

St. Joseph Parish

March 28, 2021

*Palm
Sunday*

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
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"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.
Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass
10:30 a.m.

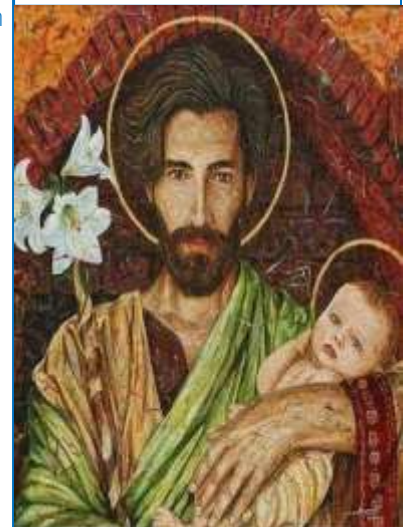
Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor
Come Join Us

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30p.m.
By the East Church
Door parking lot





Dear Parish Family:

As we enter into the holiest days of our Christian faith, we are invited to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. As we walk and pray with Christ and our Parish family through the events of Holy Week, may your faith be enriched and strengthened, so with our Church we may be bold and courageous witnesses of the Crucified and Risen Lord!

Thank you for the support of your parish community and for your generous Easter gifts. Your generosity keeps our parish ministries alive! Thank you!

I'm praying for you and your families.

In the Peace of Holy Week,
Msgr. Kevin

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY – Distribution of Blessed Palms at all services

Saturday, March 27:

- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass Indoors
- For those staying at home, our Palm Sunday You Tube Mass will be online at 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 28:

- 7:00 AM Mass Indoors
- 8:30 AM Mass on the Grass
- 10:30 AM – Mass Indoors
- 11:45 PM – 12:30 PM Drive-Thru in the parking lot with the Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion
washing) and Procession of the Eucharist is not permitted due to Covid restrictions.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES CONTINUED:

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1:

- 7:00 PM - **Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Church.** The annual Mandatum (foot washing) and Procession of the Eucharist is not permitted due to Covid restrictions.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2:

- 1:30 PM outside in the courtyard. Bring your own chair and mask!
- **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Distribution of Holy Communion.**
- Liturgy will be zoomed live with a link sent later in the week.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

- The only Mass allowed is the Easter Vigil at night. No 5:00 PM Mass. Due to Covid **restrictions, this year's Easter Vigil and initiation of the Elect is only for the** Catechumens and their families. The Mass is closed to the public.
- The YouTube Easter Mass will be posted at 8:00 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

- 7:00 AM Indoor Easter Mass. Reservations required – see below.
- 8:30 AM Outside Easter Mass on the Grass. Bring your own lawn chair and mask.
- 10:30 AM Indoor Easter Mass. Reservations required – see below.
- 11:45 AM – 12:30 – Drive-Thru in the parking lot with the distribution of Easter Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Confessions will be heard outside the east door of the Church – facing the parking lot on the following days:

Saturday, March 27: 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Monday, March 29: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 30: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 31: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

RESERVATIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY INDOOR MASSES:

Due to Covid restrictions, we are only allowed 25% capacity in the church, approximately 125 people. **Like most parishes, St. Joseph's will require online reservations to attend the indoor Easter Mass.** You can sign up for a maximum of 6 people in your family. When we reach capacity, the online site will say SOLD OUT! Please print out your reservation or download the reservation confirmation to your mobile device to show at the church door. We encourage most parishioners to attend the 8:30 AM outdoor Mass – no reservations required. Just bring your lawn chair and Mask! The Eventbrite site to make reservations for the Easter Sunday indoor Masses will open Monday March 29, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Click the link below:

stjosephlb.eventbrite.com

A BLESSED HOLY WEEK TO ALL!

March 28, 2021

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

A PREVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philippians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.

SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

. . . AND INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16
Isaiah 50:4–7
Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24
Philippians 2:6–11
Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

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Did you know?



Abusive behavior is nonconsensual

The term “consensual” implies that a person freely agrees to do something and understands what they are consenting to do. When it comes to child abuse, no child can give consent, or freely agree, to engage in inappropriate behavior with an older person – however children can be manipulated such that it appears they have consented in some way out of **deference to the abuser’s authority**. This is why abuse often involves misuse or abuse of power over a victim and can be accomplished through a range of inappropriate behaviors that give the abuser the upper hand. To read more from the **VIRTUS®** article “Early Identification is Crucial,” visit iacatholics.org/did-you-know

Meditation Group

St. Joseph’s Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744

Movement For A Better World

“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor 9:11.

March 27-28: Easter Food and Book

Distribution: A huge Thank You to everyone who helped and contributed to our food and gift distributions for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! We brought hope and gratitude to 80 families and over 175 children.

The compassionate heart and determination of our parish during this extraordinary holiday season was on full display!

April 14, 7:00 PM Committee Meeting: Join our online gathering to help us to celebrate and **LEARN** from possibly the ministry’s **MOST** extraordinary program year. Refocus on the status of current ministry needs and personal and financial stewardship.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to our supported families. May we keep you informed of those opportunities? Can you help with a COVID-safe delivery of items? Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

kindness is a language
THAT THE DEAF CAN HEAR
AND THE BLIND CAN SEE

Mark Twain

Book Club



Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace by Valerie Schultz

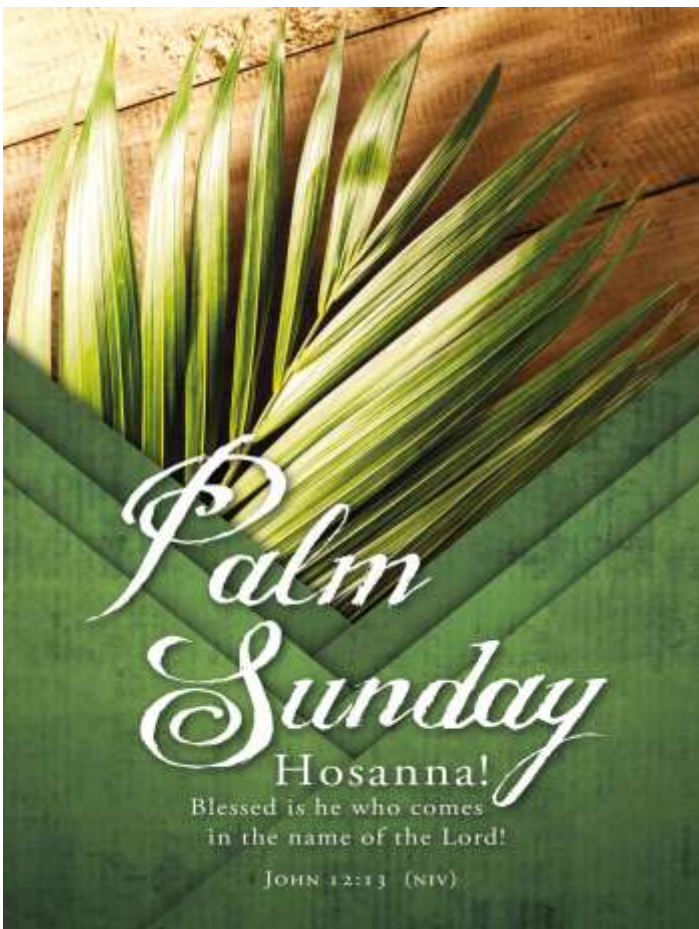
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Our next Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm.

In *Overdue* Valerie Schultz shares her experience in prison ministry and how she learned to see the prisoners as human beings. They possessed all the gifts and flaws that define humanity. Every single one of them a human being created and loved by God. It was no challenge to find God in all things in prison because God was palpably everywhere.

All are welcome!

For more info. email: agoodlife@msn.com



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RCIA

Catechumens:



Shan



Amy



Justin



Sara



Zachary

Candidates:



Charleen



Anthony



Marin



Matt

RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you.

Strengthen their faith.
Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God.

We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen!

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DATES - TIMES - LOCATION

Thursday's starting April 15th (11 weeks) on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Study materials are ordered in advance so please register by emailing msanty@verizon.net or calling 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials by April 9th.

COST - REGISTRATION

\$25 for Materials

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