

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 2, 2023 A.D.

Monday of Holy Week

7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Mass
12:00Noon Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Mass
12:00Noon Mass

Spy Wednesday

7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Mass
12:00Noon Mass

Holy Thursday

7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church
Chapel of Adoration (lower Church) open until 11:00PM (for visitation)

Good Friday

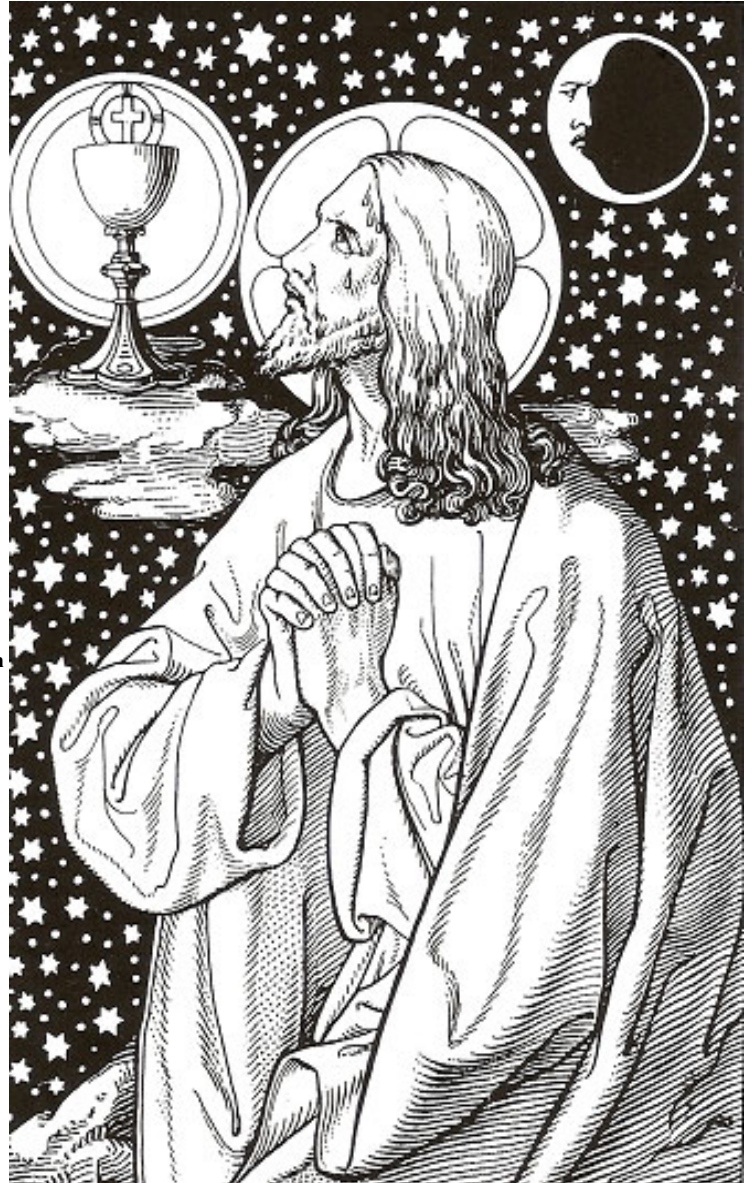
7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Morning Prayer
12:00PM Meditations on the 7 Last Words
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Church
7:30PM Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

7:30-7:50AM Confessions
8:00AM Morning Prayer
11:00AM-12:00Noon Confessions
12:00Noon Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets
8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses

7:00AM Mass
8:00AM Latin Mass
9:30AM Mass
10:00AM Family Mass (gym)
10:45AM Mass
12:00 Noon Mass
1:00PM Spanish Mass
6:00PM Mass



**While the world changes,
the Cross stands firm.**

– St. Bruno

**Unless there is a Good Friday in your life,
there can be no Easter Sunday.**

– Ven. Abp. Fulton Sheen

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

Matins of the Resurrection



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

With what passion Jesus loved us to go through the whole Passion for us. With this week being Holy Week, we are heading towards the greatest solemnity there ever was and ever will be - Resurrection. Resurrection gives meaning to everything. May this Holy Week bring us all to not only Christ's victory over His death, but also to the victory over our death. If you have not done anything this entire Lent, this week you still have a chance and you'd better take these words of Venerable Julia Navarrete Guerrero seriously: "I used to approach Jesus frequently saying, 'What do you wish from me?' He would reply, 'that you die to yourself, that you rise above your worldly interests; die to everything, even to those affections that seem to be holy, live at a level where life's contradictions don't disturb you, where attentions don't flatter you. Seek only God and His interests.'"

HOLY Holy Week!

APART FROM THE CROSS, THERE IS NO OTHER LADDER BY WHICH WE MAY GET TO HEAVEN ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, April 15, at 10AM in Church

OLV parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include the administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Afterward there will be a light lunch in the lower church. All elderly and sick are invited – please contact the rectory at 201-768-1706 so we can properly plan for the event. The Anointing of the Sick 'is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.' If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1514-1515).

All the sick of the parish and their caregivers are invited.

2023 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark will honor couples who will celebrate 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2023. The liturgies will be celebrated at 3pm at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark on Sunday, April 16 - 50 years and Sunday, May 7 - 5 & 25 years. Call OLV Rectory to register.

2023 Annual Appeal Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. To date, pledges total \$33,900 toward our parish goal of \$55,441 (if we make stretch goal \$65,143, OLV receives rebate). Please submit your Appeal donation to the OLV rectory, to ensure that our parish receives credit. For info visit olvhp.org and click on 2023 Annual Appeal.

2023 Catechism Lectures with Fr. John A. Pericone

Apr 12 & 26, May 10, Jun 7 & 21 7PM-9PM

What if you are CALLED! ???

For information, call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - even anonymous inquiries or see or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, ext. 11.

Keep your eyes on the crucifix; for Jesus without the cross is a man without a mission, and the cross without Jesus is a burden without a reliever. — Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Holy Week Liturgies (also live streamed)

Holy Thursday 7:30PM

The Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3:00PM

The Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday 9:30AM

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Visit website olvhp.org

Good Friday & 2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of both **Fast and Abstinence** which means only one **(1) full meal is permitted**. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two **(2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On Good Friday **no meat** may be eaten. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The **Fridays of the year, outside of Lent**, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

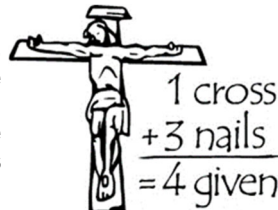
The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023**.

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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 is 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!

At the crucifixion right when the Devil thinks he's defeating God, God defeats him. This is how God takes things that are bad and makes them for good. All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purposes. - Steve Ray from Stations of the Cross



INRI 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.

✦ Cheap Crosses ✦

A missionary in Brazil visited a market town and saw a sign in a store advertising "Cheap crosses for sale". They were selling fast! The hitch is that we may like cheap crosses - no sacrifices, no cost, no pain - but these crosses will never lead us to a life full of resurrection!

Palm Sunday

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Private First Class Sean Keohane
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele
1st Lieutenant Joseph W. Niece
2nd Lieutenant Jack Ottomanielli
US Air Force
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Mark Fredrick
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath
US Navy
Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please **Pray** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the *sick of the 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 Will*: infants Cordelia, Emmet Fischer, Jonathan & Joseph; little boys Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Michael Baruch, Jim Beardsley, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Kevin Columbo, Mary Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Steven DiGrolamo, Lynne Diorio, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Kathleen Falotico, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Mary Foley, Walter Flaherty, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Martin & Mavis Ince, Rob & Dianne Kaiser, Dee Kaiser, Josephine Kasper, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Joseph Koch, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Tom McMullen, Kim McWilliams, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Debra Rendon, Louise & Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub Peggy Shadden, Carole Stonitsch, Mary Ann Torre, Charles Touw, Dan Touw, Mary Ubriaco, Aileen Vassar, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Remy and Silvie, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tina W., Tom, Tara M.

Parish Registration All Roman Catholics over 18 years, even those not living on their own, are expected to officially register in their parish. If you do NOT receive the Easter or Christmas mailing, you are probably NOT registered! For more information, or to obtain a registration form, see a priest or deacon or call or email Maria at the parish office. Why register? We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not wish to receive weekly contribution envelopes, so we can include you on our mailing list. *Only registered members of the parish can enroll a child in Religious Formation, obtain a Sponsor Certificate or Godparent Eligibility Form, or any other recommendations or documentation.* Parents of Catholic School children requesting a parish subsidy are required to be active parishioners both in Mass attendance and financial assistance to this parish. Furthermore, to obtain a Sponsor (Godparent) Certificate, letter of recommendation, or other documentation, you must fulfill any canonical (Church Law) requirements for such documentation.

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations INSIDE the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). Do not leave items outside.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 3 - St. Richard, Bishop

8:00 Joseph and Rose Berlinghieri R/b the Berlinghieri Family
12:00 Intentions of Joan Crowley R/b Bridie Kiene

Tuesday, April 4 - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 John "Pat" Bland R/b the Bland Family
12:00 George McNamara R/b Rita McNamara

Wednesday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest-Patron of Builders

8:00 Mary Marlborough R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Bob Stanchina - 1st Anniversary R/b Mark Porto

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

7:30pm People of the Parish,
Intentions of Daniel Wu

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 - NO MASS (NO MASS INTENTIONS) TODAY

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church)

7:30 Living Stations of the Cross (Church)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8 - VIGIL MASS ONLY (Church)

8:00pm People of the Parish & Families of Fr. Wojciech and Fr. Ed

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9 - 9:30am Live Stream

7:00 Vincent Intintola R/b Marlene Thornton
8:00 *Latin* Deceased Priests and Religious of OLV
9:30 Josephine Ragusa R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet
10:00 John DeJuidice - 1st Anniversary
10:45 Christina Marie Crowley R/b Rich and Leona Hogan
12:00 Frank Muggeo R/b Susan Polles
1:00 Pedro Besava R/b Jose Sanmartin
6:00 Intentions of Richard Bolton R/b Missy and Ed Ege

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions of Danny Derasse, r/b Linda Pinto.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Lydia Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of James Pinto, r/b daughter and son.

My Parish—My Responsibility

Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.* Thank you for your generosity

New to the area? If you are, why not join our ever growing Parish family. Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration".

CCD Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10AM-2PM
Family Mass every Sunday 10AM in OLV Gym

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.

History of Palm Sunday

As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the *Hosanna* (Matthew 21, 1-11). In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olives, which were not, however, blessed in those days.

This *Palm Sunday* procession, and the blessing of *palms*, seems to have originated in the Frankish Kingdom. The earliest mention of these ceremonies is found in the Sacramentary of the Abbey of Bobbio in northern Italy (beginning of the eighth century). The rite was soon accepted in Rome and incorporated into the liturgy. The prayers used today are of Roman origin. A Mass was celebrated in some church outside the walls of Rome, and there the palms were blessed. Then a solemn procession moved into the city to the basilica of the Lateran or to Saint Peter's, where the Pope sang a second Mass. The first Mass, however, was soon discontinued, and in its place only the ceremony of blessing was performed. Even today the ritual of the blessing clearly follows the structure of a Mass up to the Sanctus.

Everywhere in medieval times, following the Roman custom, a procession composed of the clergy and laity carrying palms moved from a chapel or shrine outside the town, where the palms were blessed, to the cathedral or main church. Our Lord was represented in the procession, either by the Blessed Sacrament or by a crucifix, adorned with flowers, carried by the celebrant of the Mass. Later, in the Middle Ages, a quaint custom arose of drawing a wooden statue of Christ sitting on a donkey (the whole image on wheels) in the center of the procession. These statues (Palm Donkey; Palmesel) are still seen in museums of many European cities.

As the procession approached the city gate, a boys' choir stationed high above the doorway would greet the Lord with the Latin song, *Gloria, laus et honor*. This hymn, which is still used today in the liturgy of Palm Sunday, was written by the Benedictine Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans (821):

Glory, praise and honor,
O Christ, our Savior-King,
To thee in glad Hosannas
Inspired children sing.

After this song, there followed a dramatic salutation before the Blessed Sacrament or the image of Christ. Both clergy and laity knelt and bowed in prayer, arising to spread cloths and carpets on the ground, throwing flowers and branches in the path of the procession. The bells of the churches pealed, and the crowds sang the *Hosanna* as the colorful procession entered the cathedral for the solemn Mass.

In medieval times this dramatic celebration was restricted more and more to a procession around the church. The crucifix in the church yard was festively decorated with flowers. There the procession came to a halt. While the clergy sang the hymns and antiphons, the congregation dispersed among the tombs, each family kneeling at the grave of relatives. The celebrant sprinkled holy water over the graveyard, the procession formed again and entered the church. In France and England they still retain the custom of decorating graves and visiting the cemeteries on Palm Sunday.

The inspiring rites and ceremonies of ancient times have long since disappeared, only the sacred texts of the liturgy are still preserved. Today the blessing of palms and the procession (if any) are performed within the churches preceding the Mass. In America, Catholic, and some Episcopal, churches distribute palms to all the congregation.

The various names for the Sunday before Easter come from the plants used—palms (Palm Sunday) or branches in general (Branch Sunday; Domingo de Ramos; Dimanche des Rameaux). In most countries of Europe real palms are unobtainable, so in their place people use many other plants: olive branches (in Italy), box, yew, spruce, willows, and pussy willows. In fact, some plants have come to be called *palms* because of this usage, as the yew in Ireland, the willow in England (palm-willow) and in Germany (Palmkatzchen). - continued next column -

From the use of willow branches Palm Sunday was called *Willow Sunday* in parts of England and Poland, and in Lithuania Verbu Sekmadienis (Willow-twist Sunday). The Greek Church uses the names *Sunday of the Palm-carrying* and *Hosanna Sunday*.

Centuries ago it was customary to bless not only branches but also various flowers of the season (the flowers are still mentioned in the antiphons after the prayer of blessing).^[35] Hence the name *Flower Sunday* which the day bore in many countries - *Flowering Sunday* or *Blossom Sunday* in England, Blumensonntag in Germany, Pasques Fleuris in France, Pascua Florida in Spain, Viragvasarnap in Hungary, Cvetna among the Slavic nations, Zaghkasart in Armenia.

The term Pascua Florida, which in Spain originally meant just Palm Sunday, was later also applied to the whole festive season of Easter Week. Thus the State of Florida received its name when, on March 27, 1513 (Easter Sunday), Ponce de Leon first sighted the land and named it in honor of the great feast. - catholicculture.org

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. - catholicculture.org

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.
2. Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
3. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).
4. The Roman Catholic Church considers the palms to be sacramentals. Parishioners take the palms home and place them on their crosses. They remain there throughout the year, and they are returned to the Church before Ash Wednesday to be burned for ashes.
5. Palm branches symbolize peace and victory.

A Little PALM SUNDAY Humor ...

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!"

Five Sacred Wounds

Private revelation to St. Bridget of Sweden indicated that all the wounds Our Lord suffered added up to 5,480. She began to pray 15 prayers each day in honor of each of these wounds, their total after a year being 5,475; these "Fifteen Prayers of St. Bridget of Sweden" are still prayed today. Likewise, in Southern Germany, it became the practice to pray 15 Our Fathers a day in honor of Christ's wounds so that by the end of a year, 5,475 Paters were prayed.

The five main wounds He suffered, though -- the wound in each Foot, the wound in each Hand, and the wound in His Side caused by St. Longinus' lance -- are symbolic of all the wounds, and special devotion to them arose very early on. St. John is said to have appeared to Pope Boniface II (d. A.D. 532) and revealed a special Mass -- the "Golden Mass" -- in honor of Christ's Five Wounds, and it is the effect of these Five Wounds that are most often produced in the bodies of the men and women who imitate Him best -- the stigmatics. St. Francis being the first of these, his spiritual daughter, St. Clare, developed a strong devotion to the Five Wounds, as did the Benedictine St. Gertrude the Great, and others.

Christ bore these Five Wounds after the Resurrection, when He allowed St. Thomas to cure his doubts by touching the wound in His side, and He bears these wounds even now, in Heaven. Aquinas gives five reasons why this is so:

In the first place, for Christ's own glory. For Bede says in Luke 24:40 that He kept His scars not from inability to heal them, "but to wear them as an everlasting trophy of His victory." Hence Augustine says: "Perhaps in that kingdom we shall see on the bodies of the Martyrs the traces of the wounds which they bore for Christ's name: because it will not be a deformity, but a dignity in them; and a certain kind of beauty will shine in them, in the body, though not of the body."

Secondly, to confirm the hearts of the disciples as to "the faith in His Resurrection."

Thirdly, "that when He pleads for us with the Father, He may always show the manner of death He endured for us."

Fourthly, "that He may convince those redeemed in His blood, how mercifully they have been helped, as He exposes before them the traces of the same death."

Lastly, "that in the Judgment day He may upbraid them with their just condemnation." Hence, as Augustine says: "Christ knew why He kept the scars in His body. For, as He showed them to Thomas who would not believe except he handled and saw them, so will He show His wounds to His enemies, so that He who is the Truth may convict them, saying: 'Behold the man whom you crucified; see the wounds you inflicted; recognize the side you pierced, since it was opened by you and for you, yet you would not enter.'

Honor is shown to these Sacred Wounds in many ways -- from the 5 grains of incense inserted into the Paschal Candle, to the custom of dedicating each Pater said in the body of the Dominican Rosary to one of the Five Wounds. They are symbolized in art by the Jerusalem Cross, 5 circles on a Cross, 5 roses, the 5-pointed star. They're also depicted in art quite explicitly.

The 5 wounds are seen as symbolized by many things in nature, too -- from the stamens of the Passion Flower, to the Sand Dollar, to the 5 seeds found in the almost perfect 5-pointed star in a cross-sectioned apple.

- Livefatima.io

KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the Sunday before Easter Sunday called?
2. What is Palm Sunday?
3. Why is Palm Sunday called Palm Sunday?
4. What happens to the palms after Palm Sunday?
5. What do palm branches symbolize? **Answers on page 4.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16

Sunday, April 16, is the feast of DIVINE MERCY. **Beginning at 2:45PM OLV will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and at 3PM the DIVINE MERCY devotions. Confessions will be heard during that hour to fulfill OUR LORD'S request. The Holy Hour will conclude at approximately 4PM with the Holy Mass.**

Are you an **ADULT** without **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*).

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church.

If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

Start your marriage at the altar with God

"wedding" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

Start your married life with God and receive grace for your married life through Sacramental Marriage in Church. In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. **Were you married only civilly** by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance? should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For personal and confidential assistance call the following :

Archdiocesan Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350

Gateway Pregnancy Center: Phone: 908-353-0604

Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379

Birthright: 800-550-4900 Lifecall: 800-662-2678

Sisters of Charity 15th Annual Golf Outing - May 1 at Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club, Livingston, NJ. \$400/golfer-\$1500/foursome. Includes brunch, golf, cocktails & dinner. Cocktails & dinner only \$150. Brunch \$40. Go to scnj.org or call 973-290-5454.

Trip to Divine Mercy Shrine & Norman Rockwell Museum. Thursday, May 11, sponsored by St. Catharine Church in Blauvelt. Cost: \$90 includes bus & lunch at Shrine-check payable to St. Catharine's Church. Contact Joe Onativia 646-648-0823 or jogger3@optonline.net.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, everyone is welcome. We meet Wednesdays in the lower church at 6:00PM.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' call Marie 201-741-0499

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St. Joseph Regional HS - Montvale Prospective Students weeks are April 25th-May 11th. Current 7th graders are invited to visit our campus for in-depth Knight for a Day experiences and private Ambassador Tours

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