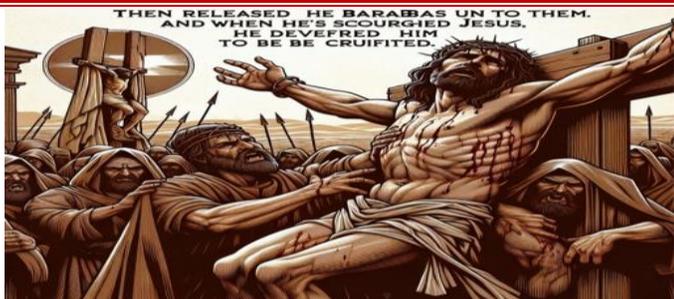


**MARCH 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



**GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

**MATTHEW 21:1-11**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7**

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted Him.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66**

Jesus is crucified, and His body is placed in the tomb.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

**DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED**

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4  
Saturday, April 11, 2026  
9:15am - 5:00pm

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?"  
Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

**Facilitated by:** Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland  
**Suggested Offering:** \$75 per person (includes lunch)  
**Please contact:** Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957

*Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur – nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: our faith, our community, and our shared mission. -FZS*



**Saturday MARCH 28, 2026**  
9:00 AM - HECTOR MACSWEEN (†)  
- STAN PESZAT (†)  
- HEALING & COMFORT FOR ALFREDO MANUCDOC  
- FOR THE RETURN OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE FAITH  
5:00 PM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Sunday MARCH 29, 2026**  
9:30 AM & 11:15 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Monday MARCH 30, 2026**  
8:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**TUESDAY – MARCH 31, 2026 -**  
**MASS OF CHRISM @ ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL -**  
**NO MASS @ ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**

**Wednesday APRIL 01, 2026**  
8:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Thursday APRIL 02, 2026**  
7:00 PM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS



**April 3 – Good Friday**

**April 5 - Easter**

*We kindly ask that you ensure your donation reaches the parish within one month of the collection date. Your generosity is vital, as 100% of the special collection contributions will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto within that timeframe. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.*

**THANK YOU**  
for sharing your blessings



The parish will be participating in the Knights of Columbus Annual Garage Sale in July, and we are asking for your support through donations.

If you have household items, plants, or gently used clothing that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. Your donations will directly support our parish, as all proceeds from the sale will go towards our soon-to-be parish hall.

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

Please note that we are unable to accept large items such as furniture or appliances, as we do not have storage space for them.

**Drop-off times:**  
Tuesday to Friday  
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish community.



**THE BLESSED UPPER ROOM**

Every Wednesday in Lent starting FEB. 25, 2026 UNTIL APRIL 1, 2026 @6pm. Details are on the parish bulletin boards and website.

**MARCH 31, 2026 – MASS OF CHRISM**

**NO MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH in lieu of this we will have the morning Mass on MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am.**

**APRIL 2, 2026 – HOLY THURSDAY NO 8:30am Mass**

Mass is @ 7:00pm (The Lord's Supper)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

**APRIL 3, 2026 – GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30am Mass**

10:00am, 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

(Led by parish ministries & organizations)

1:00 pm Children's Passion Play

3:00pm-6pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Church is open for visitation from 7:00am until 6:00 pm for private prayers.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**APRIL 4, 2026 – EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY)**

**CHURCH CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY UNTIL 6pm.**

NO 9:00AM & 5:00PM MASS

7:00pm (Beautiful candle light service)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY**

Regular Mass Schedule (Sunday: 9:30am & 11:15am)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**



The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) is excited to begin gathering interest for the World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea.

We invite young adults ages 19–39 to let us know if they are interested in travelling with OCY for this incredible pilgrimage of faith, prayer, and communion with the universal Church. We are also asking parishes to share whether they are planning to attend on their own, and if so, the approximate number of pilgrims they expect to bring.

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**Holy Week**

 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey	 <b>Holy Monday</b> Jesus freed the sacrificial animals & cleansed the temple	 <b>Holy Tuesday</b> Jesus taught at the temple	 <b>Holy Wednesday</b> Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver
 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Last supper with the disciples Jesus washes their feet	 <b>Good Friday</b> Jesus crucified on a cross for the sins of the world	 <b>Holy Saturday</b> Jesus body rested on the tomb	 <b>Resurrection Sunday</b> Jesus is Risen! His life, death, and resurrection paid for our sins and gives eternal life.

**Volunteer Appreciation Week**

APRIL 19 - 25, 2026



**IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM**

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"  
 ISAIAH 6:8



**PALM SUNDAY PRAYER**

"Dear God, as we reflect on Palm Sunday, we know what follows. We consider the Last Supper, the death of Christ, and, alas, Resurrection Sunday. Holy week is filled with many emotions—many highs and lows. This week, we celebrate our Risen Lord. We also pray that the name of God will be lifted high in our lives. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to carry your light into the world. Amen."

Pray for Everything