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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Luz Sucilan  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM  
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

## CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
and after First Friday mass or by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext 1003, for more information.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

## Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office ext 1007

## ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
[www.devpo.org](http://www.devpo.org)  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers  
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus  
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council  
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:30 pm – S.I of Michelle, John & Philip**

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30 pm – SI of Zrinka, Annemarie, David**

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**3:00 pm - S.I of Michelle, John & Philip**

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 pm – SI of Zrinka, Annemarie, David**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am - For Parish Community**

**12:00 pm - SI of Zrinka,**

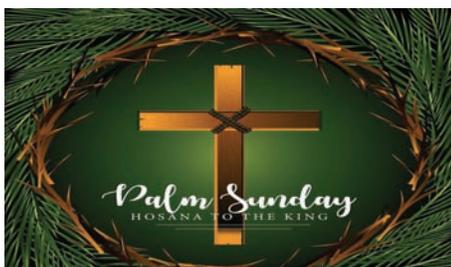
**Annemarie, David & Turalija Family**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Ted Kowalczyk, John Hughes, Tania Florian and Anna Maria Silva**

### **2025 Parish Tax Receipts**

2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and mailed out. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office by email: afrancissja@archtoronto.org or by phone at ext. 3.



### **Hosannas and the Cross: Walking with Christ Through the Turning of Our Hearts**

Have you ever noticed how quickly the human heart can change? One moment we are full of hope, waving our “hosannas,” and the next we feel burdened, uncertain, or even silent before suffering. We know this rhythm in our own lives moments of joy in our families, followed by quiet worries; times of faith, followed by questions we dare not speak aloud. Palm Sunday meets us right there, in that fragile space between celebration and struggle, where we long to believe but also carry our crosses.

Today, we walk with Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, greeted with palms and praise, yet already moving toward the cross. The same voices that cry “Hosanna!” will soon fall away. In the Passion we hear the deep suffering of Christ betrayed, denied, abandoned. And yet, in the midst of it all, we also hear something extraordinary: His silence, His mercy, His unwavering trust in the Father. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, “I have set my face like flint,” and in the Letter to the Philippians we see Christ who “emptied himself,” embracing even death on a cross. This is not weakness it is love poured out without measure.

Dear friends, this is where our lives meet the Gospel. Some among us carry hidden burdens grief, illness, loneliness, family tensions, or quiet disappointments. Some feel strong in faith; others feel like they are just holding on. Wherever you find yourself today, know this: Christ does not stand at a distance. He walks with you. He enters not only the city of Jerusalem but the streets of your heart. As St. Teresa of Ávila once said, “Christ has no body now but yours.” He chooses to be present in our ordinary lives, in our patience, in our forgiveness, in our small acts of love that often go unnoticed.

As we begin this Holy Week, let us not remain only with the waving of palms, nor turn away from the cross. Let us walk with Jesus faithfully, quietly, courageously. Perhaps this week, we can spend a few extra moments in prayer, reach out to someone who is alone, or simply place our trust more deeply in God when words fail us. The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter is not just His story it is ours. And if we stay with Him, even through the shadows, we will discover that the cross is not the end, but the doorway to new life.

*Jesus, I Trust in you*

### **Finance Council members**

#### **Grace O’Sullivan**

A dedicated parishioner since 2009, Grace O’Sullivan brings over 30 years of experience in financial planning, management, and reporting across both public and private sectors. A CPA with an MBA, Grace’s professional expertise is matched by her deep commitment to parish life. She serves as a Eucharistic Minister and previously contributed to our Finance Committee from 2011 to 2015. We are grateful for her willingness to once again share her knowledge and leadership as a member of the Finance Council.

#### **Clinton Lobo**

Clinton Lobo has been a valued member of St. Joan of Arc Parish for the past three years. He serves as a Lector and Eucharistic minister. Originally from Mumbai, India, and having lived in Dubai before settling in Toronto seven years ago, Clinton brings a rich global perspective to our community. He currently works as a Billing Analyst in the Finance Department of a major international law firm. Clinton is grateful for the opportunity to serve and looks forward to contributing to the continued growth and financial well-being of our parish.

**Dollie Carrillo**

Dollie brings both professional expertise and a spirit of service to our parish community. She works in Wealth Management with a Canadian financial institution, offering valuable insight into financial and planning. Since January 2023, she has also been an active member of the Altar Server Ministry, generously offering her time and talents in service at the altar. Dollie’s commitment to both faith and financial responsibility makes her a wonderful addition to our Finance Council.

**Gustavo (Gus) Rico**

Gustavo (Gus) Rico offers a diverse and dynamic background in leadership, business development, and finance. He has served as CEO of Life Foundation (L.A. Chapter) and has experience as an independent contractor with Hudson Energy, as well as in business development and engineering roles internationally. Gus holds diplomas in Engineering, Marketing Management, and Theology, along with studies in Finance. Known for his strong leadership, negotiation skills, and team-oriented approach, Gus is also actively involved in ministry. His wide-ranging experience and commitment to service are a great asset to our Finance Council.

**Editha Tan**

Editha Tan has been a faithful member of our parish community for 40 years. A retired accountant with extensive experience in financial reporting, she has worked with respected organizations such as Manulife, Liberty Health, and Ontario Blue Cross. Editha’s longstanding commitment to the parish, along with her professional expertise and careful attention to detail, make her a trusted and valued member of the Finance Council.

**ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE #4**

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity. Established in 1967, **Development and Peace-Caritas Canada** is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. **This movement** of over 13,000 members brings hope and the promise of a better world for all. For more information, go to [devp.org](http://devp.org)

**Catholic Social Teaching Video and Conversation Series**

On Sunday April 12th after the 10 AM mass, bring your coffee and join Creation Care Ministry in the Friars’ Lounge for our fourth video and conversation in our Catholic Social Teaching series. We will end by noon. This fourth video highlights Pope Leo XIV’s speech for the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis’ encyclical letter on care for our common home. The Pope looks back at the impact of *Laudato Si’* over the last 10 years and asks what remains to be done. Please also visit Creation Care Ministry’s bulletin board in the parish hall to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching. “The challenges identified in *Laudato Si’* are in fact even more relevant today than they were ten years ago. These challenges are of a social and political nature, but first and foremost of a spiritual nature: they call for conversion.” Pope Leo XIV, Address to the Participants in the “Raising Hope” Conference on the Tenth Anniversary of *Laudato Si’*, October 2025.

**Winter Welcome Table**

**St. Peter's Parish** will be hosting the annual appreciation Winter Welcome Table Dinner on **Monday April 20th** beginning with the celebration of Eucharist at **5 pm**, followed by dinner in St. Peter's Church Hall. All of the volunteers who actively participated during the 2025-26 Season are invited to attend.

**Your Gift to God**

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| <i>Weekend of Mar 21 &amp; Mar 22, 2026</i> |                   |
| Envelopes                                   | \$1,515.00        |
| Loose                                       | 617.00            |
| PAG   | 1,090.41          |
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|   | 3,222.41          |
| Online & Tip Tap                            | 224.16            |
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| Total                                       | <u>\$3,446.57</u> |

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday** - April 2nd - 7:30pm

**Good Friday** - April 3rd - 3:00pm

**Easter Vigil** - April 4th - 8:30pm

**Easter Sunday** - April 5th 10:00 & 12:00 Mass

**ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years**

Our parish joins the Archdiocese in celebrating **50 years of ShareLife**—a beautiful witness to faith in action and love made visible. Since its founding in 1976 by Archbishop Philip Pocock, ShareLife has brought hope and dignity to countless lives through its many outreach agencies. Today, that mission continues, serving those who face poverty, isolation, and hardship with compassion and care.

ShareLife is more than a collection; it is a living expression of the Gospel, calling us to reach out to those in need. This year, our parish goal is **\$47,500**, inviting each of us to be part of this mission of mercy. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a sign of God’s love at work in the world.

Please consider giving through the parish, online, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Together, let us be instruments of hope and healing. May God bless you for your generosity.



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