

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 9, 2017 A.D.

Monday of Holy Week

7:30-7:50AM

8:00AM

12:00Noon

Confessions in Church

Mass in Church

Mass in Church

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30-7:50AM

8:00AM

12:00Noon

Confessions in Church

Mass in Church

Mass in Church

Wednesdays

7:30-7:50AM

8:00AM

12:00Noon

Confessions in Church

Mass in Church

Mass in Church

Holy Thursday

7:30-7:50AM

8:00AM

7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper in GYM

Afterwards procession to the Church & Night Prayer

9:30-10:00PM

Confessions in Church

Morning Prayer

Confessions in Church

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Church will be open until 11:00PM for Visitation

Good Friday

7:30-7:50AM

8:00AM

9:30AM

12:00-2:50PM

3:00 PM

7:30PM

Confessions in Church

Morning Prayer

March for Life in Englewood

Meditations on the 7 Last Words

Lord's Passion Service in Church

Living Stations of the Cross and

Night Prayer in Church

Holy Saturday

8:00AM

11:00AM-12:00Noon

12:00Noon

7:30PM

Morning Prayer

Confessions in Church

Blessing of Easter Food

Vigil Mass in Church

Easter Sunday Masses

6:30AM SUNRISE SERVICE Mass in Church

7:30AM Mass in Church

8:15AM Latin Mass in Church

9:30AM Mass in Church & Gym

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

10:45AM Mass in Church

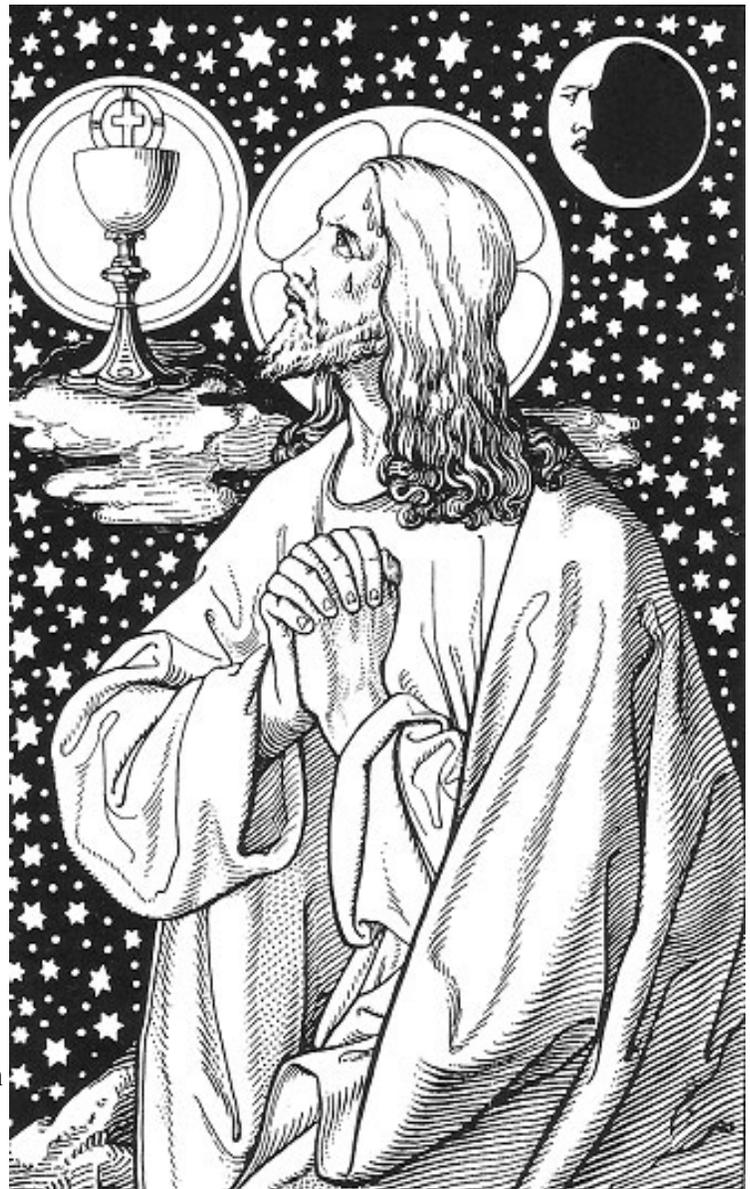
12:00 Noon Mass in Church

12:15PM Mass in Gym

1:00PM Spanish Mass in Church

6:00PM Mass in Church

NO 7:00PM MASS



**By death, He conquered death
and to those in the grave,
He granted life.**



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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**:

Fr. Apostoli, Br. Pius, a little boy—Finn, Sean, William Biasi, John Bolger, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Rosanne Kearney, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaai, Teresa Meierdierks, John Murawski, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Jake Spiegel, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Orville & Yvette Walls, Catherine Wanner.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"When you go to Confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity."

Our Lord to St. Faustina

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 11. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

On Divine Mercy Sunday from 3-4pm, there will be a Holy Hour conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. At 4:15pm there will be **Holy Mass offered by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Innocent CFR.**

Threats to Religious Freedom

On Monday, April 24, 2017, 7:30PM at OLV. If, Religious Liberty is important to not only you, but also your children and grandchildren, please come to this presentation!

Presenter: Former FBI Agent Joseph Kuhns.

COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any communion dresses, suits, headpieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean and on hangers, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Center (Hillsdale) by April 12th or call Kathy 201-666-4185.

BEWARE

- Beware of your thoughts, for they become your words.
- Beware of your words, for they become your actions.
- Beware of your actions, for they become your habits.
- Beware of your habits, for they become your character.
- Beware of your character, for it becomes your destiny.

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group meets on a Tuesday evening each month in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday morning the OLV Youth Group will host an Easter Egg hunt for little Children. The hunt will take place after the 9:30 Masses in the outside area (weather permitting) by the back parking lot entrance of the OLV school building.

GOOD FRIDAY REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of both **Fast and Abstinence** which means only one **(1) full meal is permitted**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On Good Friday **no meat** may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

In REPARATION for ABORTION

A peaceful and prayerful march in reparation for abortion will be held on Good Friday in Englewood. You're invited to join the Legion of Mary and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to pray the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. They will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Demarest Street and Dean Street and march to the abortion clinic at 40 Engle Street. As this is a peaceful event, please do not bring signs or posters.

The Good Friday Collection Explained

The Jerusalem Cross. If you have the opportunity to visit the Holy Land you will see this cross displayed everywhere. The meaning behind the Jerusalem Cross can be explained in many ways. The most famous are its representation of the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ. Another is the large cross representing the Person of Jesus, with the smaller four crosses representing the Four Gospels spread to the Four Corners of the Earth started in the Upper Room, in Jerusalem, more than 2000 years ago on Pentecost. We are blessed with rich and marvelous tradition! The Good Friday collection is taken up once a year and provides the necessary basic cash flow, operating income if you will, to sustain the Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. It is our collective privilege and duty to preserve our tangible heritage in our Christian Holy Land. Please give generously!

QUESTION?

Where do we get the name Roman Catholic? The word Roman is derived from the fact that St. Peter, the first leader of the Church, established the headquarters of the Church in Rome. Being a Roman Catholic does not in any sense infer Roman citizenship. We are American Catholics in communion with The Church which has its center in Rome.

HELP EVANGELIZE

Why not face it? Most Catholics shy away from publicly engaging in evangelization. Those who know their faith will hesitate to discuss it with strangers, and those who don't know their faith as well as they should, usually find themselves running for cover when they think they may be asked to engage in evangelization. A simple way to help bring former Roman Catholics back to the practice of their faith might be as simple as, taking an extra bulletin home with you and giving it to a neighbor who hasn't been to Mass since last Christmas or Easter. Invite them back to Mass; let them know what is going on at our/(YOUR) parish.

**Quit griping about your church;
if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Apr 11 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
Apr 11-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Apr 12—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
Apr 12 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Apr 13 - Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM
Apr 14—Good Friday – Passion Service 3:00PM
Apr 14—Good Friday—Living Stations 7:30PM
Apr 18—Tue - Cardinal Tobin Mass/Reception 7:30PM St. Mary Church
Apr 24—Mon—Presentation "Threats to Freedom of Religion" 7:30PM
May 21—Sun - 2:00PM -Confirmation

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
1st Lieutenant Thomas Iafate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

CLOTHING BINS

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted clothing and shoes to the Catholic Charities bin located on the property? If you do, you have made the connection.

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Men

Quo Vadis Retreat, June 27-30. Discernment retreat for Catholic young men in High School. Cost: \$100. Scholarships available. Register by June 9th. Information and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/quovadis.

10:2 Retreat, August 18-25. A week of discernment, discipleship, fraternity, and service for Catholic men ages 18-25. Hosted at Emmaus Farm, Eastern Kentucky. Cost: \$250. Financial assistance available. Info and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/102. Archdiocese of Newark—Office of Vocations for Diocesan Priesthood 973-313-6190.

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Women

Friday, April 21 at 7:00PM –Sunday, April 23 at 9:00AM. "Come if you love." **Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat** with Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. For women 17—30 years old. Weekend includes talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer with our Lord, as well as many opportunities to meet, share and pray with our Sisters. Location: St. Francis Convent, Alton, IL. For more info or to register (by April 17) contact vocations@altonfranciscans.org. \$15 suggested donation.

Friday, May 19—Sunday, May 21, optional day with the sisters Monday, May 22 departing Tuesday, May 23. Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, for single women 18-35, at the Delegate House, Parsippany, NJ. For more info visit www.franciscansisters.com. Look under "Becoming a Sister."

**Growing old is hard work, The mind says "yes"
but the body says "what were you thinking"!!!**

EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE

ON EASTER SUNDAY—6:30AM MASS

MEET CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN

Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, will visit our deanery on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. All parishioners are invited to attend Mass at 7:30PM at Church of St. Mary in Closter followed by a light reception. Let's have a good representation of OLV parish to welcome Cardinal Tobin.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Newark is helping the children of St. Joseph's Catholic school in Jersey City to collect Box Tops for Education. This program was launched by General Mills to help support students and schools across the country. St. Joseph School is trying to collect 200,000 box tops which equates to \$20,000 for an outdoor electronic sign. The students want all to know their school, as well as using this sign to evangelize. OLV is helping with this endeavor. To donate any box tops to this cause, please mail or drop off at the rectory.

Don Bosco Prep Open House

Tuesday, April 25, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey) 6:30-8:30PM, for prospective freshmen and transfer students. For info, contact 201-327-8003 or admissions@donboscoprep.org. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

THE SENIOR RESIDENCE AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE OPEN HOUSE Sunday, April 23, 11AM-1PM. 415 5th Avenue, River Edge, NJ.

24-hour staff, 3 meals daily, medication management, safety and peace-of-mind for your family. 201-225-0707. www.StPetersResidence.org.

Catholic Daughters Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship CDA Court 1639 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in September 2017. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Ct, Norwood, NJ 07648. Deadline for application is May 1st.

HAPPY SENTENCES

Prayer is an opportunity for friendship with God.
An ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

A friend is a present you give yourself!

Friend-filled times are fun-filled times!

The more joy we share with others,
the more joy we find ourselves!

FRIENDS

Friendship is one of the prize gems of life, making our lives beautiful, interesting and rewarding. Johann Schiller: "You can never replace a friend, even when a person is fortunate enough to have several, all are pleasingly different." Each worthy person with whom we associate contributes something of value to our lives". Christ binds Christian friends together with the cords of His divine love. The Apostle Paul had many brothers and sisters in the Lord whom he deeply valued and appreciated. All friendship is like silver, but Christian friendship is like gold! A Christian friend possesses a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps. Those who are drawn to Christ will surely be drawn to each other.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Old or "retired" glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

POST-ABORTION COUNSELING

Contact PROJECT RACHEL - 908-925-6442.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

In March of 2018, OLV is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you signed up and did not attend the March 29 meeting or if you are interested in going please get in touch with Deacon Al ASAP.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM - THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is the most important Mass of the year. In the complete ranking of all Catholic Church celebrations, the Triduum occupies the top spot. The Triduum, which begins with Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, concludes on Easter, reaching its climax with the Easter Vigil. If there is one Mass in which Catholics would make an effort to participate every year, it is the Easter Vigil. If you attend Mass on Easter Sunday morning, but miss the Easter Vigil, you have missed the most important celebration of the year. The Easter Vigil celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and the commitment of believers. It has FOUR PARTS. It FIRST begins with a Service of Light. The community of believers gathers in darkness to hear that Christ is our light, shattering the darkness of sin. The SECOND part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear up to nine Scriptural passages that retell the story of salvation, ending with the Gospel of the Resurrection. The THIRD part is the Liturgy of Baptism. Some catechumens have already been listed among the elect, those chosen for baptism this year. They now come forward to be plunged into the waters of new birth. Anointed with Sacred Chrism, they celebrate Confirmation, receiving the strength of God's Spirit for the Christian life. Then all those present in the Church renew their Baptismal promises. Together we pledge our faith in the Resurrection and promise to follow Christ more closely. The Vigil culminates in the FOURTH part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Together with the newly Baptized, we will join in the Holy Eucharist. At the Easter Vigil we recommit ourselves to our faith and rejoice with the newly Baptized.

PALM SUNDAY

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by." "Wouldn't you know it!" the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

THE GIFT

It was the end of the school year, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her pupils. The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it overhead, and said, "I bet I know what it is. Flowers." "That's right!" the boy said, "But, how did you know?" "Oh, just a wild guess," she said. The next pupil was the sweet shop owner's daughter. The teacher held her gift overhead, shook it, and said, "I bet I can guess what it is. A box of sweets." "That's right, but how did you know?" asked the girl. "Oh, just a wild guess," said the teacher. The next gift was from the son of the liquor storeowner. The teacher held he package overhead, but it was leaking. She touched a drop off the leakage with her finger and put it to her tongue. "Is it wine?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with some excitement. The teacher repeated the process, tasting a larger drop of the leakage. "Is it champagne?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with more excitement. The teacher took one more big taste before declaring, "I give up, what is it?" With great glee, the boy replied, "It's a puppy! SURPRISE!"

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10—St. Fulbert of Italy—Bishop of Chartres

8:00 George and Sally Kasper R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Frank Quinn R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn

Tuesday, April 11— St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 Mary Kaiser R/b Robert and Dianne Kaiser
12:00 Philip Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family

Spy Wednesday, April 12— St. Julius of Italy - Pope

8:00 Ted Gormley R/b the Gormley Family
12:00 Ned and Mary Hayes-5th Anniversary
R/b Deacon Al and Mary Clare McLaughlin

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13—Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30PM (Gym) Marie Hildebrandt R/b the Zaccaro Family
Frank and Patricia Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14 - No Mass today.

3:00PM Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion
7:30PM Living Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15 – VIGIL MASS ONLY

7:30PM Frank and Patricia Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family
Ricciardi, Bertoglio & Andreone Families R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Mass in Church:

6:30 Burruano and Hellrigel Families R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
7:30 William Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano
8:15 Evanella and Toleno Families R/b Greg and Susan Evanella
9:30 Jorden and Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family
10:45 Edward Pavlu R/b the Kip Family
12:00 Mary Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
1:00 (Spanish) People of the Parish
6:00 Richard Fabiano R/b the Fabiano Family

Mass in Gym:

9:30 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady
12:15 Zanetti and Walsh Families R/b the Zanetti Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in Thanksgiving for **Sister Elizabeth** r/b The OLV Class of 1966.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for the soul of **Fr. Robert Pachana**.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Fr. Pachana**.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week in memory of **Ned and Mary Hayes**, r/b the McLaughlin Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the **men and women who serve in our armed forces**.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns in memory of **Fr. John Laskoski**.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Bob Shortal** r/b the Holy Name Society.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of **Msgr. James Sheehan**, r/b the Holy Name Society.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Lord help me to want to be what you want me to be."

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and following her example each of us must ever learn afresh to say fiat – Be it done unto me according to your word. **Most Reverend John Myers—Archbishop of Newark**

Kidz Korner Answers

1. St. Paul.
2. Golgotha.
3. Barabbas.
4. Two thieves.
5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist

Question????

What do the letters INRI stand for on the top of a crucifix? The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews) which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? Channel 73 is EWTN – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 73 for a welcome change.

“PENANCE”

We all know that we need to be sorry for our sins, and yet we seem to know it much less than we used to. Personal penance, which in some way was painful or unpleasant, used to be part of the Christian life. For Catholics, it meant fasting, extra prayers, generosity to the poor, and just putting up with life without complaining. Somehow, in the last few decades, we moved away from any unpleasantness in fulfilling our Christian duties. We felt we had to have cushy, padded kneelers in church. We now have practically no Eucharistic fast, and our current Lenten fast would have brought laughter to the early Christians or even to those of the early twentieth century. Penance is supposed to be tough. As the three sacred days of Holy Week approach, those of us in the hospital have little opportunity to do traditional penances. Because of illness, we also feel that we are doing enough. Perhaps a lot of other people who are not in the hospital but who have severe problems, heavy crosses, or chronic difficulties with family all feel that they too are doing enough. But this is a time to do more, or to do better what we always do, and to do it with much love for Christ. Because of the film *The Passion of the Christ*, millions of people have a better awareness of what Christ suffered for us. Penance is the scriptural way of showing one's gratitude. Fr. Benedict Groeschel CFR

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast. Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life. The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

**Be thankful for the bad things in life,
for they opened your eyes to the good things
you weren't paying attention to before.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 23

Led by the

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

Sunday, April 23, is the feast of DIVINE MERCY. Beginning at 3:00PM OLV will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Devotions associated with the Day. Confessions will be heard during the hour to fulfill OUR LORD'S request. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

There will be an additional Mass at the end of the Holy Hour approx at 4:15PM on Sunday, April 23. This Mass will be offered by Fr. Innocent CFR.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is something that a lot of people talk about, but to have integrity, it takes more than talk. It's easy to show integrity when things are going good. The real test of a person's integrity is how they perform under adversity. The winners in life realize that life is interconnected – that the things you do today will come back to you at some point. So even when things are going bad, winners perform with integrity. They realize that a good reputation is worth far more than any momentary gain that taking advantage of someone might bring them. Basically, integrity comes from having a sincere respect for yourself and respect for other people. And when you have integrity, you'll develop relationships that will carry you wherever you want to go.— Ralph Marston

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society meets every second Sunday of the month for Mass at 9:30AM, followed by a meeting, bagels and coffee in the lower church. We welcome new members. Did you know that the Holy Name Society is a world-wide Confraternity of the Catholic Church, founded by Pope Gregory and later by Pope Pius IV. Interested? Come down after the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Catholic Population

In first place is Brazil, with 165 million Catholics. Next come Mexico (99 million), the Philippines (75 million), and then the U.S. (70 million). The others in the top 10, in order of population, are Italy, France, Spain, Colombia, Argentina, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The last is a surprise to me. The DRC (not to be confused with the neighboring Republic of the Congo) has 37 million Catholics. That's almost exactly the population of California, and it is greater than the number of Catholics in Poland (by about 200,000) and in Germany (by 12 million). Other African countries with more than 10 million Catholics are Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

Answers on page four