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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24TH, 2024

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of Palm Sunday



CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES

Our schedule for confirmation prep classes: Classes will be held 6:00pm-7:15pm, Sunday April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5. Confirmation will be Monday, June 3rd at 6:00pm at St. John's. It's not too late to sign up for the classes, 5th Grade through Adult are welcome!



St. Mary Central Martins Ferry Quarter

Auction Saturday, April 6, 2024, in school gym. Doors open at 11 a.m. for shopping, Auction begins at noon. Tickets on sale in the school office.—\$5.00, includes your entry and 1 paddle. 20 vendors on hand for 3 rounds of bidding. Chinese Auction, and 50/50 raffle also. Concessions available. Only 200 tickets sold. Don't wait! Get tickets now!



MEAT LOAF DINNER

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Bridgeport, Sunday April 7th from 11:00-3:00pm .Menu includes meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a roll, cake and beverage cost is \$10.00 eat in or take out. Golf cart service to transport to and from the church parking lot.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 23rd, Palm Sunday

4:00p.m. (SM) + Jerry, James, Angela & Infant Angela Amato (Jim & Kelly Amato)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Eddie Oboy (Family)

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Jon (Mom & Dad)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, March 25th

6:00p.m.(SJ) + Paul Paolucci (Mom, Dad & Sister)

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00a.m. (SM) + Constance "Connie" Mayeres (Jeannie Busack)

Wednesday, March 27th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Jeri Boston Birthday deceased (Husband ~ Mike)

Thursday, March 28th Holy Thursday

7:00p.m. (SJ) + Mary Yazombek 9yrs. Deceased (Babe Shultz)

Friday, March 29th Good Friday

3:00p.m. (SJ) Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Novena

7:00p.m. (SJ) Commemoration of the Lords' Passion

Saturday, March 30th, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Derek Feller 30th Birthday deceased (The Homer Family)

11:00a.m. (SM) + Tom Gianangeli (Tom, John, Anthony & Vince)

Extra Confession time added for Holy Week:

Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm St. John's.



Lord, bless and protect those serving our

country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzell, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt.

Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pv89env) \$3974Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Corporal Vincent J. Kolenich II, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beverdidge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook

CARING CRAFTERS BAKE SALE AND 50/50

Don't forget about the bake sale after the 9:30am and 11:00am masses this weekend (Palm Sunday)! 50/50 winner will be drawn after the 11:00am mass. Caring Crafters will meet this Wednesday at 5:30pm in St. John Church Hall. All are welcome!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of March 16/17

St. Mary's: Adult (53env) \$1,918, Loose \$159, Easter Flowers (2env) \$40, Rice Bowl (2env) \$45, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$85, Grade School (1env) \$25, Building Fund (6env) \$160, Food Pantry (1env) \$25, Candles \$3.75

St. John's: Adult (107env) \$3,094, Loose \$346, Easter (3env) \$35, Easter Flowers (18env) \$295, Holy Thursday (1env) \$2, Good Friday (1env) \$10, Catholic Relief (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (6env) \$72, Grade School (4env) \$90, CWC Dues (1env) \$5, Building Fund (1env) \$10, Candles \$96.66



REMEMBER
in your prayers

PRAYER LIST

Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names*

will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Pat Tedeschi, Ed and Rose Grammar, Irene Lloyd, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Bryan Grimm, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Christian White, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Sandy Fijalkowski, Ted Corder, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Gilbert Patt, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Sally Traversa, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Herk Sparachane, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Margaret Biernot, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, James Jeter, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, Dan Busack, John Hanasky, Anna Johnson, Beverly, Beau Boston, Mary De Genova, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Susy Sands, Laine Castello, Sandy Grimm, Theresa Baker, Kevin West, Gwen Brown, Jack Selmon



SJC ACADEMY PAINT & SIP

The St. John Central Academy PTO is hosting a Paint and Sip from 1 to 4pm this Sunday, March 24th at Vino de Piccin in Bridgeport. Cost is \$40 dollars per person and includes canvas, painting supplies, snacks, one glass of wine and a door prize entry. There will also be a Chinese Auction. There are limited spots available, so please call or text 740-381-4202 to RSVP today!

PALM SUNDAY





Holy Week

We enter into Holy Week and walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Have you attended all the Triduum services? Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil? If not, why not go for it?

40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you to all who signed up for an hour so that we could have 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic adoration! It's always a highlight of our Lenten observance and a source of strength and renewal for all of us. Let's see if we can't expand our adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to more than one day a week. Think what a difference it would make if each one of us could commit to one hour of adoration every week. Our faith in the Eucharist is our strength and power for renewal!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY

We won't meet this week but we will begin meeting again for the last three sessions on Sunday, April 7. It's not too late to join us! It's been a great blessing so far.

HELP NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Helpers need to prep Easter Egg hunt and on Easter Sunday setting out eggs. Call or text (740) 298-4158. Thanks!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms at all the masses.

6:00pm Palm Sunday Choir Fest—South Bellaire Methodist Church

Tuesday, March 26 : Tuesday of Holy Week

No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's

2:00pm Chrism Mass—Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. The three holy oils used in the Church's sacraments are blessed and the priests of the diocese renew their promises from their ordination.

7:00pm Ecumenical Tenebrae Service - Faith Fellowship Church (3450 Belmont St, Bellaire)

Wednesday, March 27: Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30pm - 7:30pm - Confession (SJ)

Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. John's Church. The Washing of the Feet after the homily. Reception of the holy oils blessed by Bishop Bradley at the Chrism Mass. The procession of the Eucharist to the Chapel of Repose after communion. Church open for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

9:30am - Cross Walk - begins and ends at Gazebo in the city park in Bellaire. We take turns carrying a wooden cross around the downtown on Bellaire, making fourteen stops.

12:00pm - Shadyside Ecumenical Good Friday Service - The 7 Last Words of Jesus - Shadyside Community Center

3:00pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Divine Mercy Novena - St. John's Church.

7:00pm - Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion - St. John's Church. According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated today. The celebration of the Lord's passion consists of three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land is taken up.

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

9:00am - The Office of Readings - St. John's Church.

10:00am Practice for Easter Vigil (SJ)

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena - St. John's Church.

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - St. John's. The Blessing of the Fire, Lighting of the Easter candle, the Easter Proclamation, the Readings that describe the history of salvation, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. St. John's Church

11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church

Easter Egg Hunt for the children after each mass.

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena - St. John's Church.

"Holy Week is the heart of the Church year. The liturgies of the Church observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life, and of all creation along with him."

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 24, 2024



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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PALM SUNDAY



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Travelling? Never miss a weekend mass by finding mass times near your destination. Just go to masstimes.org and enter the city, state or zip code of the place you'll be visiting. And bring Fr. Dan back a bulletin!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Sunday / March 31, 2024

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

(Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Or:

Clear out the old yeast,
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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CCC 638-655, 989, 1001-1002: the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection

CCC 647, 1167-1170, 1243, 1287: Easter, the Lord's Day

CCC 1212: the Sacraments of Initiation

CCC 1214-1222, 1226-1228, 1234-1245, 1254: Baptism

CCC 1286-1289: Confirmation

CCC 1322-1323: Eucharist



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE **The People of Life, Born from the Cross**

"When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier "pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The "giving up" of the spirit describes Jesus' death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the "gift of the Spirit", by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life.

It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ's side - is continually given to God's children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the "people of life" is born and increases" (The Gospel of Life, n.51).



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Toribio Romo

St. Toribio Romo González (1900 – 1928) was born in Santa Ana de Guadalupe, near Jalisco, Mexico. He entered seminary at the age of 13 and was ordained a priest in 1922 when he was only

22. As a priest, he dedicated himself to serving the faithful in the midst of the Cristero War, a period of intense religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920s and 1930s.

Despite the danger posed by the anti-Catholic government, Romo continued to carry out his pastoral duties. He provided sacraments, offered spiritual guidance, promoted devotion to the Eucharist, and was frequently forced more and more to do so in secret or under the cover of night. He became known for his compassion and selflessness, often risking his own safety to bring consolation and hope to the persecuted Catholic community, and catechesis, as well as the Eucharist, to the poor.

In the late 1920's, a formal law was passed that imposed strict penalties on priests who were found exercising their priestly ministries. Despite the risks, Romo continued to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to those in remote areas. For a time, he had to hide in an abandoned distillery in the town of Tequila in order to avoid violence, and celebrated Mass there for the community.

Tragically, on February 25, 1928, Romo was murdered. He was shot twice by government troops who broke into his bedroom while he was asleep. His martyrdom became a powerful testimony to the enduring strength of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the face of discrimination. St. Toribio Romo, pray for us! © LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. *How does your faith help you through*

professional or family challenges?

Second Reading: Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. *How well do you practice these Christian virtues?*

Gospel: We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. *How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?* ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

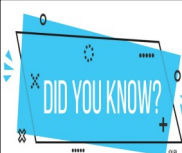
How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16 ©LPi

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen. ©LPi



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What Italian word for Mary means "My Lady"?

Answer: Madonna.

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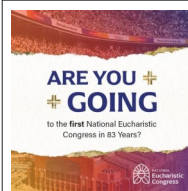
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Communion Wafer

Question: *Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?*

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential. ©LPi



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See brochure on church bulletin boards for more info!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sacrifice for Others

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member. This is certainly radical stewardship.

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation. © LPi

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/P 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



The Parish Office will be closed for Good Friday and the Monday after Easter!



HOUSE BLESSINGS

Fr. Dan is scheduling annual house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed please sign up at the church entrances and Fr. Dan will schedule a time to come and bless your home and family.

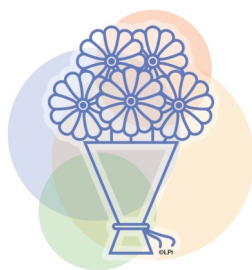
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Order forms are available in the back of the church. To place an order, fill out the order form, include your payment, and drop in the collection basket. You may also place an order through any St. Mary's student. The last date to order is Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Flowers will be available for pick up on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from the hours of 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's parking lot.

If you have any questions, you may call the school office at 633-5424.

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Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its

owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal.

Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parishes have a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our patron is St. Martin de Porres. We are called the "St. Martin de Porres Conference". A "conference" is the basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the parish level and is made

up of parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church basement. We respond to requests for assistance that come to the parish office.

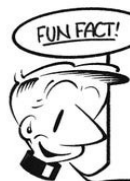
Do you or someone you know need assistance? You can reach someone from the St. Vincent de Paul society by calling or texting 740-340-8540.

Would you like to learn more about our conference? Call the number for more information or come to one of our meetings. neighbors. Come check it out!

"Why did Mother Superior order new clothes for the convent during Lent?"



"It's the season of improved habits."



A "habit" is the word used for the uniform worn by certain men and women religious, a way to demonstrate being set apart for the Lord.

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We have begun our Spiritual Adoption Program to pray every day over the next nine months for a baby that is in danger of abortion and his/her parents. Sign up with your name and your adopted baby's name on the sheets at the church entrances and take a copy of the daily prayer.





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