



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 9pm | Fri 9 am - 4 pm | Sat 8:30am - 2 pm | Sun 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Closed on Stat Holidays

March 29, 2026

Passion (Palm) Sunday

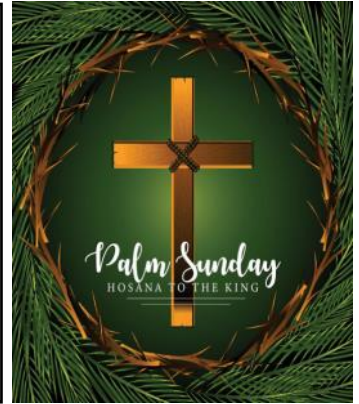


WEEKDAY LITURGIES (MAR 31 – APR 03)

Tue: Mass: 8:30am
Wed: Mass: 8:30am
Holy Thurs: Mass: 7pm with incense
Good Friday: Service at 9am, 12 noon & 3pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES (MAR 28 & MAR 29)

Easter Vigil: 8pm
Easter Sunday: Mass 7:30 am
 Mass 9:30 am
 Mass 11:30am
 Mass 1:30pm with incense



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Regularly scheduled Confessions are suspended during Holy Week & through the Octave of Easter, resuming Saturday April 11.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Palm Sun, Mar 29: Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, 12 noon & 7pm
Tue, Mar 31: Mass at 8:30am
Wed, Apr 01: Mass at 8:30am
Holy Thurs, Apr 02: Mass at 7pm only (with incense)
Good Fri, Apr 03: Service at 9am, 12 noon & 3pm
Sat, Apr 04: RCIA-Preparatory Rites at 9am
 Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 1pm
Easter Vigil at 8pm (with incense)
Easter Sun, Apr 05: Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm with incense

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon. Apr 06: Church & Office is closed, Easter Monday
Tue. Apr 07: Mass at 5pm
Wed. April 08: Mass at 9:30am, school Mass with parishioners
Thurs. Apr 09: Mass at 9:30am, school Mass with parishioners
Friday Apr 10: Mass at 9:30am, school Mass with parishioners



Remember to bring your bells to be rung at Mass during the Gloria on Holy Thursday, and again at the Easter Vigil.



**Holy Saturday Basket Blessing
Saturday, April 4th at 1pm**

Please join us on Holy Saturday for this beautiful, yearly tradition. Families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to our church to be blessed at 1pm. After Easter Sunday Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Deacon Tom



Our Path to Heaven is through Calvary (Matthew 26:14-27:66)

On this final Lenten Sunday we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week. Today we see Jesus's humility, selflessness and his obedience 'to the point of death', as we witness his betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and burial.

The celebration starts out with the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem as a king and liberator, hoping he would bring them a new life, a life free from Roman domination.

Yet, Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly riding on a donkey, for the new life that he offers is not one of power or wealth, but of unconditional love, and compassion.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus willingly accepted the will of his father, fulfilling what the prophet Isaiah had foretold centuries before

when he described the Messiah as the "suffering servant" of God.

We must never let our pride and prejudice condemn, offend or unjustly injure our neighbour, as the pride and prejudice of the chief priests and the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus.

When Jesus prayed for his tormentors on the cross (Lk. 23:34), he included us, so that we can repent of our past sins and turn with confidence to him, assured that he will forgive us.

Let us face this coming Holy Week with hearts full of thanks to God and to his divine Son for all they have done for us. Let us look with gratitude and confidence on the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who died an excruciating death so that we might live an unending life of happiness.

Prayer Corner...

Prayer for the Sick



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Marcella Cloran, Carl & Jackie Blansjaar, Orest Witiw, Julie Lee, Ashley West, Stelios Kiliaris, Alfred Morrill, Lillian Gartner, Bob Gerow, Mary Jane Olivier, Guenivere Swan, Jayantha Wickrama, Bishop Greg Bittman, Brian Hughes, Robert Gibeault, Beth Garcia, Micheline Yu, Rudy Pisesky, Mariam Azizi, Greg Wademan, Anna Rayar, Lorraine Kasha, Charlotte Henderson, Maureen Neville, Irene Cote, Mary Kutty Matthew, Narinder Kaur, Adriana Cordero, Mary Morris, Gloria Lamigo, Eric Simpson, Jennifer Crocker, Wendy Derdak, Greg Nelson, Marion Coderre, Veronica Sprysak, Sam Amelio, Fern Beaudoin, Claudette McGee, Fr. Mark McGee, Zachary Tavares, Pat Heddleston, Zack Norman & Patsy Kelly that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: for those who have gone into the presence of our

Father, and for those whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, especially for Kelly Fenrich, Ralph Risling, Krzysztof Bukczynski, Robert Demers & Brian Sautner that He will raise them up to live forever.

The **Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program** is an annual, months-long pilgrimage (March–December) where eight silver roses travel through Canada, the U.S., and Mexico to honour Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the sanctity of life. This involves thousands of Knights, parishioners and community members in prayer.



A Silver Rose is allotted to our Council on Tuesday 07 April, after which it will continue to another parish. It will be displayed before and after Mass and there will be a Rosary and special prayers said. The rose represents a "culture of life" and a "civilization of love," honoring the story of Juan Diego and the miraculous roses.

Divine Mercy fully revealed in Christ



COME AND JOIN US FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

ON APRIL 5th at 3 pm. :

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina, the singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet and more! **TO FIND OUT MORE, About Divine Mercy GO**

TO: <https://www.divinemercysunday.com/pdf/DMSBulletinInsert8Word.pdf> & <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

Jesus, I trust in you!

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

HOLY WEEK

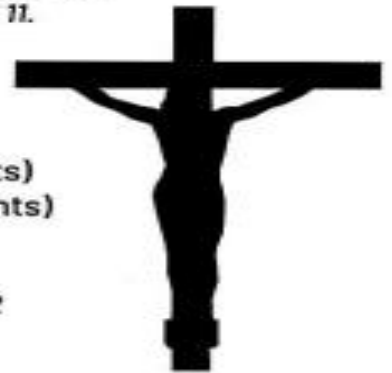
Palm (Passion) Sunday - Sat. March 28 - 4:30 pm
 Sun. March 29 - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon, 7 pm
Mon. March 30 - no mass (Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Basilica)
Tues. March 31 - Mass 8:30 am
Wed. April 1 - Mass 8:30 am
Holy Thursday - April 2: 7 pm* *with incense
Good Friday - April 3: 9 am, 12 noon, 3 pm
Holy Saturday - April 4: 1 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
Easter Vigil - April 4: 8 pm*
Easter Sunday - April 5: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm*

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EASTER OCTAVE

Mon. April 6 - no mass
Tues. April 7 - Mass at 5 pm
Wed. April 8 - Mass at 9:30 am (with school students)
Thurs. April 9 - Mass at 9:30 am (with school students)
Fri. April 10 - Mass at 10 am (with school students)

The regular weekend mass schedule resumes on April 11/12



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



In Canada, the Good Friday collection is designated for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. Your gift to Together We Serve will guard over 50 shrines and support over 180,000 Christians who bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

You can register at

<https://stm.caedm.ca/> for the sacrament of

Confirmation (Summer Intensive)

(Monday – Thursday – Children to bring bagged lunch and drink;

Friday – Lunch provided by St. Thomas More)



Aug 11, 6:30-8pm	Parent & Child Orientation
Aug 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21	Catechetical classes from 10am to 2:30pm
Aug 21:	Confessions from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Confirmation Mass, August 23 at 3pm

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First Reconciliation & First Communion (cycle #4)



- May 5: 6:15 – 7:15 pm – Parent Orientation
- May 12: 6:15 – 7:30 pm Class 1 Reconciliation
- May 19: 6:15 – 7:30 pm Class 2 Reconciliation
- May 30: 11am – 1pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- June 2: 6:15 – 7:30 pm – Class 3 Eucharist
- June 4: 6:15 – 7:30 pm Class 4 Eucharist
- June 9: 6:15 – 7:30 pm Class 5 Eucharist
- June 14 at 4:30 pm (Sacrament of First Holy Communion)

RETIRING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Christ Candle, or Paschal Candle, is replaced each year at the Easter Vigil. A new Candle is blessed and marked with symbols of Christ's passion and is lit from the Easter fire. The candle stands at the Baptism font and by the casket or urn at funerals and so marks the arrival of new members and the passing of a Christian soul from this life to the next.

The numbers tell a story. This past year at St. Thomas More, we celebrated 171 Baptisms and 44 funerals. These numbers reflect a parish that is growing and thriving.

Our church is blessed with a full nave for Sunday Masses, and our liturgies and ministries are lifted up by a host of volunteers. The Christ Candle reminds us of our call to follow Christ in His mission and purpose. In this season of reflection and renewal, let us take time to recollect ourselves and recommit to Christ's mission, especially as we face capacity challenges.

St. Thomas More Parish's Divine Mercy Project is not merely a renovation or the replacement of a worn part of our building. It is a legacy project for future generations—an undertaking entrusted to us by Christ Himself.

As we look upon the Christ Candle, we are reminded how beautifully it expresses our participation and sharing of the light of Christ and His work. Consider, therefore, giving generously to the Divine Mercy Project.

God bless you in these holiest of days!

Fr. Mark McGee

