

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 20, 2016

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

PASSION

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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TODAY’S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

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 Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,930.00	\$2,002.00
Number of Families contributing	101	80
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (11 Weeks)	\$36,495.00	\$40,083.00
Received to Date	\$28,713.80	\$25,091.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,781.20	\$14,991.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$188.00	\$2,268.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$692.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,638.00

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$135.00	\$2,570.00

Seven people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$9.00.

POOR BOX \$140.00.

29 **CHILDREN** contributed \$82.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 215, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 102, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 165.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What puzzles us is that disciples didn’t have a clue about Judas’ plan to betray the Master. How could they have lived so close to Judas and have been so blind to what was going on inside him? Two observations come to mind. First, our external words and actions may deceive others, but they will never deceive God. Second, the day will come when everyone will know what is in our heart. For it is a law of human nature that what is in our heart has a way of translating itself into action.

What is one thing in my heart that I don’t want translated into action?

Character may be manifested in great moments, but it is made in small ones.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Steven Riley in loving memory of him on his 30th Birthday;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
3. the Family of Kathleen Alexis Sherlock in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
4. and another Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

will be celebrated this Monday, March 21st at 7:00 P.M. Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast of St. Joseph a Triduum Prayer began on Friday, March 18th. The Youth Group will organize the Feast.

CHRISM MASS

St. Edward’s is invited to participate with Bishop Robert Guglielmo and the priests of this Diocese in the Chrism Mass this Tuesday, March 22nd 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.

Holy Thursday, March 24th

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, March 25th

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, March 26th

5:00 P. M. Confessions

8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Services

Easter Sunday, March 27th

10:00 A.M. Mass

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

will be for the Shrines in the Holy Land.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, March 23rd at 4:00 P.M. for all children making their First Holy Communion and their parents. Please be at the church 5 minutes before.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; the Little Flower, Sacred Heart and St. Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, Baby Jesus of Nino, St. Jude, St. Joseph and Moses; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Face and Blessed Mother; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man was applying for a job as a prison guard. The warden said, "Now these are real tough guys in here. Do you think you can handle it?" "No problem," the applicant replied. "If they don't behave, out they go!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In loving memory of Maggie Taylor on the 8th Anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: For Tommy McGuire on his 13th Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In honor of the Sacred Heart and Holy Spirit.

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

LOVE ETERNAL

The love of God fills my heart,
I hope it never will depart.
His peace surrounds me with His light,
I know all things will turn out right.

I want to tell everyone of His love,
That descends to us from above.
I want to thank God ever so much,
I seem to feel His tender touch.

The words would not come to mind,
They were very difficult to find.
Finally I sang a song of praise,
For blessings sent me all days.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 19th, 4:00 P.M.	Sat. Mar. 19th, 7:00 P.M.
<i>1st Reading</i> Ann T.	<i>1st Reading</i> Jay
<i>2nd Reading</i> Bridget Ann	<i>2nd Reading</i> Caroyln
<i>Narrator</i> Mary Rita	<i>Narrator</i> Jay
<i>Speaker</i> Julie Ann	<i>Speaker</i> Carolyn

Sun. Mar. 20th, 10:00 A.M.	
<i>1st Reading</i> Rose Marie	<i>Narrator</i> Jimmy Joseph
<i>2nd Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph	<i>Speaker</i> Rose Marie

Sat. Mar. 26th, 8:00 P.M.	Sun. March 27th, 10:00 A.M.
<i>Proclamation</i> Rose Marie	<i>1st Reading</i> Jay
<i>1st Reading</i> Dayna	<i>2nd Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph
<i>3rd Reading</i> Julie Ann	<i>Sequence</i> Jay
<i>5th Reading</i> Macy	
<i>7th Reading</i> Dominique	
<i>Epistle</i> Christina	

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Erin
Tuesday	Julie Ann
Wednesday	Christina
Holy Thursday	Christina & Ann T.
Good Friday	<i>1st Reading</i> - Bridget Ann
	<i>2nd Reading</i> - Mary Cat
	<i>Narrator</i> - Mary Rita
	<i>Speaker</i> - Mary Theresa

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	March 19th
Front	Bridget Ann
Front Left	Mary Regina
Left Cup	Catherine Ann
Front Right	Rose Melissa
Right Cup	Ann T.
Sick	Rita Weaver
Saturday 7:00 P.M.	March 19th
Front	Sharon
Cup	Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 20th	March 27th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Bridget Ann

A NIGHT PRAYER

O God, before I sleep, I remember before You all the people I love. All the people who are sad and lonely, poor and hungry. Bless all who specially need Your blessing, and bless me too, and make this a good night for me. This I pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.