

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2026

First reading: . Is 50, 4-7

Second reading: Ph 2, 6-11

Resp. 22: „My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?“

Gospel: Mt 26, 14-27, 66

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Today, Palm Sunday introduces us to the mystery of Holy Week. Just as the Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem, so He comes to each of us today. Let us not find ourselves standing in a crowd that cries out, "Hosanna", and in a moment will cry, "Crucify Him!" The blessing of palms takes place at all Masses. Today, instead of a sermon, the Passion of the Lord according to St. Matthew is read.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Easter confession is taking place today from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the parish hall. Easter confession is not only an obligation, but a grace that strengthens us against sin and prepares us for the Resurrection of the Lord.

RENOVATION FUND

Today, traditionally on the last Sunday of the month, the second collection is collected for the Renovation Fund.

SHARE LIFE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Archdiocese of Toronto's ShareLife charities. Last Sunday, the ShareLife contribution totaled \$6,150. Our parish is obligated to raise \$18,500 for ShareLife this year. Last year, we raised \$15,670 for ShareLife.

HOLY WEEK

Let us experience Holy Week as people of faith: with dignity and in a Christian manner. May the holy times of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday be days of special immersion in the Paschal mystery through active participation in the rich liturgy of this period.

MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

This week, Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be celebrated only at 8:00 a.m. In the evenings, fathers will assist with the sacrament of confession in other parishes.

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, only one Mass is celebrated in all parishes, known as the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating Christ's institution of the sacraments of the Eucharist and the priesthood. It begins the Easter Triduum. After the hymn "Glory to God in the highest," the bells and organ fall silent, and after Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the altar of adoration, formerly known as the dark chamber. During the procession, we will sing the hymn "Slaw, Tongue, Mystery," for which a plenary indulgence may be

obtained on that day. The liturgy of this Mass in our church will begin at 7:00 PM. Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the dark chamber will last until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday (the first Friday of the month), everyone is obligated to fast, which involves abstaining from meat and limiting the number of meals. On this day, we are allowed to eat three meals, but only one full meal. Abstinence from meat applies to everyone from the age of 14, with no upper age limit, while quantitative fasting applies from the age of 18 until the beginning of their 60th birthday. As a sign of sadness and mourning, the Eucharist is not celebrated on this day. Participation in the adoration of the cross can earn a plenary indulgence. Good Friday services will be held in Polish at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and in English at 5:00 PM.

HOLY SITES IN THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, a collection will be taken to maintain the holy sites in the Holy Land. Especially now, during this time of war, our sacrifices are even more valuable.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, we invite you to the Stations of the Cross, prepared by our youth, at 8:15 PM. Since this is the jubilee year of St. Francis, many reflections will focus on the thoughts of St. Francis. At the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the Lord's tomb, and adoration will continue until midnight.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is a day of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Lord's tomb. Let us remember this when we come to bless the food. This is a time commemorating Christ's descent into hell, and silence and reflection on Christ's death are still required. It is worth observing fasting on this day as well, abstaining from meat. The food for the Easter table will be blessed in our church from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, every 20 minutes, in the parish hall.

VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

On Saturday evening, we begin the Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. The solemn and richest liturgy of the year will announce the resurrection of Christ. To ensure that the entire Holy Paschal Triduum receives a solemn setting, I encourage all parishioners to participate in large numbers. The Easter Vigil in Polish and English will begin at 7:00 PM.

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord. As mentioned, we will begin this celebration on Saturday with the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM on Holy Saturday, followed by the Resurrection Mass at 6:00 AM, and the remaining Masses as per Sunday's program, except that there will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

ALTARS SERVERS CAMPAIGN

Today, altar servers will be selling organic eggs from Mennonites.

FLOWERS TO THE TOMB OF THE LORD JESUS

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to the Lord's sepulcher. You can still bring flowers and leave them at the parish office. God bless you.

CARDINAL'S FRANCIS LEON APPEAL

As you know, our faith teaches us that every human life is sacred—from conception to natural death. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God. No suffering, however profound, ever diminishes this dignity. I am also deeply aware of the pain and suffering of mental illness that has touched the lives of so many parishioners, family members, colleagues, and loved ones. I am writing today to invite you to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and contact your MP regarding Bill C-218, a private members' bill that would amend the Criminal Code to prohibit medical assistance in dying (MAiD) when mental illness is the only underlying medical condition. The entire process should take no more than three minutes. Tragically, euthanasia has increased at an alarming rate in our country—we must raise our voices to stop further harm by building a culture of life and loving support for each other. Time is of the essence. Bill C-218 is scheduled for a second reading in early April 2026, with a vote planned for mid-April. Without this bill, the law will be expanded to include MAiD for people with mental illness as the only underlying condition from March 17, 2027.

RADIO MARYJA EASTER BANQUET

Radio Maryja invites you to the Radio Maryja Easter Banquet on Sunday, April 19: 11:00 pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 1:00 pm banquet at the Polish Cultural Center.

PILGRIMAGE

Polimex invites you to a pilgrimage and trip to Sicily from September 24 to October 4. For more information, please contact Polimex offices.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For health & God's blessing for for Elzbieta – mother
For + Henryk Glowacki – friends of the Copernicus Lodge from the 6th floor
For + parents Maria & Stanislaw Stoklosa, aunts & uncles Stoklosa & Cieciura – Janina Stoklosa
For + Krystyna Rozenska
For + Zofia Surmacz x2
For + Jadwiga Tatar
For + Aleksandra Kaczmaruk
For + Aniela Mielnik
For + Wladyslaw Mielnik
For + Wladyslaw Surmacz
For relief from suffering for Maria Kaczmaruk
For health for Anna Sienko
For + Bronislawa Pelc – daughter
For + Tadeusz Harabin x2 – friends Elzbieta & Jan
For + Monica Zaczynski x5 – Anna & John Hyc
For + Wiktor Ruchalski x5 – family
In thanksgiving asking for health & God's care for Maria Jasinski on her 93rd birthday x2 – daughter Barbara with family
For + Jan Jasinski – Barbara with family
For + Bronislaw Jasinski – niece with family

In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for family - own

GREGORIAN MASS

01.05 - 30.05 For + Ryszard Banka – mother Krystyna with family

01.06 - 30.06 For + Rafael Rodrigues – Anna with family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

8:00 For + Marianna & Stefan Kaczor & Mariusz Kaczor - family

9:30 For + Aleksandra & Tomasz Dlugosz - rodzina

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Wacława Polakowska – daughter & granddaughter

18:15 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 For + Anthony Presz – son John Anthony

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 30

8:00 For + Krystyna & Edward Krukowski – granddaughter Edyta

19:00 There is no Mass

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 31

8:00 For + Stefania Magdziak (2nd anniversary) – daughter with family

19:00 There is no Mass

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 1

8:00 In thanksgiving for the John's Paul II papacy – The Order of the Knights of St. John Paul II

19:00 There is no Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

For priestly & religious vocations

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

15:00 Liturgy of the Good Friday in Polish

17:00 Liturgy of the Good Friday in English

19:00 Liturgy of the Good Friday in Polish

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

19:00 Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

For parishioners

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5

5:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 Resurrection Mass

For parishioners

8:00 For + Marianna & Stefan Kaczor & Mariusz Kaczor - family

9:30 For + Stefania Engineer – husband & son

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + God's blessing & care for family of Anna & Jan Woloszyn - own

19:00 There is no Mass