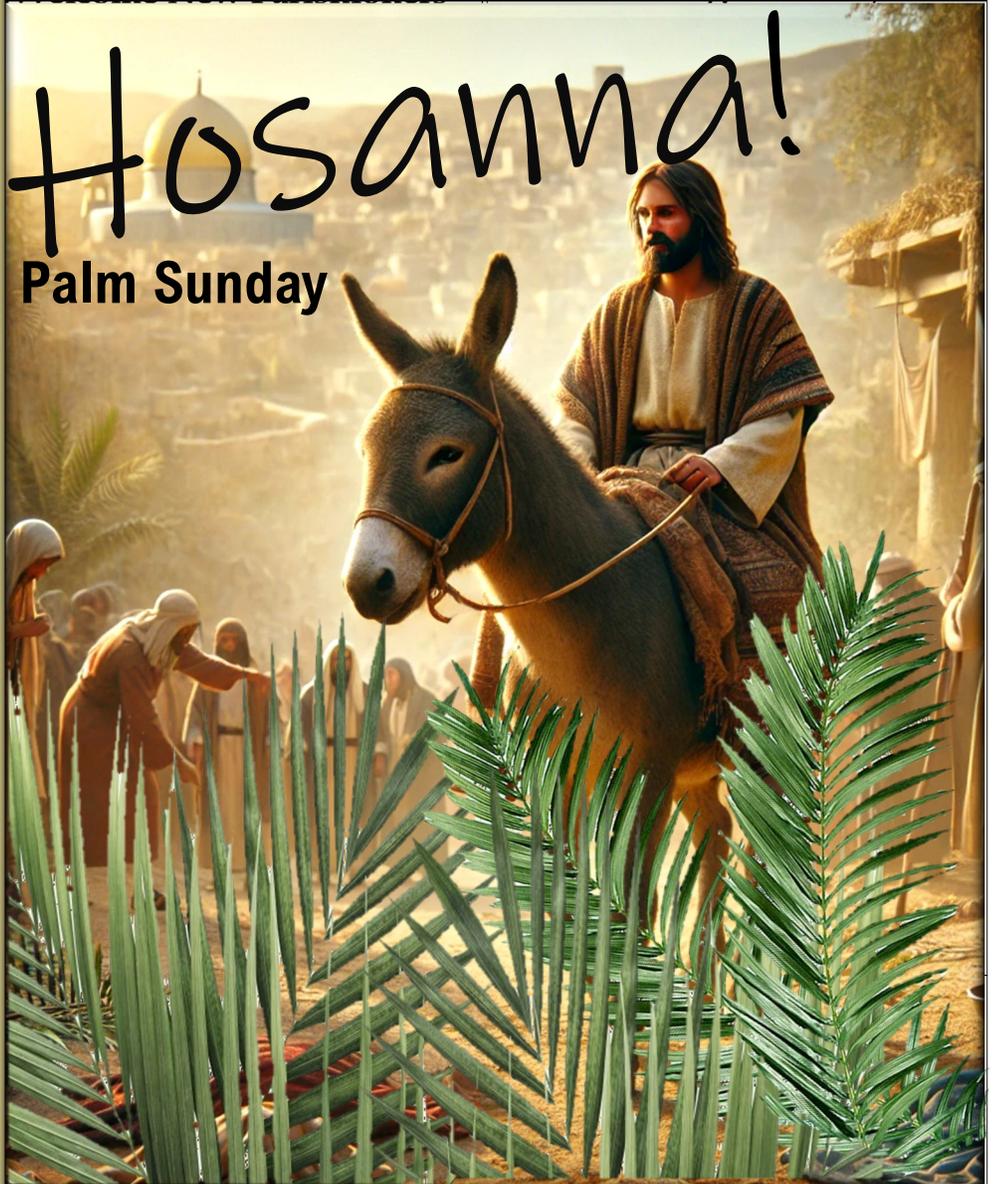
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Palm Sunday



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 28

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Monday, March 30

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, April 1

12:00 pm Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

8 am Mass Cancelled

Office Closes at noon

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

4:00 pm-Chinese

7:00 pm-English/Spanish

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 3, 2026

Office Closed

Stations of the Cross

11:15am-Spanish

12:00 pm Service- Spanish

2:15 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Service-English

5:30 pm Service-Chinese

HOLY SATURDAY

9am & 5pm Mass Cancelled

EASTER VIGIL

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Saturday, April 4, 2026

4:00 Chinese

7:00 pm-Bilingual

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION

OF THE LORD

April 5, 2026

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

5:30 pm Chinese

Office Hours during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday-9am-12pm

Good Friday-Closed

Easter Monday-Closed

Tuesday, April 7-Regular

schedule

The Lord had need of it. At times, just like that humble colt, we too, may feel little or overlooked. The donkey's role was small, but it was significant. It was chosen to carry Jesus, fulfilling God's divine purpose. Jesus calls each of us too—no matter how ordinary we may feel—to serve Him. This little colt reminds us, our worth comes not from how others see us, but in our willingness to serve Him with love and humility. And just as He used the donkey, God can use our simplicity for His greater purpose—because the Lord has need of us too.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



A reminder that the Good Friday collection is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land. It supports Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. On **April 3rd**, let us give generously in response to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

EASTER FLOWERS



Its not too late to make a donation toward the cost of flowers this Easter. Your generosity will be used to decorate the sanctuary.

BECOMING A LAY DOMINICAN



Do you like to read and study? Are you looking to grow in your faith and share faith with others? Are you seeking a deeper life in Jesus Christ while living in the world?

The Dominican Family's spirituality rests on four pillars: Study, Prayer, Community and Mission. Our focus is the study of Sacred Scripture, sharing prayer and faith together and with others. If you are interested or have any questions about becoming a Lay Dominican, please contact Konrad Hanz, OP at kaphanz@sympatico.ca. Welcome to Catholic women and men over the age of 18. See the website of the Dominican Order: <https://dominicains.ca/en/secular-fraternities/>.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS



With Cardinal Frank Leo

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

2234 ELLESMERE ROAD, SCARBOROUGH, ON

7:00 PM-NOVEMBER 21, 2026

"Take courage, I have overcome the world"

—John 16:33

Office of Catholic Youth
Archdiocese
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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



Jesus I trust in you

Starts on Good Friday, April 3

Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) (See *Diary* #1209-1230). During this novena that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, He asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people.

Prayer: *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (#1319).*
Jesus, I trust in You.

Divine Mercy Novena

USHERS NEEDED

We could use your help at the 5:00pm Mass. Please contact [Volunteer Screening](mailto:VolunteerScreening@archtoronto.org) at screeningstjc@archtoronto.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – SPANISH
Sundays at 1:30 PM. A welcoming space for children to explore God's Word.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM
APRIL 19-25, 2026**



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your invaluable contributions and the profound impact you've made. We are deeply grateful for your "Yes" to serve our parish community with a ready heart and willing spirit.

"Here am I. Send me!" ISAIAH 6:8



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

—ISAIAH 6:8

Volunteering at the Archdiocese of Toronto



BEQUESTS TO OUR PARISH

Bequests to your parish are a way of returning to God a portion of the gifts He has given you. They can also benefit your overall estate plan. Visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website for the estate planning guide, or for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area, contact development@archtoronto.org

You Are Invited

50th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul Catholic Elementary School
Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of faith, learning, and community at St. Paul Catholic Elementary School.

Morning Celebration
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. João Ferreira in the school gymnasium, followed by a short presentation and remarks from distinguished guests.

Evening Open House
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for an open house and take a walk through the decades of St. Paul CES. 50 years of memories will be on display.

Monday, May 4, 2026

St. Paul Catholic Elementary School
140 William Roe Blvd. Newmarket, ON



WITH YOUR SUPPORT OF SHARE-LIFE, DESPAIR TURNS INTO HOPE

When Eulogio learned his wife was expecting twins, David and Emmanuel, he dreamed of giving them a loving home and bright future. But a devastating accident cost him his job, leaving his family struggling to afford food and stay warm. Thanks to your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children, helped provide meals—but many families still need support. Your gift to ShareLife can help fathers like Eulogio care for their children and face tomorrow with hope. Please Donate at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



THROUGH THE EYES OF A DONKEY

The donkey that carried Christ into Jerusalem might have mistaken the crowds' praise as its own—but we know they were honoring Jesus. This Palm Sunday, let us reflect: do we truly give all the praise, glory, and honour of our actions to Christ?



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us every Friday from 4pm-7pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Mass is celebrated at 7:00 pm
Please join us



VOCATIONS

"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, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
167 Essa St, Bradford, ON

Our district has been blessed with the opportunity to host a First-Class Relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, dedicating his life to strengthening Catholic families, supporting those in need, and building faith within the community. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come and pray and venerate the relic during the following times.

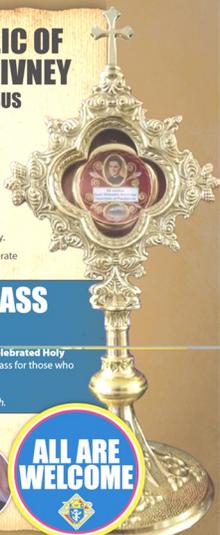
SPECIAL VENERATION MASS
Thursday – April 9 at 7:00 PM

A special Mass honoring Blessed Michael McGivney will be celebrated Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. The relic will remain on display after Mass for those who wish to remain and pray.

All are welcome to take part in this special moment of faith. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church.

Veneration Schedule

Tuesday – April 7	Wednesday – April 8
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Special Veneration Mass
Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
167 Essa St. Bradford

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

A special Mass honouring Blessed Michael McGivney will be celebrated at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. The relic will remain in the Church after Mass and all are invited for prayer and veneration.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Veneration Schedule:

Tuesday, April 7

1:00 pm—3:00 pm
3:00 pm—5:00 pm
5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 am—11:00 am
11:00 am—1:00 pm
1:00 pm—3:00 pm
3:00 pm—5:00 pm
5:00 pm—7:00 pm

MAINTENANCE FUND



The next collection has been moved to April 12, 2026

Thank you for your continued support

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION
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Message for Easter

5 April 2026

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ. Happy and Holy Easter to you.

Holy Mother Church celebrates with the greatest joy ever the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Striving to live our faith sincerely and as loyal, loving and engaged sons and daughters of God and of the Church, we are called and drawn into the experience of Easter Sunday which renews our hope and changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Mystery we celebrate invites us to consider the glory of the Resurrected Christ and in this mystery, we rejoice not only that Christ is truly alive and remains present in our lives today and in that of the Church, but also that our Heavenly Father has been faithful to his promise, he who from all eternity desired to gather his children into communion through his Son. At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged us to look beyond ourselves – to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, and to rediscover the essential place of community in God’s saving plan (CCC 759-760). We must never forget that the Paschal Mystery is not only the remembrance of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection – those historical events that took place a long time ago and far away – this mystery is the very pattern of all Christian life and forms who we are.

Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church’s existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.



Tensions, conflicts, scarcity, injustice, and uncertainty remain real; yet in the light of Easter, they are transformed. They become moments of discernment and grace because the Risen Christ walks with us.

When we lose someone we love or suffer a major setback - a relationship that has ended - a job opportunity that did not pan out - an illness that has come up or persists, or the anxiety that afflicts so many of us, especially the young – the temptation, in these situations, is to retreat, to isolate, to want to be alone, to run away. The Good News of the Resurrection is that Jesus came for us and is present to us and wants to help us precisely in those very dark and seemingly hopeless circumstances. When the Apostles were broken down thinking he was gone forever, Mary Magdalene announced to them the great news: he is alive. When the Disciples of Emmaus were discouraged, disillusioned and walked away from the community, Jesus came to them and filled them with new hope and opened for them incredible horizons.

Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God's merciful plan. There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones. Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen.



Plan Ahead with Peace of Mind

Learn about the services offered by
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the exclusive
offers available to Archdiocese employees.

-  **Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026
-  **Time:** 1:00 PM
-  **Location:** Room 4A CPC or Online (registration required)
Email hr@archtoronto.org for more information

Join us to learn more about:

- Funeral, burial, and memorialization options
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- How planning ahead can ease the burden on your loved ones
- Exclusive offers available to Archdiocese of Toronto employees

Free Estate Planning Guide will be provided.
All Archdiocese of Toronto employees are welcome.



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Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.

We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.

It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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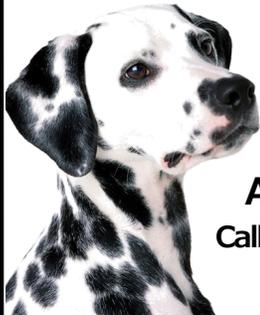


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