

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 9, 2017

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!*

— Psalm 130:1

## JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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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*).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (*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
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$2,782.00	\$2,649.00
Number of Families contributing	109	84
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (14 Weeks)	\$46,310.00	\$50,182.00
Received to Date	\$46,047.20	\$39,583.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$262.80	\$10,598.80

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$331.00	\$4,710.00

Thirty-six ladies made a contribution last week.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$3,099.00
Amount Outstanding	

Eighteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

## HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$190.00	\$4,621.00

Seven people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$11.00.

38 **CHILDREN** contributed \$132.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$64.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 320, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 115 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A college girl asked her mother, "How can you be sure Jesus' teachings are true?" Her mother's response surprised her: "You can be convinced in only one way," her mother said, "by living them. If you live Jesus' teachings, they will speak to your heart and tell your heart that they are true." Her mother went on to explain: "For example, if you forgive enemies, you will eventually discover that this is the true thing to do. And if you don't judge others rashly, you will eventually discover that this is the true thing to do." The mother's remarkable response is precisely the point that Jesus makes in today's reading. Jesus said, "If you obey my teaching...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

—JOHN 8:31-32

*Can I recall experiencing the truth of Jesus' teachings? When? How?*

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Ralph and Rose in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Wife and family of Cracker in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
4. and another Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite

**CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP GUGLIELMONE** Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Robert Guglielmone's Priestly Ordination. Congratulations and best wishes from St. Edwards Parish Family.

**PARISH MISSION** The Parish Mission this year will be held in the Holy Week, Mon. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> thru Wed. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Parish Mission is a time for spiritual revival. Make yourself available to attend the whole Mission.

**CHRISM MASS** St. Edward's is invited to participate with Bishop Robert Guglielmone and the priests of this Diocese in the Chrism Mass this Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston. The blessing of oils and Chrism for the entire Diocese takes place at this Mass.

## 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.

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. Parish Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 13<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 14<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion  
Stations of the Cross  
**Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion lead the  
Stations of the Cross on  
Good Friday**

Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Services

Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M. Mass

**FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held this Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. for all children making their First Holy Communion and their parents. Please be at the church 5 minutes before.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** will be for the Shrines in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**ST. EDWARD EASTER EGG HUNT** organized by the Youth Group will be held Easter Sunday at 4:00 P.M.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of St. Gerard; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of St. Anthony; and four members for their donations in honor of St. Expedite.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Hayden Carroll, Mike Thomas O'Hara, Barret Cash McNalley and Stetson McNalley for making the all A Honor Roll; Jax Carroll, Monroe Carroll, Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Noah Gorman, Hudson Riley, Jimmy Rylan Riley, Katsyn Riley and Patrick Lewis Riley for making the A-B Honor Roll.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER**

<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	Mon. thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	Monday & Friday	6:30 p.m.
	Tues., Wed., & Thurs.	4:30 p.m.

**BIBLE GUIDE**

*In what languages were the books of the Bible originally written?*

*The books of the Bible were originally written some in Hebrew, some in Greek, and some parts in Aramaic.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** An old guy in his Volvo is driving home from work when his wife rings him on his car phone. "Honey," she says in a worried voice, "be careful! There was a bit on the news just now. Some lunatic is driving down the wrong way on the freeway." "It's worse than that," he replies. "There are hundreds of them!"

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Isidore
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Vincent Ferrer
<b>Friday:</b>	St. John Baptist de la Salle; <b>Abstinence</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday:</b>	In honor of St. Expedite.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	In loving memory of Little Ollie Harrison on the 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
<b>Thursday:</b>	In thanks for Jim Murphy on his 8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday.
<b>Friday:</b>	No Mass.

**PATIENCE**

*Patience is a virtue, patience is a gift*

*We give unto each other our spirits up to lift.*

*Patience is a blessing even to ourselves, indeed,*

*For it brings satisfaction in meeting someone's need.*

*And you, dear Lord, are patient with me in every way.*

*At times I fall but you lift me up and guide me through each day.*

*So help me to be patient, Lord, yes, help me to be kind.*

*May others seeking tenderness, true loving, in me find.*

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b>		<b>Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	Christina	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	Jay
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	Julie Ann	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	Carolyn
<i>Narrator</i>	Mary Rita	<i>Narrator</i>	Jay
<i>Speaker</i>	Dayna	<i>Speaker</i>	Carolyn

<b>Sun. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>		<i>Narrator</i>	Jimmy Joseph
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	Mary Cat	<i>Speaker</i>	Mary Cat
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	Jimmy Joseph		

<b>Sat. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 P.M.</b>		<b>Sun. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	
<i>Proclamation</i>	Rose Marie	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	Jay
<i>1st Reading</i>	Karen	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	Jimmy Joseph
<i>3rd Reading</i>	Rita Riley	<i>Sequence</i>	Jay
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Reading</i>	Christina		
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Reading</i>	Dominique		
<i>Epistle</i>	Bridget Ann		

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	Dominique
<b>Tuesday</b>	Erin
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christina
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Mary Cat & Bridget Ann
<b>Good Friday</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	Christina
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	Ann T.
<i>Narrator</i>	Rose Marie
<i>Speaker</i>	Mary Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Apr. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann
<b>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Apr. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
Front	Jay
Cup	Mary Regina Hambone

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

<b>Apr. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	Mary Cat
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pete Man's Nora
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Thursday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Friday</b>	Bridget Ann

- **What is Poison?**  
*Anything which is more than our necessity is poison. It may be power, wealth, hunger, ego, greed, laziness, love, ambition, hate or anything.*
- **What is fear?**  
*Non acceptance of uncertainty. If we accept that uncertainty, it becomes adventure.*

**PRAYER CORNER**

**LORD LET ME SERVE YOU**

*Lord Jesus, fill my heart with love, gratitude and generosity. Make me a faithful and zealous servant for You. May I generously pour out my life in loving service for You and for others, just as You have so generously poured Yourself out in love for men. Amen.*