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Sunday, March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass Times:
Saturday: 5:00pm*
Sunday: 9:00am*, 11:00am & 7:00pm
*) with The Liturgy of the Word for Children

Confessions:

Monday to Friday

7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am

4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.

604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:15 am Monday-Friday

9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

No Morning Mass

Holy Thursday, Good Friday &

Holy Saturday

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass

First Friday's at 6 pm

9 Day Divine Mercy Novena

8:00 am March 29, Day 1

Jesus asked St. Faustina that the Feast of the Divine Mercy, on Sunday April 7, be preceded by a 9 Day Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday.

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-10

Hosanna! (Mark 11:9)

The two Gospel readings today can give us emotional whiplash. As Mass begins, we hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We may even wave our own palm branches and join the crowd in shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:19). Then, in the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Mark's passion account. Once again, we join our voices with the crowd but this time, we cry out, "Crucify him!" (15:13). How jarring!

Why does the Church have us play a role in both of these readings as we begin Holy Week? It's all for one purpose, so that we can grasp more fully what Jesus did for the crowds back then, and for us. As we will see throughout Holy Week, he accepted the suffering set before him and freely offered himself for his people, regardless of how they responded. Whether they acclaimed or condemned him, he loved them just the same. And that's how he loves us.

Jesus is not put off by our fickleness. That's good news! Because if we are honest, we can all recognize times when our own commitment to the Lord and our love for him has wavered. When life is going well, it's not so hard to praise him. But it can be another story altogether when danger threatens or sadness darkens our outlook.

So allow these passages to motivate you to pay attention to this final week in Christ's life. Acknowledge the inconstancy of your own love for Jesus and ask him to strengthen you. But don't stop there! Open your heart to the liberating truth that Jesus loves you even when you stray. Look at the cross and believe that he held you close to his heart throughout his passion, death, and resurrection. May the Lord pour out graces on us all during this most holy week of the year!

We Welcome and Congratulate

Penelope Rose Hope

Baptized in our parish this weekend

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† **Nelson Escobedo**

Passed away on Thursday March 7, 2024

Loving husband of Claudia

Loving Father of Claire & Esther

Funeral Mass at SFDS Parish, on Friday April 5 at 11 am

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord



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Easter Lilies If you would like to donate an Easter lily to help decorate the Church for Easter, please bring it to the office **between Monday, March 25 and Holy Thursday, March 28**. We will have a special dedication placed on the bulletin board for those who would like to donate their lily in memory of a loved one.



No Registration Required
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- April 10** • God's Love Poured Out
- April 17** • The Breath of God
- April 24** • Baptism in the Spirit and Fire
- May 1** • The Spirit and Our Lady (a)
• Gifts of the Holy Spirit (b)
- May 8** • The Spirit and the Eucharist
- May 15** • The Spirit of Adoption
- May 22** • The Spirit and the Sacraments (a)
• The Fruits of the Holy Spirit (b)
- May 29** • The Spirit and the Desert
- June 5** • The Spirit Convicts
- June 12** • The Spirit Freedom (a)
• The Spirit Gives Witness (b)
- June 19** • The Spirit Remembers




S F D S Holy Week Schedule

Thurs., March 28	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm Adoration following Mass until 10:00 pm	 
	Extra Time for Confessions at 9:00 pm	
Fri., March 29	Good Friday Good Friday Liturgy at 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm	
Sat., March 30	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 pm (followed by reception/celebration in the hall)	
Sun., March 31	Easter Sunday Easter Sunday Masses at • 9:00 am • 11:00 am • 7:00 pm	



Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday March 29, 2024



The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land.

The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your Parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to teresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca. Tax receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.

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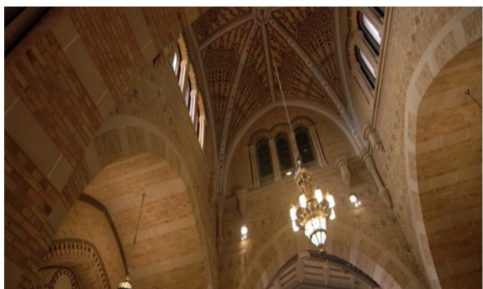
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 24, 2024



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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