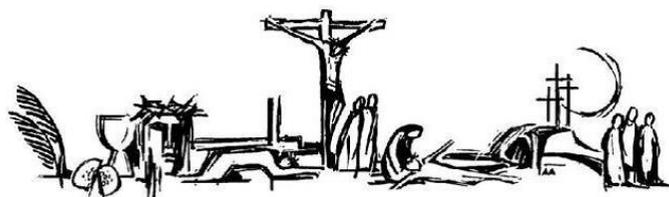


 <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> OF THE WEEK		
<b>Sat</b> Mar 27	<b>5 pm</b>	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (The Family)
<b>Sun</b> Mar 28	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Biagio Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family) † <b>Nunzio Fiorito</b> (Orsola Fiorito)
	<b>10 am</b>	† <b>Melicio Felaire Presto &amp; Felicidade Felaire Abad</b> (Gloria Felaire)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>"PRO POPULO"</b>
<b>Mon</b> Mar 29	<b>8 am</b>	
<b>Tue</b> Mar 30	<b>8 am</b>	† <b>Edda Spada</b> (Iris Purdy)
<b>Wed</b> Mar 31	<b>7 pm</b>	
<b>Holy Thu</b> Apr 1	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>"Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper"</b>
<b>Good Fri</b> Apr 2	<b>3 pm</b>	<b>"Friday of the Passion of the Lord"</b>
<b>Good Fri</b> Apr 2	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>"Stations of the Cross"</b>
<b>Holy Sat</b> Apr 3	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>"Easter Vigil"</b>
<b>Easter Sun</b> Apr 4	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Biagio Forte, Elena &amp; Mariano &amp; Bruno Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family)
	<b>10 am</b>	† <b>Ana Gornik</b> (Tony Gornik)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>"PRO POPULO"</b>

### Why Palm Branches?

In the ancient Middle East, kings could enter a city in two ways. Horses were used for war, so if the king rode on a horse, it usually meant trouble. If they came in peace, they would ride a donkey, a humble act. Jesus was sending two clear messages to the people; the first that he was king and the second that his intentions were peaceful. Jesus had come down the Mount of Olives into the Kidron valley, it is a very steep descent, the road is a dirt path and the spring rains made the passage slippery. People hailing Jesus placed branches and clothing on the road so that the footing was safe. John is the only gospel that mentions that the branches were from palm trees. Matthew and Mark only refer to "branches". Luke leaves out the branches entirely and simply says that the people put their clothes on the road.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



## Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Thursday April 1

7:30 pm "Mass of the Lord's Supper"  
"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament"  
Until 12:00 Midnight"

### Good Friday April 2

3:00 pm Holy Friday Liturgy  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday April 3

12:00 noon  
"SWIEÇONKA"  
(Blessing of Easter Foods)

### 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

(No 8:00 am mass Thursday & Friday  
And no 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday)

### Easter Sunday April 4

Regular Sunday Schedule  
8:30, 10, & 11:30 am

### Good Friday - day of Fast and Abstinence

The Code of Canon Law states that all Christ's faithful are obliged by the Lord's command, each in his/her own way to undertake that conversion of mind and heart called penance. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The faithful devote themselves to prayer, engage in works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence the Church prescribes: Abstinence means not eating meat, and binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fast means limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals each day, and binds Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday - one is not bound to fast if health or the ability to work is affected.

### Missal Prayer Book

The new prayer book for 2020/2021 season is still available. You may call the parish office to reserve a copy @ 416-251-1109, or you may ask one of our social committee volunteers. They will be happy to help.

## “Passione Domini”

Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord begin the Holy week and it's the culmination of the Lenten journey. Today's celebration is one of the most popular of the year. On this Sunday, a prelude to the Passover of the Lord, the liturgy invites us to open our eyes to contemplate with eyes illumined by faith the great mystery of



love that is taking place. Among those who waved palm branches to honor Jesus and who sang aloud: "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," there were perhaps some who, urged on by the leaders, the following Friday would be shouting "away with him, crucify him," and "we have no king but Caesar." Such was the fickleness of human nature then. Unfortunately it has not changed much, if at all, in the two thousand years that have since elapsed. We are still fickle when it comes to choosing between Christ and the things of this world.

## Parish Photo Directory

At last, our Parish Photo Directory is here! For all parishioners who had their picture taken for the Directory, it's available to be picked up by calling or emailing the parish office: 416-251-1109 [st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com](mailto:st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com)

## Keep the Parish Office Informed

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the parish office to inform us of the change and provide the updated information. It is important to keep our records accurate. Thank you!

## ShareLife Campaign

### ShareLife Sunday is April 18th.

This year we are encouraging you to give at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org), where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year.

Or you can use the usual green ShareLife envelope that will be available from the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

## Serra Vocation

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations **Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)**

# STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us for Stations of the CROSS on Good Friday @ 7:00 pm followed by "Benediction" with the "Blessed Sacrament". Please call the parish office to RSVP.

## Mass reservation

To adhere to health regulations and to ensure proper social distancing, parishioners are strongly encouraged to RSVP if wishing to attend mass celebration, every week. Please call the parish office to reserve your place, 416-251-1109 or email [st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com](mailto:st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com)

Please try to call the parish office before it closes on Fridays. Note the office hours on Fridays: 9 am – Noon.

## Weekend Masses Reminders

- + Do not come if you are unwell
- + Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
- + Ushers will escort you to your seat
- + Wear a mask or face covering
- + Use hand sanitizer
- + Inside - Follow arrows, including for Holy Communion

## First Communion and Confirmation @ St. Leo

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now in effect. Parents interested in registering their children are asked to come to the parish office and do so. Registration must be done in person anytime during office hours.

Late registration may mean that child's reception of the Sacraments will be postponed till the following year.

## St. Leo's Church has a new website

Check out our new website <https://stleaset.archtoronto.org/> For parish information, interesting, informative, and links intended to share the beauty and joy of our Catholic faith. Check it out and add your name to our emailing list to be kept up to date on changes as new material is added. Also the schedules are posted on the new website.

## Be careful of what you say

The power of words... it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another.

Author Unknown

## Palm Sunday Information

1. Blessed palms will be available for those attending Mass
2. Blessed Palms will be available for pickup for those not able to attend Mass.