

March 25 Palm Sunday	Shemalee Panganiban Richie Javillonar	Mark 11:1–11 Isaiah 50:4–9a
April 1 Easter	Japeth Panganiban Peter Kopplin	Mark 16:1–8 1 Corinthians 15:1–11
April 8	Carmen Pokala Shaolin Kou	John 20:19–31 Acts 4:32–35
April 15	Anita Quiacos Edna Lisondra	Luke 24:36b–48 1 John 3:1–7

Next Week

Scripture Lessons for March 25

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1–11 Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem.

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks.

Psalms 31:9–16 My times are in your hands, O God.

Philippians 2:5–11 The mind of Christ Jesus

Mark 14:1–15:47 The narrative of Jesus' final hours.

Tuesday Study Group On The Old Testament by Christine Hayes at Yale (cf. <http://oyc.yale.edu/religious-studies/rfst-145>)

Today

Pastoral Prayer of this week:

Those in need of your prayers:

Ruben Flores, Anita Dorotheo, Marion Mallette, Mary Finlay, Ches Maclsaac, Rev. Gordon Winch, Kingsley Martin,

Angela Rabanilo; Ruth Beleno; Karun, Percy and Jena Remala (The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Hoon Kim or the church office)

Winter at a Glance

Rev. Hoon Kim delivers daily devotional, TeleHope, to you on internet and/or hand phone. Give him your e-mail address and/or hand phone number.

Sunday March 18th - Lenten Study Series - What is means to be Buddhist, and what can we as Christians learn from the Buddha? A Q & A Session to follow. The guest speakers will be Robert Petrie and Jianhui Xiong, both are student's in the Buddhist studies program at Emmanuel College, U of T.

March 25 Palm/ Passion Sunday

March 29 Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

The Thursday of Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday. The word may come from the Latin *mandatum* or commandment, recalling the new command Jesus gave to the people to "love one another, as I have loved you" or the Latin *mundo* which means "wash," referring to Jesus' washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper.

March 30 Good Friday Noon Service

April 1 Happy Easter

8 a.m. Sun Rise Service led by Women's Ministry

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Service

March 19 – St. Joseph

Joseph also models a radical kind of justice when he refuses to follow the biblical mandate to kill Mary for being pregnant with what he can only assume is another man's child (Deuteronomy 22:23–24). Instead, Joseph chooses not only to "allow" her to live but marries her, thus keeping her from being a disgraced member of society.

Joseph's acceptance of Jesus as his own child established Jesus as a descendant of David, thus fulfilling the prophecy that the Messiah would be of the house and lineage of David.

March 24 – Death of Oscar Romero

This day commemorates the life and witness of El Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero on behalf of the Salvadoran people. On March 24, 1980, while he was saying Mass, Archbishop Romero was shot and killed. In many churches, this day is a time to focus on the struggles of the faith communities in Central America, to work for social justice, and to pray for the people of that region.

Musicians for January

Evelyn Camerino

Rosa Lim

Minutes for Missions

Building Resilience and Hope in Indigenous Children

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the important work of The Healing Fund. Let us hear a story of how The Healing Fund is building resilience and hope in Indigenous children and youth.

Pimicikamak Cree Nation (pronounced as pim ih chik uh mak) is a Cree-speaking Indigenous community north of Lake Winnipeg in Cross Lake, Manitoba. Pimicikamak means “where a lake lies across the river.” The community initiated a three-day suicide prevention strategy by inviting Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to their community to create art with their children, youth, and families.

Using an Indigenous framework called Circle of Courage, the project was created to promote strength, resiliency, and healing among the participants by fostering their sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Through various creative arts such as drum-making, storytelling, painting, singing, songwriting, music, and comedy, participants were recognized for their talents and gifts. It strengthened the participants’ relationships with each other as well as their relationships with adults and Elders in the community. With guidance from the artists, the youth were also able to build their leadership skills by helping coordinate parts of the project. Every evening, participants generously shared their artwork with the community, thus creating a narrative of healing and hope. Our gifts for Mission & Service support this and other healing initiatives.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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Not Just Specks

The psalmist wrote, “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4)

As Pascal did but informed by 21st C science, let’s think about the true vastness of the universe. The whole human race is but a tiny speck on

the earth. Our earth is just a dot in the Milky Way system with its millions of heavenly bodies, and the Milky Way system is only a small cluster of heavenly bodies in the limitless expanse of the universe. How easy it is to feel alone in all that space!

Although we may sometimes feel very insignificant, we know that we are significant because God stands ready to comfort, to calm, and to bring us joy and peace. To God, we are not specks far off somewhere in space. To God, we are known and precious and loved.

Dear God, we praise you for your power and majesty and also for your love and concern for each of us. Amen.

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