

PALM SUNDAY

The Importance of Singing at Mass

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states the following:

The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Colossians 3.16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2.46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves," and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over." Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of people and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g. in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation. However, in the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference is to be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those which are to be sung by the priest or the Deacon or a reader, with the people replying, or by the Priest and people together. The main place should be given, all things equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful. Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, according to the simpler settings

Movie Night Evening on Sunday

Thanks to our Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus our Movie Night is this Sunday March 29, starting at 5:00 pm. We will be showing the 1959 movie "Ben Hur" which was awarded the best movie of the year and received many other awards. It is a fictional account of the conflict between a Jew and a Roman Soldier who are initially good friends. The Jew is consumed by anger and hatred, but is transformed by his brief encounter with Christ. The movie is three and a half hours long. These Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5 and will be served at 6:30 pm. We will have discussion halfway through the movie and at the end.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 28:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Edith Vasquez
In Thanksgiving of Sugianto & Lizzy Family
Birthday Blessings for Collin Joseph Pereira
Birthday Blessing for Denham Patterson
+Felipe Contreras Acheron
+Joyce Lobo
+Janelle Anne Jovero
+Laurence Blackmore
+Encarnacion Noguera

Sunday March 29:

9:00 am +Eddie Sanchez
10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 30:

9:00 am +Chong Hon Wah

Tuesday March 31:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Luz Rocillo
7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday : April 1:

7:30 pm De Souza Family
Janice Wong Family
Mary, Bonny, Alex, Amy Cheng
In Thanksgiving of Liberto and Maria
Estela Yap
+Neville Pereira

Thursday April 2: Holy Thursday No 9 am Mass

7:30 pm Mass

Friday April 3: Good Friday No 9:30 am Mass or Adoration

Good Friday Liturgy
12:00 pm ; 3:00 pm

Saturday April 4: Holy Saturday No 9:00 am Mass

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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Holy Week Schedule

The times for the Holy Triduum are the following,
Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (no morning Mass)
Good Friday, April 3 - 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm (Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm)
Holy Saturday, April 4 - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (no morning or afternoon Mass)

Pontifical Collection for the Church In the Holy Land

The Good Friday collections are an initiative of the Holy See to help maintain Christian sites in the Holy Land as well as to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the Christian population there. Thank you for your contributions.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat is binding on those who are 14 and older. The law of fasting is binding on those who are 18 to 59 years of age. The requirement for a fasting day is that you can have one full meal and two other small meals in such a way that the two meals don't add up to a full meal (and of course, no meat). If required, you may drink beverages between meals but not something that is filling (such as a milkshake). Please note that we will not have the All Night Vigil of Adoration on Good Friday, April 3.

Divine Mercy Feast and Holy Hour

At St. Aidan's the public recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Novena prayers will begin on Good Friday and continue till the feast day which is on Sunday after Easter, April 12. Please see the poster in the foyer for the scheduled times for reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. On Sunday April 12th we will have a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm, in honour of the Divine Mercy, followed by a reception in the parish Hall with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to participate.

Stations of The Cross on Good Friday

Let us reflect on Jesus' Passion & Death by walking the sorrowful journey with Him. All parishioners are invited to attend the Station of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Last year's Totus Tuus summer camp at St. Aidan's was a great success. This year our Totus Tuus Summer Camp will be from July 12 - 17. The day program for students in Grades 1 to 6 will cost \$150 per child. The evening program for students in Grades 7 to 12 will cost \$50. Contact Luis Dizon for more information at: luis.dizon@utoronto.ca or 647-862-6717 or visit www.totustuustoronto.ca

St. Anthony Novena

St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novena will continue every Tuesday with a Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction. Feel free to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket located in front of St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

CWL Easter Basket Fundraising

The CWL is holding its annual Easter Basket Fundraising and tickets are available at the end of each weekend Mass from March 14-28. Ticket prices range from \$5 for 3 tickets, \$10 for 7 tickets and \$20 for 15 tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Easter Sunday April 5 after the 12 noon Mass. Please see CWL reps in the foyer to purchase tickets.

St. Aidan's Book Club

The St. Aidan Book Club is meeting on Tuesday March 31 at 5:30 pm, discussing the book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwens. The story is an invitation to reflect and discover how the character of God is displayed. No need to register, come and join for a lively discussion. For more information contact Rosario Dizon 416-731-0484

Coins for Life

Reminding parishioners who took containers for Coins for Life to please bring back your containers with your donations to the gift shop between now until Mercy Sunday April 12. Thank you for supporting Coins for Life.

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Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity because everyone has something to give.— Jan Grace