

PALM SUNDAY (April 9, 2017)

First Reading: (Isaiah 50.4-7)

Second Reading: (Philippians 2.6-11)

Gospel: (Matthew 26.14-27.66)

Today is Palm Sunday and Christian Churches everywhere will be decorated with palm branches, their parishioners crafting palm branch crosses in their pews.

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday in the Lenten season, signifying the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter and is held in remembrance of Jesus' time in Jerusalem before he died and, according to Christianity, was resurrected.

How does it relate to the Bible?

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. As he rode into the city on a donkey, his followers spread palm branches at his feet and called him "Hosanna" or "savior." Palm branches were considered symbols of victory and triumph at the time. Days later, the people of Jerusalem would turn on Jesus and demand the Romans crucify him.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held on Friday July 28-30 at UOIT Campus in Oshawa. Students attending Grades 8-12 during the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. The cost is \$150 per youth which includes transportation, accommodation and food. *The parish is subsidizing 50% off the original conference registration fee of \$300 per youth, as well as the cost of transportation and t-shirts.* In order for youth to reserve a possible spot, they must make a \$50 deposit. Spots are very limited, so don't delay! Cheques should be made out to Merciful Redeemer Parish. For more information contact Marc Puigmarti: mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, send us an email to: office@mercifulredeemer.org

Monday 12:15 p.m.

+Helen Benalcazar, +David Young, +Vincenzo Bono

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

+Roque & Florinda Dias, +Filippe Cueto, +Leon Cervantes

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

+Jose Mendoza, +Felix Reveredo, +Segunda Jo Lim

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

9 a.m./12 noon/3 p.m.

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

.SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday continuing every day at 6:30 p.m. until Saturday April 22, 2017 (Friday April 21 at 6:00 p.m.) followed by Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

Our Feast Day celebration Mass will be on Sunday April 23 at 3:00 p.m. with the chaplet beginning at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass. Please mark your calendars to attend this important celebration in our parish.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (GRADES 11 & 12)

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at **St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9am to 5pm.** Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information, please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf Community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I am grateful to ShareLife – supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017
Please give generously

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

Please join us for this rally to take a stand for Life from conception to natural death. March for Life is marking a milestone this year – 20 years and growing! You will be part of a group of thousands who will march in downtown Ottawa on Thursday, May 11, 2017. A coach will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church (2473 Thornlodge Drive, Mississauga) at 6:30 a.m. and return the same day around 9:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 a.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Please bring your own lunch. To book a seat, please call Danielle at 416-655-0508 or John at 905-820-9232.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on:
Holy Thursday April 13 from 8 p.m.
Holy Saturday April 15
Easter Sunday April 16 until 12 noon

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, April 14

Passion of the Lord
9:00 a.m., 12 noon & 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15

Middy Prayer & Blessing of Food - **11:00 a.m.**
Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m (No Mass at 5 & 7 p.m.)

Easter Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of the Lord
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Feast, April 23

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
With a Feast Day Mass at 3:00 p.m.

MOMS/DADS AND TOTS GROUP

At the request of several parents of young children, we are considering the forming of a "Moms/Dads and Tots" group to meet regularly either Monday or Friday early afternoons. The purpose of the group is to provide an atmosphere of prayer, friendship and support for young parents. Following the 12:15 Mass, parents and their infants/young children would meet downstairs in the Hall, to allow friendships to grow and to provide occasions for deepening of faith and sharing of parenting experience and wisdom.

Please sign up in the office after Mass or call the parish office to let us know if you would be interested in participating, or helping to organize, such a venture, to bring our young parents and their children together.

PARISH MISSION

WITH FR. WADE MENEZES

Please mark your calendars for a parish mission with Fr. Wade Menezes from Monday May 15 – Thursday May 18 at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.