Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

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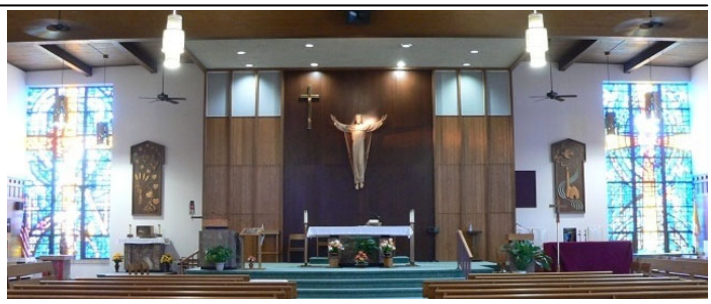

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 &10:30 AM
Weekday Masses: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8:30 AM
Adoration: Tuesday 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Prayer: Thursday 8:30 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM

The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist for the month of **March** is in memory of James E. Reid from Wife & Son

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Contact the rectory office if you would like to be a donor.

Saturday March 27
4:00 PM † Bernadette O'Brien by Mary O'Brien

Sunday March 28
8:30 AM † George Samaan by Mary Samaan
10:30 AM † Mable Okojie by Evelyn Antangana
† Fr. James V. O'Connor S.J. by Robert Wallace
† Gloria Velasquez by David Velasquez

Friday March 30
8:30 AM Richard Schott by Colette Hoffman

Saturday April 3
7:00 PM Essie by From A Friend

Sunday April 4
8:30 AM People of Our Faith Community
10:30 AM † Fr. Eugene M. Dutkiewicz S.J. by Robert Wallace

The 2021 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Contact the rectory office or put a note in the weekly collection. The stipend is $10.

Worshipping at Christ Our Savior

We encourage you to make reservations for our weekend masses on **Saturdays at 4:00 PM** and on **Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 AM** on our website or by calling the Rectory office at 708-333-3550 by Friday morning.

Please remember social distancing must be maintained at all times and masks are **required** while in the building. We appreciate your compliance to these rules as we work to keep everyone safe.

Volunteers are needed to assist at all the masses.. Contact the Rectory office if you can help.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Christ Our Savior Parish Goal $27,290

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Sonia Martorell	Robert Wallace
Daniel Mendez	Debra Worthy
Joan Metzger	Vicente Zamora

To add someone to the prayer list notify the rectory office.
Please contact the office when the name can be removed.

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, Peter, James, and John, 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 disciples who flee when he is arrested. The crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified. Even Simon the Cyrenian had to be forced to help carry the cross.

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. All but one of them ended up as saints. And the one who didn't was Judas, who gave up on Jesus, instead of coming back to him for forgiveness. 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 of trying to convince God that we deserve his mercy, 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 supervising his crucifixion proclaims him Son of God. A member of the Sanhedrin gives Jesus a burial place. The women who were there to the end. 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. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms – Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10).
First Reading – In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm – My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading – Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel – The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 – 15:47)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 – 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35;
b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
i) Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4;1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

FEAST OF FAITH
The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.
It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over–the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.
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EASTER 2021

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1, 2021

7:00 PM -The Eucharist of the Lord's Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, 2021

3:00 PM - Commemoration of the Death of Christ
Veneration of the Cross
Reception of the Eucharist

In Church & Parking Lot Transmission

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3, 2021

11:00 AM - Blessing of Easter Baskets
McMahon Hall

7:00 PM - Vigil of the Resurrection of Christ
Blessing of Easter Candle
Celebration of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021

The Resurrection of the Lord
Masses Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Divine Mercy

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 11, 2021

2:00 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pastor's Corner

Take it, this is my body…

My dear friends, the importance of St. Mark's account of Our Blessed Lord's passion, suffering, and death for us cannot be overstated. This week our Church takes us to the core of God's forgiving and self-emptying love for us. At the Last Supper while they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it, this is my body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drunk from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

How will we respond to Him? Can we and will we accept God's forgiveness? Judas did not. Peter at first could not but later he did. Pontius Pilate tried to wash his hands of Christ's bloody crucifixion, thereby denying responsibility for it. The Jewish leaders, however, accepted responsibility. "Let his death be upon us and upon our children," they declared. Many people in Jerusalem at that time simply didn't care; they couldn't be bothered.

What about us? When we drink of the cup, the cup of suffering, we have our own opportunity to drink of God's life-giving force that empowers us to face this world's unfairness and injustices. The harsh truth is that millions of innocent people suffer. The harsh truth is that Jesus Christ, God's own beloved Son, was innocent. Unjustly He suffered terrible rejection and pain. Instead of allowing Himself to be imprisoned in resentment and hatred, He walked the path of forgiveness leading to redemption and resurrection. Are we able to forgive when we are unjustly treated? Can we console and be of help to those who are going through physical, spiritual, psychological, or emotional suffering? As we begin this Holy Week, let us ask the Lord to accompany and assist us as we continue to carry our crosses daily and follow Him. May the Lord bless us and keep us safe!

Have a blessed Palm Sunday.
In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

SHEDSOMELIGHT
Christ Our Savior Catholic School

DID YOU KNOW?

March is considered Women's History Month. It is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The actual celebration of Women's History Month was organized by a school district in Sonoa, California in 1978.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. By 1987, Congress declared the entire month of March Women's History Month. Since then, every president has declared the month of March Women's History Month. Let's send up prayers of gratitude for all the women in our lives who have been instrumental in our path of spiritual development as well. Today thank ALL the women in your life for all that they have done for you!

SPRING 5/12 RAFFLE

The first EARLY BIRD drawing for the 5/12 Raffle was held on Friday, March 19. The first $50 winner was Mr. and Mrs. Ron Slusarski. Each Friday another Early Bird winner will be selected, however, the ticket will be placed back in the drum for further drawings. The BIG drawing will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 15. Tickets are available at the school office. Thank you so much for your support!

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

As part of our Lenten service to the community, Christ Our Savior School along with the Knights of Columbus of Christ Our Savior Parish is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive in time for Easter Sunday. Canned and dry good items can be dropped off at the school office on any day up to Monday, March 29. Our collections of items will be distributed to a local agency so that families can enjoy an Easter dinner.

Have a meaningful Holy Week.

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