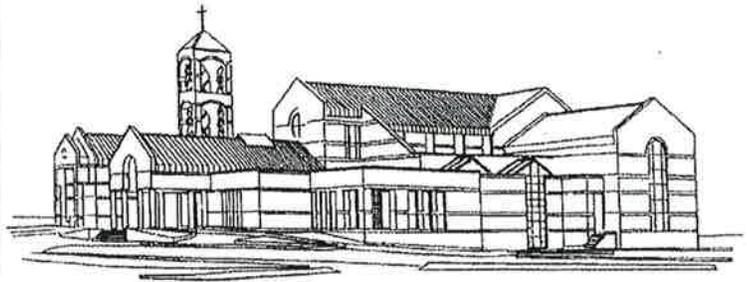


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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 29, 2026



### Holy Week Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, after walking our Lenten journey together, we now enter Holy Week, a time that draws us closer to Jesus and the mystery of His love. The raised palms remind us of our Christian journey of joy and expectation, and this same path may lead us toward the shadow of the Cross, where love is betrayed, mercy is wounded, and hope seems buried in silence. But still, we walk in trust, knowing that God is at work and leading us toward the joy of Easter. Therefore, dear friends, let us be attentive in this holy time to slow down, to pray, and to remember that God is near in every sorrow, every burden, and every quiet struggle. As one parish family rich in cultures and united in faith, let us walk with Christ hand in hand by offering kindness and hope to those around us. May this Holy Week bring you peace, healing, and the deep assurance that you are truly loved by God. Wishing you and your family a blessed Holy Week.

*Cari fratelli e sorelle, Dopo aver camminato insieme nel nostro percorso quaresimale, entriamo ora nella Settimana Santa, un tempo che ci avvicina maggiormente a Gesù e al mistero del Suo amore. Le palme innalzate ci ricordano il nostro cammino cristiano di gioia e di attesa, e questo stesso percorso può condurci verso l'ombra della Croce, dove l'amore viene tradito, la misericordia è ferita e la speranza sembra sepolta nel silenzio. Eppure, continuiamo a camminare con fiducia, sapendo che Dio è all'opera e ci guida verso la gioia della Pasqua. Pertanto, cari amici, in questo tempo santo cerchiamo di essere attenti, di rallentare, di pregare e di ricordare che Dio è vicino in ogni dolore, in ogni peso e in ogni lotta silenziosa. Come un'unica famiglia parrocchiale, ricca di culture e unita nella fede, camminiamo con Cristo mano nella mano, offrendo gentilezza e speranza a coloro che ci circondano. Che questa Settimana Santa vi porti pace, guarigione e la profonda certezza di essere veramente amati da Dio. Auguro a voi e alle vostre famiglie una Santa Settimana piena di benedizioni.*

~Fr. Shaiju Ponnalakkunel



### 2026 Easter Triduum Schedule

#### Holy Thursday ~ *Giovedì Santo*

**April 2, 2026**

7:30pm: Bilingual  
Adoration until midnight.



#### Good Friday ~ *Venerdì Santo*

**April 3, 2026**

*The church will be open at 5am for private prayer.*

1:00pm: English | 3:00pm: Italian  
5:00pm: Passion Play



#### Holy Saturday ~ *Sabato Santo*

**April 4, 2026**

8:00pm: English | 11:00pm: Italian  
**N.B. No 5pm Mass**



#### Easter Sunday ~ *Domenica di Pasqua*

**April 5, 2026**

8:00am: Italian | 9:30am: English  
11:00am: Italian | 12:30pm: English  
**NB. No 7:00pm Mass**



#### Lenten Confessions

Monday March 30, 2026 from 4pm-6pm & 7:30pm

### Parish Office Closed

The office will be closed on Good Friday (**April 3**) and Easter Monday (**April 6**).

*L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso il Venerdì Santo (**3 aprile**) e il Lunedì di Pasqua (**6 aprile**).*

### Second Collection on Easter

During all the Easter Masses there will be a **second collection for the Church renovation fund.**

*Durante tutte le messe di Pasqua ci sarà una **seconda colletta per il fondo manutenzione della Chiesa.***

## Upcoming Baptism

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following child to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



*Lucie De Francesco*

Congratulations to her parents and godparents.

## This Weekend's Marriage



*Carmela Renzoni & Robert James Williams*

## Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

On **Good Friday**, there will be a **Pontifical collection for the Holy Land** in support of Christian communities and the upkeep of Holy Sites.

*Venerdì Santo si farà una colletta Pontificale a sostegno della Terra Santa per sostenere le comunità Cristiane e la manutenzione dei Siti Sacri.*

## Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting monetary donations to help purchase flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

*Si accettano donazioni monetarie che saranno usati per acquistare i fiori per decorare la chiesa per Pasqua.*

## Feast of the Divine Mercy

We will celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on **Sunday April 12, 2026 at 3:00pm.**

*Celebreremo la Festa della Divina Misericordia domenica 12 aprile, 2026 alle ore 15.*

## Candlelight Service in honor of the Feast of St. Peregrine Laziosi

The Friends of Father Monti invite you to a **Candlelight Service in honor of the Feast of St. Peregrine Laziosi**, patron saint of the sick. The Mass will be held on **Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM** and will be celebrated bilingually in English & Italian. This Mass will be offered for those battling illness, survivors, the faithful departed, and their caregivers. All are welcome to join us for this evening of prayer, hope, and remembrance.

## Fr. Bressani Passion Play

The Fr. Bressani CHS Passion Play will be held on **Tuesday March 31, 2026 at 7pm** at the school gym. Limited tickets available at the door.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday March 30	
7pm	
7:30pm	Confessions
Tuesday March 31	
7pm	
Wednesday April 1	
7pm	
Thursday April 2	
7:30pm	Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday April 3	
1pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3pm	<i>Liturgia della Passione</i>
5pm	Passion Play



**PARISH GOAL: \$106,000**

**AMOUNT TO DATE: \$20,000**

**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. But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job. ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them.

**April 26, 2026 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

*Quando Eulogio seppe che sua moglie era incinta – non di un bambino, ma di due gemelli – la sua gioia si è moltiplicata. Ma poi, un incidente devastante gli fece perdere il lavoro. ShareLife e “Canadian Food for Children” sono intervenute, garantendo a questa famiglia il cibo necessario per sostenersi.*

**Domenica 26 aprile è la prossima domenica di ShareLife. Per favore, dona generosamente.**

## Save the Date! Movie Night

On **Saturday April 18, 2026** there will be a community Movie Night at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

## 2026 Summer Camp

The **Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp** will take place from **July 6 -10, 2026!** Open to children ages 4-12, the week will be filled with activities and faith-filled experiences. The registration fee is \$100.

## 2026 Golf Tournament

The 19<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 4, 2026 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.**