

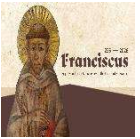


THE PILGRIM

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“A fraternal and hearty welcome to the new members of our Parish Community and all visiting sisters and brothers”

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

29 March 2026

READ: First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27;66

His sufferings were redemptive.

The readings for this Sunday lead us into the most sacred time of the Church's calendar. They present a portrait of our humble and meek king as he approaches his passion and death. The passages from the prophet Isaiah and the Psalms remind us of the suffering servant who never turns away from his divine call and willingly submits to his suffering. They culminate in the narrative of the Lord's Passion according to Matthew.

REFLECT: As we enter Holy Week, we reflect on the Lord's physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. He endured physical pain through His scourging and crucifixion, emotional distress from the betrayal and abandonment of His friends, and spiritual agony in feeling forsaken by His Father as He hung on the Cross. However, His sufferings were redemptive, for He unites our pain with His and offers us salvation. They remind us that we are never alone in our suffering because He experienced pain and emerged victorious. In our struggles, we find hope in Christ, who transforms suffering into victory. Let us walk with Him in this Holy Season, trusting that we are healed through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

RESPOND: Go and help a suffering or needy neighbour.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for saving us by your passion, death, and resurrection. Enable us to also walk with our suffering brothers and sisters.

Source: Bible Diary 2026, Claretian Publications Foundation, Inc, QC, Phil

PASTORAL TEAM

- **Fr. Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM, Parish Priest**
- **Fr. Yusuf Bagh, OFM, Guardian**
- **Fr. Desire Niyonkuru, OFM**

- Ms. Kathleen Allen, Parish Secretary
- Mr. Derek Hoddy, Pastoral Assistant

MASS TIMES

- Sun - 6.00pm (Sat), 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm (Ukrainian Mass)
- Youth Mass – 1st Sunday of the Month at 10:15am.
- Mon - Fri: 12:15 pm,
Wed: 7 pm,
Sat 10:00 am

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
Sat: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- **Reconciliation**
- Sat: 10:30 am - 11:30 am,
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm & by Appointment

- **Novena/Rosary**
- Tue: St. Anthony: 12:45 pm
- **Wed: Holy Rosary: 6:30 pm**
- Sat: Morning Prayer: 9:40 am

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 29 MARCH 2026 – Saturday 4 APRIL 2026

Sun	29 MAR 9:00	GH (F) ROSANA PETRYSZAN	Wed	1 ARIL 12:15	SI (F) ELSA IANNICELLI AND RIP (M) JOSE LORY LOCSIN
Sun	29 MAR 10:15	SI (F) ROSLEEN DWYER		1 APRIL 6:30PM	BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS
Sun	29 MAR 12:00	SI FOREASTER ROSE O'NEILL & FAM. AND GH ROSALINDA BORJA	Thu	2 APRIL 12:15	RIP (M) ROGER PERUISH
Mon	30 MAR 12:00	TG ST ANTHONY & ST JUDE TADDEUS	Fri	3 APRIL 12:15	RIP (M&F) HARRY & BREEDA ALLEN
Tues	31 MAR 12:15	RIP THE ZEMECKAS FAMILY	Sat	4 APRIL 10:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			Sat	4 APRIL 8pm	SI FOREASTER LORRAINE & FAMILY

TG - Thanksgiving, SI - Special Intention, BD - Birthday, WA - Wedding Anniversary, ST - Safe Travel, GH - Good Health, SR - Speedy Recovery, RIP - Death/Death Anniversary

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR
Echoes from the Heart of St Francis
of Assis

“A person is His bride when his faithful soul is united with Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit; we are his brothers when we do the will of His Father who is in heaven and we are mothers to Him when we enthrone Him in our hearts and souls by love with a pure and sincere conscience, and give Him birth by doing good”.

Writings of St Francis.

PILGRIMAGES TO ASSISI
SEPTEMBER 2026

September 18 – 22 2026 (24 People Max)
 Chaplain – Fr Desire, OFM
COST £550.00 ALL INCLUSIVE.

ST BONVENTURES' STUDENT
PILGRIMAGE TO ROME PART 2:

The students had an extraordinary time in Rome. Among many memorable moments, they climbed the Holy Stairs of the Santa Scala on their knees in prayer, participated in Mass at the Archbasilica of St John Lateran and at the Venerable English College, and were able to witness first-hand the beauty of the Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica. The highlight of the pilgrimage was the tremendous privilege of attending an audience with the Holy Father - Pope Leo, an experience that deeply moved the students and staff alike. **Some student quotes** *"The pilgrimage has really changed my life, especially since getting my rosaries blessed by the Pope, and just seeing so many religious places, it makes me motivated to pray more"* *"This pilgrimage helped me strengthen my faith and my relationship with God. I also understood how important prayer truly is within the Catholic Church "Seeing historical sites or places of miracles often moves my faith from a "concept" to a "reality" "It showed me that God's influence can create amazing things and my faith in him has increased because of his presence in the many basilicas we visited "Thank you once again for your generosity and prayers. Your support helped make this pilgrimage possible and allowed our young people to grow in faith while encountering the rich history and life of the Church. God Bless Suzan Ali, Chaplain and Teacher of RE, St Bonaventure*

Holy Week & Easter Triduum

Mon 30 March	12:15	Holy Mass
	7pm	Reconciliation
Holy Tues 31 March	12:15	Holy Mass
Holy Wed 1 April	12:15	Holy Mass
	7pm	Adoration
Holy Thurs 2 April	7pm	The Lords Supper/ Washing of Feet
	8pm – 10pm	Altar of Repose
Good Friday 3 April	10am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3:PM	Veneration of the Cross.
		Divine Mercy Novena
Holy Sat 4 April	10am	Morning Prayer
	10:20	Divine Mercy Novena Prayer.
	10:30	Reconciliation & Confession.
	8pm	Easter Vigil.
		NO 6PM MASS.
Easter Sunday 5 April - 9am, 10:15am & 12 noon		
Sun 12 April – Divine Mercy 9am, 10:15 & 12 noon		
Mon 6 April – Fri 10 April Divine Mercy Novena Prayer will be incorporated at 12:15 Mass.		
Sat April 11 – Divine Mercy Novena Prayer will be incorporated at 10am Mass.		

EASTER GIFT FOR THE PARISH

If you are thinking of an Easter Gift for the parish, you may consider the following liturgical items/articles.



Please contact the parish priest or parish office for your donation. May the good Lord bless you and your loved ones.