NATIVITY OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

9945 Hillview Drive Pensacola, Florida 32514 850-477-3221 office@nativityofourlordcc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am Sunday: 4:30pm Catholic Argos Mass Daily Mass: Monday ~ Friday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am ~ 5:00pm Friday: 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

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Deacon's Blog

Palms

"On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. Let's take a look at the pilgrimage of the *palmeros*."

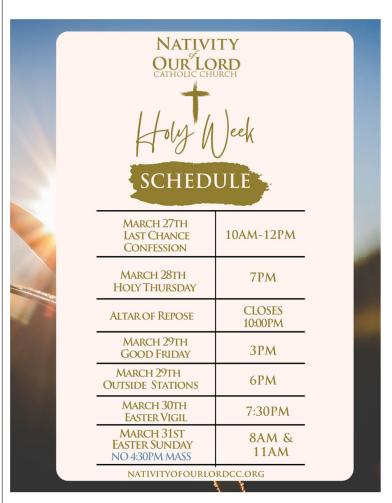
"In Peru, there is an intense preparation for Holy Week. A delegation of twelve palmeros, representing the Twelve Apostles set out on a three-day pilgrimage across the Andes to Peru's high jungle region to collect and bring back palm branches for Holy Week. The palmeros must climb rugged terrain as each man carries on the return journey a bundle of palms twice his height, weighing over forty pounds, strapped to his back. On Palm Sunday, the branches from this pilgrimage are blessed by a priest. A portion of the palms are set aside for Good Friday, while the rest are used to adorn the *pasos* (floats) that will carry the statues of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary." ¹

"The dictionary tells us that that the palm tree gets its name from the way its open branches resemble the human hand. As we begin Holy Week, maybe we should consider not just how we use cut palms to remind us of Christ's entry into Jerusalem but how our own palms, our hands, can carry on what Jesus began."

"Palm Sunday can be challenging for a lot of us, but the biggest challenge may be in realizing that our own palms can do so much. Have we put them to use this Lent to truly prepare our hearts for Easter?" ²

¹ Magnificat, Holy Week 2024, Vol 26, No 1, Holy Week in Peru, James Monti, pg. 9 ² Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions, January, February, March 2024, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 24, The Palms in Our Hands, Dcn. Greg Kandar









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Father Hank's Pick of the Week



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

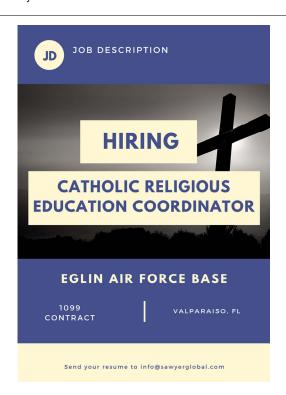
With Friends Like These...

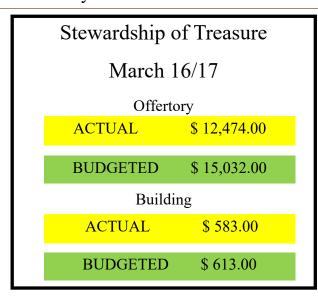
"This year, we hear the Passion from the gospel of Mark. One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus being abandoned by his disciples. First. the leaders of the disciples cannot even support Jesus in his agony in the garden: They fall asleep, three times. Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them, Peter, who denies Jesus three times, and the crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified."

"What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners, who needed Jesus. When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God—that is when God can help us, if we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done. Instead simply agree that you need his help. God loves sinners who know they need his forgiveness and don't deserve it."

"But maybe you have already been forgiven and wonder what's next. Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: the centurion proclaiming him Son of God, Joseph giving him a burial place, the women who followed Jesus. These were people who did not claim to be worthy, just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and do what you can."

¹ Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Reflections, The Word in Our Lives, March 24, Palm Sunday





CSA 3/15/24

Goal \$72,250.00

Pledged \$55,884.70

Given \$39,234.98

98 parishioners participating



Please call the parish office to add someone to the Prayer List.

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 25

6:00pm Spanish Rosary

6:30pm Exodus 90 Men's Group

6:30pm Grupo de Hombres en Espanol

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am Tuesday Morning Craft Group

10:00am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Wednesday, March 27

4:00pm SVDP Meeting

5:00-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Holy Thursday, March 28

No Daily Mass

7:00pm Mass

Good Friday, March 29

Office Closed

No Daily Mass

3:00pm Veneration of the Cross

6:00pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS District Free Throw Competition

24 February 2024



Congratulations to our District Level Free Throw winners!!

Abigail Thomas and Francis Solomon

Awards presented by District Deputy George Elliott

Prayer Petitions:

Adriana Ayala, Randy Baxley, Daisy Bayona, Nada Bijelic, David Bond, Dot Boroden, Deb Bush, Tony Butera, Donna George, Betty Gilmer, Mike Glasscock, Ray Goodwin, Isabelle Greehy, Cecilia Guenther, Kay Hazuga, Don Hirth, Jim Hudson, Bill and Sandy Kambic, Sarah Katis, Frank and Ginny Kelly, Brin Kloster, Akema Kurokawa, Dick Lacasse, Molly Lacasse, Johanna Lae, Dottie Lewis, Anastasia and Evangelina Lince, Rosemary Maher, Waltraud Melzer, Roger Merritt, Fr. Mooney, Ronni Nichol, Kenneth Pace, Olivia Pepin, James Rigney, Christopher Roan, Cheryl Robertson, Bert Ruege, Suzie Saba, Mary Sanderson, Linda Seidl, Vete Senkus, Josephine Jean Simpson, Ann Sloan, Bert and Marlene Smith, Anecia Solano, Lee Steffensmeier, Angie Stokes, Thayer Family, Glenda Thompson, Daniel Thrush, Amanda Trippi, Roxanna Watson, Daniel Watz, Bill Webster

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Bereavement Ministry

Jim Guttmann, jmguttmann2@gmail.com

Burse Club

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jeff Comeau, 476-9139

Exodus 90 Men's Group

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037 Greeters/Ushers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Homebound Ministry

Deacon John Jacobs, 850-477-3221

Music Ministry

music@nativityofourlordcc.org

Parish Pastoral Council

John Barberi

Charlie Code

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

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Raul Gonzalez-Diaz, 787-608-2684

Gary Lee

Chyloe Morgan

Maritza Arancibia

Parish Finance Council

John Willem, Chairperson

Steve Schroll, Secretary

Steve Peranich

Greg Newchurch

Lectors

Parish Office, 477-3221

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus

George Kasztelan, Grand Knight 850-982-2619

Nativity Council of Catholic Women Barbara Nawrot, President, 210-749-6024

presnativityccw@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Weds. At 4pm in the

Parish Office. All Welcomed.

Helpline, 850-377-982

Parish Reaching Out

Catholic Argos

www.catholicargos.com

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month 9:00am ~ 12:00pm in the church

First Monday Confession

 $5:30pm \sim 6:30pm$ in the church

First Saturday Bilingual Mass

9:30am followed by rosary

Online Giving go to: www.nativityofourlordcc.org and click

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Faith Formation

Religious Education

faith@nativityofourlordcc.org <u>Sunday</u>: 9:30-10:45am 1st ~ 9th grade **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Sunday: 9:30 ~ 10:45am

Catholic Campus Ministries (UWF)

Fr. Raymond Herard. 850-477-3221

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)

Contact the parish office

Sacraments

If you are in need of receiving one of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

HOLY THURSDAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD. THE SPIRITUAL AND **EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF** PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN ON HOLY THURSDAY FOR THIS PURPOSE. GOOD FRIDAY IS THE ANNUAL PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION MADE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY FATHER. THIS COLLECTION PROVIDES CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS, OUTREACH TO THE POOR, ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND PILGRIMS, AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE OF THE HOLY SHRINES. THROUGH THIS COLLECTION, YOU JOIN CATHOLICS AROUND THE WORLD TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY

WITH THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25 Special Intention Sodalis Residents Requested by Dcn. John Jacobs

Tuesday, March 26 † Nimfa Francia † Requested by Guillermon Francia and Family

> Wednesday, March 27 † Carol and John Bartoszewicz † Requested by Marie Dalfonso

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm Parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord

Friday , March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
No Mass Intention

Holy Saturday, March 30, 7:30pm † Bernice Ridgway † Requested by Her Family

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00am
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
† Dan Flahiff †
Requested by Mary Flahiff

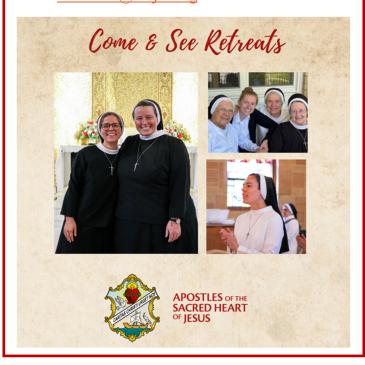
Easter Sunday, March 31, 11:00am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 49th Annual Convention REVIVAL Fri-Sat, AII April Women Are Invited! 19-20 Cathedral Bring your of the daughter, Sacred Heart, or bring Pensacola a friend (who has never been to convention) Hosted by for a Council of special rate Catholic Women ptdccw.ora for all forms & info: Registration, Speakers, Flyers, Raffle, Hotel, & more Friday Saturday DCCW Meeting 3 Dynamic Speakers: Resolutions, By-laws, Elections Msgr Stephen Bosso Speaker: Brenda Dolan · Dr Mary Soha FCCW President · Dr Tom Neal Workshops Music by Adrienne Pelletier **FUN NIGHT** Bishop's Luncheon Dinner & Trivia Games! - Presentation of Burse Club Check Questions? 850-624-6891 or joanwalker02@gmail.com

If you are a young woman between the ages of 18-35 discerning a call to religious life, we invite you to join the *Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* for the weekend of April 12-14!

Mount Sacred Heart (295 Benham St. Hamden, CT 06514)

email: <u>vocations@ascjus.org</u> for more information!





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PARISH HALL, 9945 Hillview Drive, Pensacola, FL

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 13 8:00A - 5:30P Sunday, April 14 9:00A - 1:00P

Come find your treasures at great prices!

Holiday and Home Décor, Linens, Tableware, Kitchenware, Appliances, Books, Jewelry,
Sporting Goods, Tools, Childrens' Items, Furniture and much more!

Don't miss out on our Special Boutique Section and Raffle for a

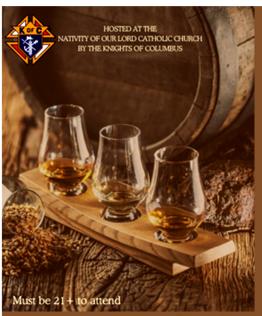
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11A – 1:30P

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BOURBON CURIOUS?

Want to learn about America's finest craft?

Join us for an evening discussing the history and process of bourbon making, while tasting 6 iconic bourbons.

APRIL 19 · 6:30PM PARISH HALL

Advance tickets available before or after Masses, hurry as seating is limited, \$30 recommended donation to attend.

Proceeds will go the purchase of a new nativity set for the inside of our church.

For questions or to reserve your seat, please contact: Shaun Hirsch - 805-439-2058 | George Kasztelon - 850-982-2619 Charlie Code - 850-361-9989 | Richard Jansen 850-393-7146

A relationship of faith and commitment exists between the Catholic Church and its members and the public, whether they are children, young people, adults or elderly. Sexual abuse is this context, or any other relationship, is a matter of grave concern. Knowledge of such abuse requires a special response in order to facilitate the healing process and assure the safety of the community. With this in mind, The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors. These coordinators are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel. VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS: Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area: Dr. Lewis Makarowski, PhD, P.A. (850)477-7181. Tallahassee/Panama City area: James Gagnon, MSW LCSW (850)877-0205. For Spanish speakers - en Espanol: Deacon Santiago Molina, (850)627-2350. Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: (850)435-3536.