

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 2, 2023

*"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced."  
— Isaiah 50:7a*

## ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,527.00	\$1,738.00
Number of Families contributing	75	64
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$40,828.00	\$41,422.00
Received to Date	\$34,095.00	27,073.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,733.00	\$14,349.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$134.00	\$2,553.00

Eighteen ladies contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$9,855.00	\$32,518.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

## BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,076.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$113.00.

12 CHILDREN contributed \$60.00.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*During the meal Jesus said, "One of you will betray me." Judas, the traitor, spoke up, "Surely, Teacher, you don't mean me?" Jesus answered, "So you say."*

**Judas was able to conceal his plan from the others, but not from Jesus. And this helps us to see how gently God deals with sinners. One of the mysteries of life is the tremendous respect God accords to human free will. God doesn't force us to change. God invites us to change, giving us opportunity after opportunity to open our hearts to grace's power. Jesus accorded the same respect to Judas. He made Judas the group's treasurer. He reserved a place of honor for him at the Last supper.**

**What is one example of how God has dealt gently with me?**

*"Here is my servant... I have filled him with my spirit... He will not break off a bent reed nor put out a flickering lamp." —ISAIAH 42:1,3*

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Eddie O. in loving memory of him on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Cowboy in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. the Scully's in loving memory of Scully's Pat on his 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Bonnie on her 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. the Family of John and Bessie Riley in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**PARISH MISSION** The Parish Mission this year will be held in the Holy Week, Mon. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Wed. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. with Mass. Parish Mission is a time for spiritual revival. Make yourself available to attend the whole Mission. Fr. Jim Blunt will be preaching at the Mission. Fr. Cherian requests no parties or celebrations be scheduled during Holy Week. There will not be morning Mass during the Parish Mission.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week, the greatest week for Christians begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter. During this week, the Church commemorates the Passion of Christ, and all ceremonies reflect the attitude of sorrow yet joined with gratitude for God's mercy in becoming man in order to suffer and die for the sins of mankind.

### Parish Mission

6:30 P.M. Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thru  
6:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00 P.M. Lord's Supper Mass  
Washing of the Feet

Adoration: Until Midnight  
**Community Adoration:**  
11 P.M. – 12 A.M.

### Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the  
Passion, Holy Communion,  
Stations of the Cross, Veneration  
**Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion lead the  
Stations of the Cross on  
Good Friday**

### Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil Services

### Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M. Mass

**There will not be morning mass during Holy Week.**

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The collection on Good Friday will be for the *Holy Land*. Please be generous.

**ST. EDWARD EASTER EGG HUNT** organized by they Youth Group will be held Easter Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 6:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A gray-haired old woman, long a member of her church community, shook hands with the minister after the service on Sunday morning. "That was a wonderful sermon," she told him. "Everything you said applies to someone I know."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Monday:** Monday of Holy Week  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week;  
Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum  
**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);  
**Fast and Abstinence;** First Friday  
**Saturday:** Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Cowboy on his Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Eddie O. on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul of Bryan Carroll on the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death; for the repose of the soul of Catherine Ann Gallon on the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death; and for the repose of the soul of Matt Martin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Thursday:** *Holy Thursday.*  
**Friday:** *Good Friday.*

**GOODNESS AND MERCY**  
*In the land of the living  
I shall see the Lord's good,  
For He shall sustain me,  
provide with food.  
And He will keep me  
to the end of my days,  
So I will adore Him,  
give Him honor and praise.*

**READERS**

**Sat. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Leah  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Dayna

*Narrator* Dayna  
*Speaker* Leah

**Sun. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Jimmy Joseph  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Lauren Ashley

**Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 P.M**  
*Proclamation* Dayna  
*1st Reading* Leah  
*3rd Reading* Mary Martha  
*5<sup>th</sup> Reading* Montela  
*7<sup>th</sup> Reading* Macy  
*Epistle* Marlo

**Sat. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Christina  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Bridgette Anna

*Narrator* Christina  
*Speaker* Bridgette Anna

*Narrator* Jimmy Joseph  
*Speaker* Lauren Ashley

**Sun. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Jimmy Joseph  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Blue  
*Sequence* Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Kara  
**Tuesday** - Mary Martha  
**Wednesday** - Katsyn  
**Holy Thursday** - Julie Ann & Christina  
**Good Friday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Christina  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - Rose Marie  
**Narrator** - Rose Marie  
**Speaker** - Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Betty Jo  
**Friday** - Ned's Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita

**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**  
**April** Mary Margaret & Mary Cat

**Sunday 10:00 A.M**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>** Nora

**REDIRECTION**

When God gives us "NO" for an answer, keep in mind that there is a much greater "YES" behind it. His "NO" is not a "REJECTION," but a "REDIRECTION."

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

**YOUR DISCIPLES, LORD**

*Lord Jesus, may we Your disciples be ever ready to lay down our lives in conformity to Your will, to willingly suffer and die for You, that we may also share in Your victory and glory. Amen.*