

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 5, 2020

God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$5,295.00	\$3,758.00
Number of Families contributing	201	168
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$42,933.00	\$42,288.00
Received to Date	\$37,764.00	\$27,714.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,1693.00	\$14,574.00

LADES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$706.00	\$4,289.00

Fifty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$3,295.00	\$32,231.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$0.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$0.00.

50 CHILDREN contributed \$424.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man just got married and was returning home with his wife. They were crossing a lake in a boat, when suddenly a great storm arose. The man was a warrior and a person very strong with power, but the woman became very much afraid because it seemed almost hopeless.

The boat was small, and the storm was really huge, and any moment they were going to be drowned. But the man sat silently, calm and quiet, as if nothing was happening. The woman was trembling, and she said, "Are you not afraid? This may be our last moment of life! It doesn't seem that we will be able to reach the other shore. Only some miracle can save us; otherwise death is certain. Are you not afraid? Are you mad or something? Are you a stone or something?"

The man laughed and took his sword out of its sheath. The woman was even more puzzled. What was he doing? Then he brought the naked sword close to the woman's neck, so close that just a small gap was there and it was almost touching her neck. He said, "Are you afraid?" She started to laugh and said, "Why should I be afraid? If the sword is in your hands, why should I be afraid? I know you love me."

He put the sword back and said, "This is my answer: I know God loves me, and the storm is in His hands. So, whatever is going to happen is going to be good. If we survive, good; if we don't survive, good. Because everything is in His hands and He cannot do anything wrong."

This is the trust which one needs to imbibe and which is capable of transforming your whole life. Any less won't do!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedito.

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.

Holy Thursday, April 9th

5:00 P.M. Lord's Last Supper Mass

Good Friday, April 10th

3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11th

5:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Services

Easter Sunday, April 12th

10:00 A.M. Mass

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Thursday, April 9th.

LESSONS & TIME

When we fail to understand the **LESSONS** at the **RIGHT TIME**, life makes us understand the **SAME LESSON** a **WRONG TIME**.

GOALKEEPER

*Being a good person is a very difficult.
It's like being a goalkeeper.
No matter how many goals you saved,
The people remember only the goals you missed.*

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Bridget Rita, Mary Rita O'Hara or the Church Office.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Iris, a recently widowed lady, requested the Epitaph "Rest in Peace" on her husband's gravestone.
When she later found out that he had left most of his money to his mistress, she told the mason to add "Until We Meet Again."

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 begins
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;
Holy Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Brian Carroll on the 18th Anniversary of his death and Pat "Brute" Costello on his Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul Blockey's Shirley on the 19th Anniversary of her death and for the repose of Scully's Ann on her Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle on the 21st Anniversary of his death.
Thursday: *Holy Thursday.*
Friday: *Good Friday.*

I LOVE YOU LORD

*You move me, Lord,
I am moved seeing you scoffed at and nailed on a cross.
I am moved seeing Your body so wounded.
Your injuries and death move me.
It is Your love that moves me, and in such a way
That even though there were no Heaven,
I would love You, and even though there were no hell,
I would fear You.
You do not have to give me anything
So that I love You,
For even if I didn't hope for what I hope,
As I love You now, so would I love You.*

READERS

Sat. Apr. 4th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Duggan's Mary
Sun. Apr. 5th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Rose Marie
Sat. Apr. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Duggan's Mary
Sun. Apr. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Rose Marie & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Taneil
Tuesday	-	Fallon
Wednesday	-	Ivana
Holy Thursday	-	Natalie
Good Friday	-	
1 st Reading	-	Christina
2 nd Reading	-	Duggan's Mary
Narrator	-	Duggan's Mary
Speaker	-	Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Bridget Rat
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

TRUTH & LIFE

TRUTH is a debit card — *pay first and enjoy later.*
LIFE is a credit card — *enjoy first and pay later.*

CREATOR

How cool is it that the same God who created mountains and oceans and galaxies looked at you and thought the world needed one of you, too.

AN EXCERPT FROM A CHURCH BULLETIN

To make possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday we are going to have a special **NO EXCUSE SUNDAY**. Cots will be in the foyer for those who say Sunday is the only day to sleep.

LAUGH, SMILE, HUG & LOVE

LAUGH with your **EYES**
SMILE with your **SOUL**
HUG with your **HEART**
LOVE with your **SPIRIT**.

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

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, you are the living bread which sustains me in this life. May I always hunger for the bread which comes from heaven and find in it the nourishment and strength I need to love and serve you whole heartedly. May I always live in the joy, peace, and unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and in the age to come. Amen.