

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord March 25, 2018



Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Mark 11: 1-10)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1699.50
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 60.00
 'Host a Family..' \$ 25.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 68.00
 Development & Peace - \$577.50
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2018

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
Meatball Sale March 24th 5PM to 25th 2PM
Family Mass and Luncheon - March 25
Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

This month's topics are 'Pastoral Care', Fr. Chris Kulig, presenter (March 12); and 'Learning to Forgive', (March 26). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Mass Schedule & Intentions from March 24, 2018 to April 1, 2018

Passion Vigil Saturday	5:00PM † Annunziata Mammoliti by grandchildren Anna Maria Giovinazzo by family Mike Fazari by wife Nancy & son Angelo Oreste Mazzei by Ines Mauro & family (Meatball Sale)
Passion or Palm Sunday	9:00AM † Nora Sarkis by the Mathias, the Robins & the Beacham families (Meatball Sale) 10:40AM Blessing of palms at the school, Procession to the church, Mass & Luncheon For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM † Franco Sdao by Teresa Paonessa
Tuesday	9:00AM † Giuseppina Gallo by Mrs. Maria Nobile 7:30PM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday	9:00AM † Vincenza & Giuseppe Veltri by daughter Yoli
Holy Thursday	7:00PM † For all the Priests of our diocese Adoration till Midnight
Good Friday	3:00PM Service - Celebration of the Passion of our Lord (Special Collection to Support Holy Land) 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	10:30AM Confession 11:45AM Blessing of food baskets
Easter Vigil	8:15PM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Easter Sunday	9:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank You - D&P

Thank you for your financial support to the Development & Peace Share Lent campaign. If you still want to contribute please bring in your envelope soon. Thank you.

Holy Week Schedule March 26 – April 1, 2018

Mon, Tue, Wed - Mass @ 9AM
 Tuesday - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30PM
Holy Thursday March 29th @7PM, Adoration till Midnight
Good Friday Service at 3PM
Confession - Holy Saturday 10:30 AM
 Blessing of Food Baskets 11:45AM
Easter Vigil March 31st @ 8:15 PM
Easter Sunday April 1, 2018 @ 9 AM and 11AM
Divine Mercy Celebration April 08, 2018 @ 2PM



CWL

Meeting on Monday
 March 26, 2018
 6:30 pm Church

CWL Annual Penny & Bake Sale

on May 6, 2018
 12:00PM-2:00PM
 Please Join.
 Details coming soon.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis - General Audience March 21, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Mass, we now turn to its culminating moment in the rite of Holy Communion. The Lord's gift of himself at the Last Supper is renewed at each Mass in the offering of his body and blood under the signs of bread and wine. After the breaking of the bread, the priest asks us to acknowledge the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. His words invite us to acknowledge our sins, to trust in the reconciling power of Christ's sacrifice, and to receive the medicine that unites us ever more closely to him. At the moment of communion, we respond "Amen" to the words "The body of Christ". In this way, we signify our openness to the transformative power of God's grace, which enables us to grow in the unity of Christ's mystical body, which is the Church. Nourished by the bread of life, we become a living Eucharist; in a word, we become what we receive. Our silent prayer after receiving communion is gathered up in the final prayer of the Mass, which thanks God for making us sharers in this holy banquet and asks that we may grow daily in union with him, until we share at last in the wedding feast of heaven.

Good Friday—Pontifical Collection for Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Christians of the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special moment of the year. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is important that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Jewish and Islamic population. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

BISHOP'S GALA

The Bishop's Gala will take place at Club Roma (125 Van Sickle Rd., St. Catharines) on Friday, April 20 starting at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$80 each and can be purchased at the Catholic Education Center (call 905-735-0240 ext 213). This event supports our students in need from schools in NCDSB.

Adult Faith Formation Series:

Exploring Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love

This faith formation series is being held on four consecutive Monday evenings, beginning April 9, 2018, 7-9pm., at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold, L2V 4Y6. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/DUIZAM0YdRtNPYB32> or by calling the Office of Religious Education, 905-684-0154, ext. 207 by April 4, 2018. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected on the first night to cover the cost of materials including a copy of Amoris Laetitia.

Divine Mercy Celebration

On Sunday April 8, 2018 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM Adoration, Noon Prayer, Reflections, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Communion and Benediction
 All are Welcome.

To book a Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please submit a Mass Request to us. Envelopes are available at the back. You may also visit the office during office hours or sent us an e-mail at sandrewrcc@outlook.com

Holy Cross Cemetery's ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

The clean up will begin on Tuesday April 09, 2018. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots, and similar articles not removed, will be disposed of on April 16, 2018. If anyone is unable to pick up their wreaths etc. by that date they can call the cemetery at 905 734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold the articles for a short period of time until they are able to come to the cemetery to pick them up.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Bergie will take place on Thursday April 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
 First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday April 15, 2017 at 11:00AM

Respect for Life Mass

A powerful prayer that we offer each year as a diocesan family is the Respect for Life Mass. This Mass is generally celebrated on The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Since this Feast falls on Sunday, March 25, which is also Palm Sunday, it has been transferred to Monday, April 9. This year Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Respect for Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 7pm on Monday, April 9. I encourage you to attend as we pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.