

# ST. ROCH'S CHURCH

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## Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Rev. Jerome Hologa, C.P.P.S. - Administrator

Mrs. Julie Swinimer - Parish Secretary

Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Everyone is encouraged to be active in the spiritual & social functions of our church community by participating in parish life as an official member. Please fill out a registration form by contacting the parish office at 416-749-0328 Mondays to Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

You can also visit our website and click on the "Join Us" tab to fill out a registration form and email to the parishoffice.



**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 p.m. (English)

**Sunday Masses:** In English – 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
In Swahili – Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Every Saturday.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday-Wednesday-Friday from  
8:30 am - 11:30 am (chapel)

Every First Friday: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm in the church  
Every 3rd Wednesday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the church

**Baptisms:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Parent of child to contact parish office

**Baptism Classes:** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Parents and Godparents are most welcomed.

**Marriages:** By appointment, one year in advance.

**Weekday Masses:** Morning: English: 8:00 a.m. Mon, Wed & Friday  
(9:00 a.m. on Saturday)

Italian: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday

**Memorial Masses:** Tuesday & Wednesday at 7 pm (by request)

**Sick Calls:** Contact the parish office

**Catholic Women's League:** Meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays  
of every month at 7:00 p.m., (September-June)

**Knights Of Columbus:** Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of  
the month at 7:00 pm (September - June)

### Ministry Contacts

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosetta Sampogna 905-856-6353

#### Catholic Cemeteries

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#### Catholic Women's League

St. Roch Church office

416-749-0328

#### Children's Liturgy & Sacramental Prep

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Louis Edwards

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Orlando Innocentes

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#### Prayer Group

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416-749-0328

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437-455-7787

#### Parish Schools

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416-393-5320

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416-393-5397

**Messe Domenicali:** in Italiano – 10:30 a.m.

**Confessioni:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Ogni Sabato.

**Battesimi:** Ogni Prima e Terza domenica.

**Matrimoni:** Con appuntamento, un anno in anticipo.

**Messe Feriali:** Mattina: Inglese: 8:00 a.m. Lunedì, Mercoledì  
e Venerdì (9:00 a.m. Sabato)

Italiano: 8:00 a.m. Martedì e Giovedì

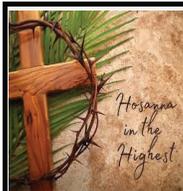
**Messe Memoriale:** Martedì e Mercoledì alle 7:00 pm (a richiesta)

**Chiamate Per Ammalati:** Chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale

**La Lega Delle Donne Cattoliche:** Ogni 2do martedì  
del mese alle ore 7:00 p.m. (Settembre a Giugno)

**I Cavalieri Di Colombo:** Ogni 3rzo mercoledì del mese alle  
ore 7:00 pm (Settembre a Giugno)

**Gruppo Di Preghiera:** Ogni Lunedì alle 7:00 pm nella cappella  
Preghiera nello Spirito ore 8:00 p.m. Riunione nella Sala  
Parrocchiale



**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord"

Mt 21:9

Mass  for  
Intentions  Week

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

8:00 am Intention of the presider

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

8:00 am Per l'intenzione del sacerdote

7:00 pm Rosa Simonetta (1 month memorial)

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

8:00 am Michele Cataneo & Marcello DeLuca

7:00 pm Maria Apa (1 month memorial)

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 2, 2026**

8:00 am **No morning mass**

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(English/Italian)

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, 2026**

8:00 am No morning Mass

1:00 pm Liturgia e Adorazione Della Croce (Italiano)

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion and Veneration of  
the Cross (English)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 4, 2026**

9:00 am No morning mass

2:00 pm Blessing of Easter baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (English/Italian)

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2026**

9:00 am Easter memorials

10:30 am Easter memorials

12:00 pm Easter memorials

### SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, March 22, 2026.....\$4,282.30  
Sharelife.....\$9,560.00

**Thank you for your continued support !**

### †REST IN PEACE †

Please remember in your prayers, **Salvatore Palmisano**, who passed away recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

**First Communion:** Sunday, April 12 (VJM)  
(3:00 pm) Sunday, April 19 (St. Roch)

**Confirmation:** Sunday, May 24 (Both schools)  
(3:00 pm)

**Domenica, 29 Marzo, 2026**

**Domenica delle Palme**

"Osanna al Figlio di Davide!

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore."

Mt . 21:9

**VIVERE LA SETTIMANA SANTA**

**"Cuore dell'anno liturgico,  
settimana di intensa vita cristiana"**

**MESSA DELLA CENA DEL SIGNORE**

**Giovedì Santo - 2 Aprile**



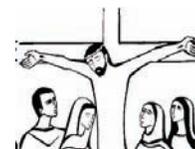
7:30 pm Messa in Italiano/Inglese

(Adorazione del SS. Sacramento fino a mezzanotte  
nella sala parrocchiale)

**LITURGIA E ADORAZIONE DELLA CROCE:**

**Venerdì Santo - 3 Aprile**

\*Giorno di astinenza e digiuno



1:00 pm\* In Italiano

3:00 pm\* In Inglese

7:00 pm Via Crucis (Inglese/Italiano)

**\*Colletta per la Terra Santa**

**SABATO SANTO - 4 APRILE**

2:00 pm Benedizione dei cestini di Pasqua

**LITURGIA DEL FUOCO, CERO PASQUALE  
E MESSA DI RISURREZIONE**

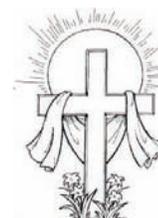
8:00 pm Messa in Italiano/Inglese

**DOMENICA DI PASQUA - 5 Aprile**

9:00 am Messa in Inglese

**10:30 am Messa in Italiano**

12:00 pm Messa in Inglese



**COLLETTA PER LA TERRA SANTA**



La colletta del Venerdì Santo è richiesta dalla Santa Sede per contribuire alla manutenzione dei luoghi santi della Chiesa in Terra Santa, così importanti per la fede dei cristiani di tutto il mondo, e anche per sostenere i fedeli che lottano per sopravvivere sotto l'oppressione e la persecuzione politica ed economica. Durante entrambe le celebrazioni del Venerdì Santo, raccoglieremo fondi per la Terra Santa. Grazie per il vostro sostegno.



## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is a time of final preparations and great anticipation. Palm Sunday is our doorway into the holiest week of the Church year with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his gift of the Eucharist; and his suffering, death and Resurrection. The three solemn liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) are called the **Triduum**.

### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

**7:30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(English/Italian)



(After the mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the parish hall until Midnight)

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

(Remember that this is a day for fasting and abstinence)

**1:00 pm** The Lord's Passion (Italian)

**3:00 pm** The Lord's Passion (English)

**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
(Bilingual)



(At both services on Good Friday, we will take up a collection for the needs of the Holy Land. Please remember the dwindling Christian community and the holy sites on this day).

### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4



**2:00 pm** Blessing of Easter Baskets

Parishioners are invited to bring in their Easter Baskets containing baked goods and decorated Easter eggs

**8:00 pm** Easter Vigil Mass (English/Italian)

(Will include baptisms of our catechumens. Mass will be approximately 2 hrs)



Please keep in your prayers our catechumens who we will welcome into our Family of Faith at our Easter vigil.

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

**9:00 am** English Mass

**10:30 am** Italian Mass

**12:00 pm** English Mass



## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND



The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. At both services on Good Friday, we will be collecting funds for the Holy Land. **Thank you for your support.**

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT OF SHARELIFE, DESPAIR TURNS INTO HOPE



When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility. But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow. **Thus far, we have received \$11,507.20 (which also includes online donations) towards our goal of \$33,000.00.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!**

## REMINDER TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM



First Reconciliation (Confession) for the children will take place **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm** in the church.



## BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JEROME Exploring the Gospels

As Thursday, April 2 is Holy Thursday, there will be no bible study. We will resume Bible Study on **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please join us! (Note: Bible study occurs every other week on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm).

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