

Saint Gregory the Great Parish

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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



Palm Sunday



Monday, March 25
2:00 pm Mass of Chrism at Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton

Tuesday, March 26
7:00 pm + Ed and Elizabeth Schollen
 + Antonio & Virginia Reis & Daughters
 Int. of Armando Ceron

Wednesday, March 27
8:15 am + Bernardino Resendes & Family

Holy Thursday March 28—Fr. Higgins
7:00 pm Int. of Caitlin Rose Beacock
Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 pm—10 pm Exposition and Simple Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY March 29
2:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Service
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross—
 lead by Fr. Khalid

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL March 30
 —Mass Celebrant Fr. Higgins
12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods
7:00 pm + Robert Wilkinson
 Int. of Caitlin Rose Beacock

EASTER SUNDAY March 31
10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

VOLUNTEERS — COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

A coffee fellowship sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Atrium. First weekend of each month. Your responsibilities: set out the treats, make the coffee and tea then clean up afterwards. Instructions provided. Looking for 2—3 people per Mass.

Watch in Lent: - Bible in a year with Fr. Mike Schmitz
media.ascensionpress.com

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection..... \$620.00
 March 17, 2024\$1,443.10
 Thank you for your Generosity!

2,000 Hail Mary's is cancelled for this month. Join us on Saturday, April 27th

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL MARCH 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM Join us for our special youth screening of **Island of Lemurs, Madagascar**. An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. Daytime screening for D&P Schools also available. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

CONFESSIONS—CANCELLED
Saturday, March 23, 2024 (funeral)

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Tuesday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wednesday	Sisters of Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
Thursday	HOLY THURSDAY
Friday	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Easter Flower Donation
Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church sanctuary during Easter .

Donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Easter Decorations". To receive a tax receipt, please note your name and address. If you want to donate flowers please insure they are potted Easter Lily's, daffodils or daisies. Bring them to the office by March 27th. Thank you.

Devote your first and principal care to cleansing your own conscience. Let cleansing the consciences of others come later. For how can one be of use to others who takes no care of their own self? —St. Francis Xavier

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Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known

as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Take time throughout the season of Lent to talk about the importance of preparing well for Easter.

Consider these conversation starters in the home:

- **God calls us to work hard to show our love for Him and for one another during Lent through prayer, fasting and sharing all that we have. How is God calling you to grow this Lent?**

- **Jesus sacrificed His life on the Cross out of love for us. Sometimes sacrifice is hard, but it can bring life to others. What have you sacrificed out of love for another today?**

- **How can our family continue to prepare for the joy of Easter?**

Good Friday Pontifical Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 is when this collection will take place. Those wishing to support online may do so through CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us



This month we are collecting:

Pasta and Sauce

Thank you for your support!

FORMED Pick of the Week

Go to <http://formed.org>

Once on the home page it will ask you "how do you want to sign in" click on "Sign in as a Parishioner" it will take you to the next screen. Type in **Saint Gregory the Great, Cambridge** and choose us. The next screen type in your name and email and you are in. **Watch:**



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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to Thee.

That, with Thy Saints, I may praise Thee

Forever and Ever. Amen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



and Light Snacks

Next Coffee Fellowship: May 4/5, 2024

Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7 after Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

to join and spend some time in fellowship. Coffee, Tea

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PALM SUNDAY

Increase the faith of those who
place their hope in you,
and graciously hear the
prayers of those who call
on you, O God,
that we, who today hold high
these branches in our minds
and hearts
to hail Christ in his triumph,
may bear fruit for you by good
works accomplished in him.
Who lives and reigns for ever
and ever.
R. Amen.

