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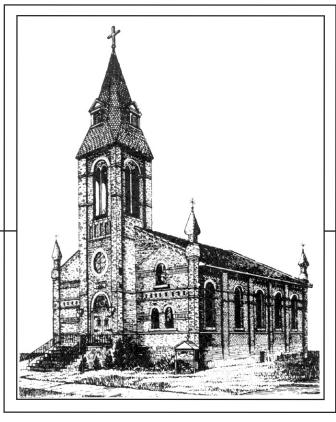
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

## PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

As we approach Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday (next weekend), our Lenten preparations are coming to a close as this season of grace moves us to contemplate the tremendous and life-changing mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Our Blessed Lord. As this is my first Holy Week at St. Mary's, I will be attentive to the crowd sizes, etc.

Tuesday, April 12 – 7:30 am Holy Hour, 8:30 am Mass Wednesday, April 13 – 7:00 pm Mass

## THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm.

followed by a time of adoration in the parish hall

## Good Friday - April 15

The Passion of Our Lord 3:00 pm. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

## The Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16

8:00 pm.

St. Augustine called this "the Mother of All Vigils" (Those who attend the Vigil of Easter need not attend Mass on Easter Sunday.)

## EASTER SUNDAY - April 17

9:00 am & 11:00 am
The parish hall will be used for overflow with sound-only of the Mass.

#### A THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING REFLECTION

I've always had a rather keen body clock. I could awaken at any time of the night and even before raising my head to look at the numbers on the timepiece beside my bed, I knew what time it was within a minute or two. So often in the last few years, heaven has awakened my soul clock at precisely 3:00 am to pray for the unborn. Just as Christians recall that we killed God at 3:00 pm on a Friday we call 'good', the nocturnal equivalent speaks of the continual evil that sees a human child, a creation of God, snuffed out all over the world, twice occurring with every single beat of my own heart. We've grown used to this unseen, dark and sinister act of stopping the life of children in the womb. And admittedly, even those of us who have stood for so many years in opposition to it have to admit that abortion has become a part of the landscape in both our minds and our tolerance. Prayer - real, dedicated and continual prayer is needed and

necessary to do battle with forces that are both real and evil.

I remember when some forty years ago, we used to have an annual Walk for Life, a smaller scale version of the current March For Life. One particular year, as we wound up our walk together with the familiar signs common to those who stand for life, I heard someone say to a fellow participant in their farewell to them, "I'll see you next year". I've not forgotten that statement that reflects our expectation that we are going to fight for the defense of all human life under God all our lives. But why? Why have we accepted that our whole life long we will see this evil affront, not only to life but to God who created it, as part of the landscape. Is it because of those infernal words of the Eternal Liar who said to our first parents, "You won't die."? Yes, because it cost them their very lives and human sin entered into the human world.

And what does God see in our steady, earthly rhythm of the violent, horrible taking of innocent life that he created? Well, we just heard what he thinks this past week in the daily Mass readings, where through the Prophet Isaiah's mouth he asked all people of all time: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?" (Isaiah 49:15) This is a question from God to all generations past, present and future and we are supposed to answer it ourselves and now. And our despicable answer to Our Saviours guestion is and has been and will continue to be – a resounding YES! Yes, we will continue to say 'yes' to heaven that men and women on the earth will forget and have no compassion for unborn, hidden and precious life. Have we, who have prayed for an end to this abomination against the womb and against God, accepted that this will always be a part of our landscape? Yes. And the result to that affirmation of evil has been and is that death will beget death. Abortion has led to euthanasia and the desecration of beautiful life at its beginning and at an end of our own fateful choosing. And so, I am and so many others are awakened by heaven in the night to pray for the souls of children murdered in the womb. It is a blessed call and response to do so.

I think of the familiar slogan of those good people who have upheld and defended human life - "If God gives life and we take it, what will God give us?" We're meant to answer that question too. (FrC)

## **APRIL 3, 2022**



## Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30am **HOLY HOUR** 

Intentions of Michelle Spencer

8:30am Requested by Ken Wright

Wednesday April 6th

7:00pm +Cecile MacDonald

Requested by the Mittermeier Family

Thursday April 7th

7:30am **HOLY HOUR** 8:30am **+**Emilio Nella

Requested by the Family

Friday April 8th

6:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm +Kevin Knox

Requested by Ken Wright

Saturday April 9th

3:00pm to 4:00pm **CONFESSION** 

4:30pm +Emilio Nella

Requested by the Family

Sunday April 10th PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Intentions of the Guerrero Family

11:00am +Emmanuel Joseph

Requested by Chris Godin & Family

## Please Pray for the Sick

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

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Our Lord's message is one of great love, forgiveness and respect for all of God's people.

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Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 11:00am 6:00pm to 8:00pm



## **Christian Prayer Vigil for Peace and Unity in Ukraine**

We cannot but be moved by the horror of war and the call to the peace willed by Christ for Ukraine and the world. The Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC), of which the Archdiocese of Toronto is a member, has planned a vigil for peace in Ukraine. It will be held on Sunday April 3 at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Anglican Cathedral (106 King St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 2E9) and will be livestreamed at: www.youtube.com/tordio135. Join Cardinal Collins and a wide representation of Christian faithful and leadership to pray for peace and unity in Ukraine. This vigil is a choral evensong of prayerful solidarity for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine.. For in-person attendance, registration is not required but masking will be appreciated.