SANTA CRUZ PARISH

Palm Sunday 13 April, 2025



WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Fridays 12:00 pm (English) in the main church.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:30am (English) 12pm (Portuguese)

The Office is opened Tuesdays and Thursdays

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



"Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit; you have redeemed me, faithful God." (Psalm 31:5) **Palm Sunday – Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus** On this Palm Sunday, the Church invites us to deeply live the mystery of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. Acclaimed with palms and songs as He entered Jerusalem, Jesus knew that this journey would lead Him to the Cross. Yet He went all the way, out of love for us.

Today we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry, but we also begin Holy Week, a time to contemplate His total self-giving. Being God, He chose the path of humility, service, suffering, and the Cross. He did not run from pain but embraced it to teach us that true love is the one that gives itself completely.

The Passion Gospel shows us that God's glory is not revealed through human power, but in the silent surrender of the one who loves to the very end. On the Cross, Jesus shows us that love conquers hatred, forgiveness overcomes offense, and life is stronger than death.

This is a time to turn our hearts back to what truly matters. Holy Week calls us to conversion, sincere prayer, inner silence, and compassion for those who suffer. We are invited to walk with Jesus, not just with palms in our hands, but through concrete acts of faith, charity, and mercy.

May this sacred time help us to recognize, in the face of the suffering Christ, all the wounded faces around us. And may we, strengthened by the Cross and renewed by the hope of the Resurrection, joyfully bear witness to God's love in the world.



"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace."— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

A Day with Mary – Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the event "A Day with Mary", which will take place on May 31 at Villanova College in King City.

In this Jubilee Year, experience a special day with Our Lady of Hope, featuring a talk by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, testimonies, children's activities, music, fellowship, and **Holy Mass** celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Frank Leo.

An event for the whole family! Register at: **archtoronto.org/mary**

CHICHARROS FESTIVAL

Fundraising Dinner to help with urgent repairs to the side entrance of our church.

Join us and contribute to this important cause!



Join us for the Chicharros Festival, a fundraising dinner to support urgent church repairs. It takes place on

Saturday, April 26 at Santa Cruz Parish, 140 Argyle St. Doors open at 6:30 PM, dinner starts at 7:30 PM.

Tickets: \$55 adults, \$20 children under 12. Get yours after Sunday Masses.

Contact Ana Ledo (416-457-5698) or the church (416-533-8425).

Holy Week Mass Schedule

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- Thursday, April 17 7:00 PM (in English and Portuguese)
- Friday, April 18 12:00 PM (in Portuguese)
- Saturday, April 19 8:00 PM (Portuguese and English)
- Sunday, April 20 11:30 AM (in English and Portuguese)

Holy Week – Candle Light Vigil

As part of our Holy Week observances, we will have a **Candle Light Vigil on Friday**, **April 19 at 8:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for this special evening of prayer and reflection.



"Learn to see in the faces of the suffering the face of the crucified Christ." — Saint John Paul II