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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 9:00 am
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Morning Prayer:

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays: *except July and August*

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

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Principal: Arlene Martin

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar/Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
30 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
31 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
Apr 1 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Pat Boyer	Pat Boyer & Family
2 Thurs, 9am 7pm	No Mass The Lord's Supper & washing of the feet; followed by Adoration until 10pm	
3 Fri, 9am 12noon & 3pm 4pm 7pm	No Mass Liturgy of Christ Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	
4 Sat, 9am 7pm	NO Mass Easter Vigil	
5 Sun, 9am 11 am	4 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Faye Madison Olase Thanksgiving – Julian & Eryl D'Souza	Fe & Vinda Olase D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection
Palm (Passion) Sunday
Gospel: Matthew 26.14–27.66 – The Passion of the Lord

Through the Eyes of a Donkey

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

Summary

The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every **Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



Happy Palm Sunday!
Wishing you a blessed day as we begin Holy Week. May peace and grace fill your heart.

Palm Sunday Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we remember your entry into Jerusalem, fill our hearts with humility, peace, and gratitude. Guide us through this Holy Week, and help us walk with you in faith and love. Amen.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Apr 2	No 9am Mass 7pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper Adoration until 10pm
Good Friday Apr 3	No 9am Mass 12noon & 3pm Liturgy of the Passion of Christ 4pm - Divine Mercy Novena 7pm – Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday Apr 4	No 9am Mass 7pm – Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday Apr 5	Regular weekend services 9am & 11am
Easter Monday Apr 6	No 9am Mass Office is closed



Holy Week Preparation & Prayer Guide

- 1. Quiet Reflection**
 - Set aside a few minutes each day for silence.
 - Reflect on gratitude, forgiveness, and renewal.
- 2. Scripture Time**
 - Read a short Gospel passage each day, especially the Passion story.
 - Let one line stay with you throughout the day.
- 3. Prayer**
 - Offer simple prayers such as: *“Lord, guide my heart this Holy Week.” “Jesus, help me walk with You.”*
- 4. Acts of Kindness**
 - Do one small act of charity or kindness daily.
 - Offer it as a prayer for someone in need.
- 5. Simple Living**
 - Choose a simple meal or small sacrifice as a reminder of the season.
 - Use the moment to pray for peace and healing.
- 6. Participate in Holy Week Services (if possible)**
 - Holy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday
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Special Devotion Candles Mar 24 to 31	
We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle.	
	Prayers for Holy Cross Parish Requested by: Inconronata Ambrosini “Bless our intentions and hear our prayers.”
	Birthday Thanksgiving – Nita Amparo Requested by: Grace Mahia Thanksgiving for the gift of life as you celebrate your birthday. May God grant you continued health and peace.



2026 SSVP Lenten/Easter Food Drive – March/April 2026

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Lenten/Easter Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of the following: **(1) Canned meat/fish (2) Spaghetti pasta and Sauce (3) Peanut butter/Breakfast cereals and pancake mixes.** Thank you.
“We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor.”
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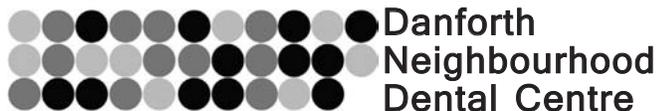
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