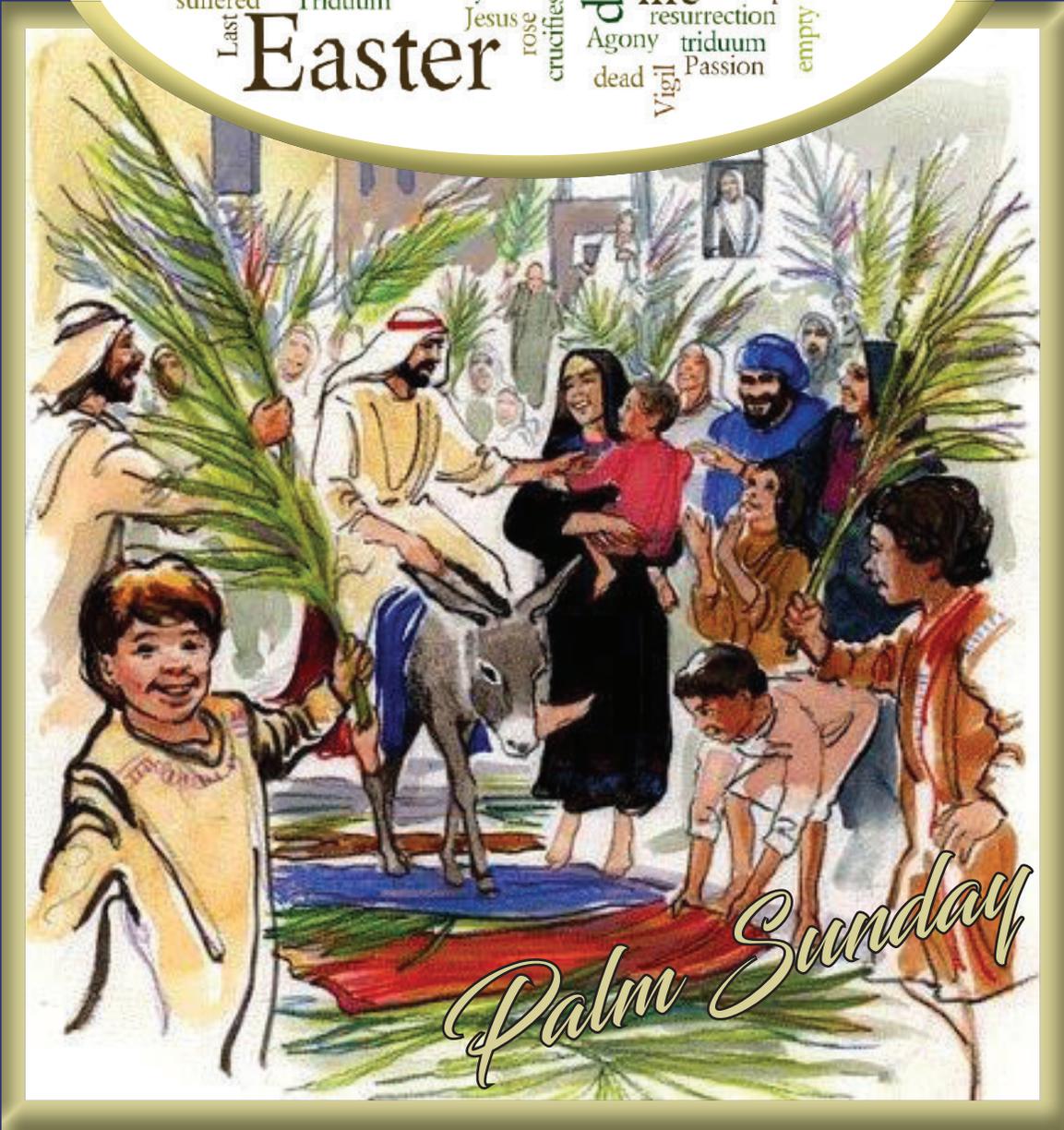


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ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH
 March 28, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Parishes and School,

Happy Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

Last year this time our parish doors were shuttered due to the pandemic. We learned a new virtual way of attending Mass and Church Services, drive through confessions, picking up our palms and church bulletins outside the front doors of our churches.

We remember, too, how we went from having “bring your own chair” outdoor pavilion and cafetorium Masses to slowly getting back to a reduced schedule of Masses in our Churches with spaces marked out for social distancing.

We remember the angst caused to some parishioners by different interpretations of mask wearing and social distancing.

We remember those who still today are not able to gather in church for Sunday worship but who desperately want to.

We remember all those who contracted the virus, those who died from it, and all those long haulers who are still suffering debilitating aftereffects of the virus.

We remember all those who have not suffered from the virus and still have not been able to be vaccinated against the virus, especially our children and grandchildren...

Let us pledge ourselves not to let our guard down while this insidious virus still lurks in our midst. Mask wearing and social distancing is still a must in public places.

As we begin Holy Week, for those of us who are able, let us keep Jesus company this week through our presence at the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday when we celebrate Jesus sacrificial love for us.

On these most holy days of the year, let us be with Jesus as he celebrates the Last Supper, washes the feet of His disciples, agonizes in the

garden, is crucified and dies on the cross, and rises from the dead at Easter.

His love for us is constant. We may fail to respond to His Love. We may fail to keep His Commandments. We may neglect to pray and worship Him. Through it all, He never stops loving us. He patiently awaits the day that we come to realize that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

That day comes about through small steps. Our attendance at these Holy Week services could be one of those small steps.

Again, Happy Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

God loves you!

Fr. Mark



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Palm Sunday Memories

One Year Ago At Our Parishes



Distribution of Palms!



*Churches
were
closed!*



But, Flowers were beginning to bloom!

The Power of Prayer for Families

by Alysse ElHage, @AlysseElHage Edited by fmh

My husband was 15 years old when his father moved in with him following the death of his grandmother, who had raised him since he was a preschooler. Although his dad had always been involved in his life, this was the first time in many years that they had lived under the same roof. Almost overnight, his father went from being a divorced bachelor living on his own to a full-time single parent raising a teenager. To help him focus more on his son, he made some immediate changes to his lifestyle, including staying home at night instead of going out and no longer keeping alcohol in the house. He also began a ritual of nightly prayer that sometimes made his teenage son feel awkward but also safe and loved. Over the next decade that they lived together; his father continued to pray with him every night before he went to sleep. That father-son prayer time left a big impression on my husband, and he continues the practice with our children.

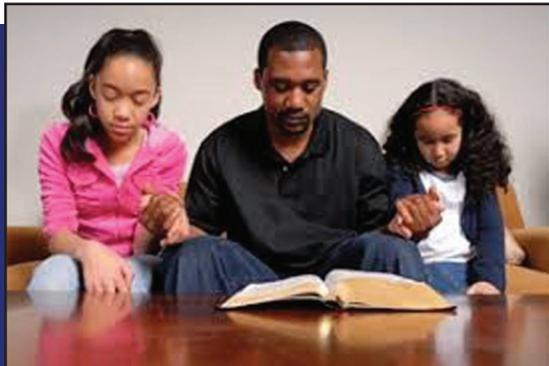


We tend to think of prayer, and rightly so, as communion with God, with the spiritual connection and benefits it entails. But when we pray with other people – especially with our spouse, parents, or children – it can also be a special form of communion with one another.

While it's difficult, if not impossible, to measure the spiritual effects of prayer, research continues to reveal the powerful benefits for individuals, couples, and even entire families.

We know from a large body of research that prayer and religious service attendance are linked to stronger marriages.

As to why prayer is linked to more positive relationships for couples, Dr. Wilcox has explained here that



prayer helps couples deal with stress, enables them to focus on shared beliefs and hopes for the future, and allows them to deal constructively with challenges and problems in their relationship and in their lives.

New research measuring the effects of faith traditions on family life indicates that shared prayer may also benefit families in some of the same ways that it benefits couples.

The researchers asked both parents and children a number of questions about their faith traditions and how these traditions impacted their family life, including: “How does your family overcome major stresses and problems?” and “How do you share your faith with your children?” In an effort to avoid bias, the word, “prayer” was not used in the interview questions; however, prayer was referenced by family members in 96% of their responses.

Although the families prayed in different ways because of their diverse religious beliefs the researchers, found that ‘the family that prays together’ seems to benefit in more ways than just ‘staying together.’

The study identified several common themes related to prayer and family relationships, including:

- Families used prayer time as a way to transmit religious traditions to younger generations.
- Prayer enabled family members to address problems or stresses they were facing, as well as reduced tensions in their relationships.
- Prayer helped family members bond with one another and created a sense of family unity.

When parents pray with their children, they are not only teaching them how to pray but also modeling and emphasizing the importance of prayer in the hopes that their children will begin



a practice of private prayer that they will carry with them into adulthood. According to a Harvard study, the practice of prayer during childhood is linked to better physical, mental, and emotional well-being among young adults.

Dr. VanderWeele in a new study of some 5000 adolescents over a period of 8-14 years "found profound effects of child and adolescent prayer on the big three dangers of adolescence – depression, substance abuse, and risky behaviors – as well as positive effects on happiness, volunteering, having a

sense of mission, and forgiveness."

Young adults in the study who prayed or meditated at least daily as children or adolescents were "16% more likely to report higher happiness as young adults, 30% less likely to have started having sex at a young age, and 40% less likely to have a sexually transmitted infection compared to those who never prayed or meditated."

So, how do we account for the positive outcomes of prayer on adolescent well-being? Dr. VanderWeele told me this question was beyond the scope of their study, but he added,

my understanding would be that a life of prayer and an integrated spirituality give rise to an experience of God or of transcendence, and so an adolescent need not turn to drugs or risky sexual behaviors for this. Moreover, that experience of God may fundamentally make one more other-oriented, leading to volunteering, forgiveness, and a sense of mission, and these things ultimately make one happier and protect against depression.



In most religions, the act of prayer is principally an intimate form of worship and communication with God. But it's also an important tradition that families use to help transmit core religious values to the next generation – a practice that research continues to confirm is beneficial to individual and family well-being. With the potential to strengthen marriages, unite family members, and boost adolescent decision-making and health, prayer is one of the keys to a flourishing family.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

ST. ROSALIE

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. & 12:10 Masses

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

No 12:10 p.m. Mass on Tuesday

*Priests will be attending Chrism Mass
at St. Louis Cathedral*

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Masses

THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

No 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Rosalie Tuesday

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

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EASTER SUNDAY

Masses 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

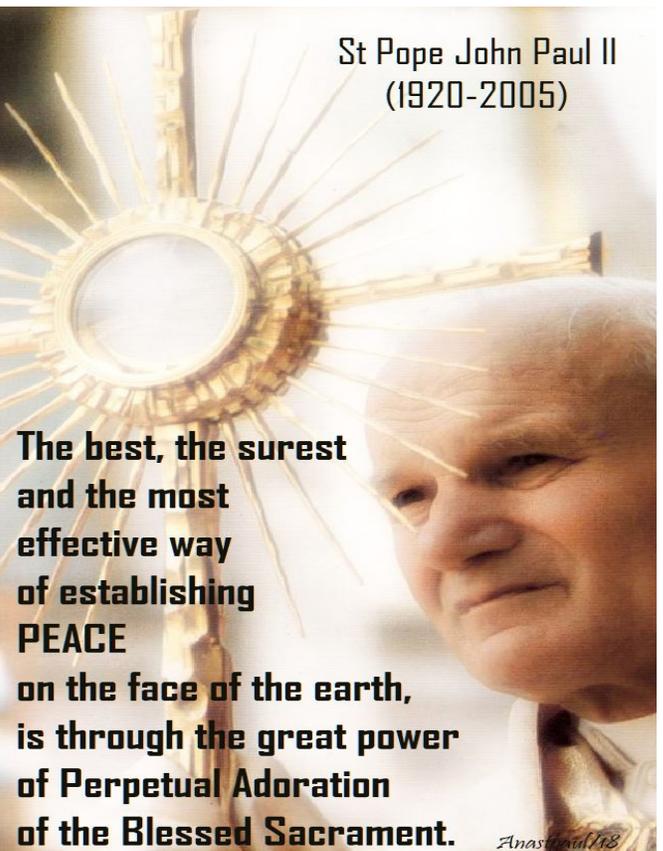
ADORATION RETURNS FOR PANDEMIC WEDNESDAYS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Eucharist is offered in church on Wednesdays following the 7 AM mass until 8 PM Benediction. Because of generous, committed, and scheduled adorers, all who wish quiet time to pray are welcome to visit and experience an intimate visit with Jesus. New Adorers are welcome to register by sending name, email, and phone number to StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org or to the Chapel Coordinator, Edie Meaux, at EdithMeaux@Cox.net.

You must be registered to receive the door code.

May Jesus be adored!

St Pope John Paul II
(1920-2005)



**The best, the surest
and the most
effective way
of establishing
PEACE
on the face of the earth,
is through the great power
of Perpetual Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Anastasia 1988

Announcements

Good Friday Collection:

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, April 1st, Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th for Easter.

We wish everyone a blessed Holy Week!

Vocation Prayer Intention

March 27 - April 3

please pray for

Thomas Nguyen

(from the SUO Province)

who is in Pre-Novitiate

and in formation at

Don Bosco Preparatory

High School in Ramsey, NJ.



Pope's Prayer Intention

March - Sacrament of Reconciliation



Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Important Reminder -

Please follow all CDC Guidelines

If you or someone in your household have been exposed to, or have tested (and may be waiting on results) for COVID19, please stay home.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline G. Guillot

+Wayne Delaune

+Joyce Sonnier

+Leboria Burrell

+Duffy & Derek Dumas

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Dale Hymel

+Paul Nha Chu

Abdon & Quiaoit Families

Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, March 28

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+All Souls in Purgatory

+Joseph Hung Monh Do

Happy Birthday Joy Stuart

+Steven Hourcade

+Maria Hoang & Joseph Nguyen

+Peter & Maria Nguyen

+Louise LeBlanc, MOB

Thanksgiving to St. Jude

+Estelle & William Allen

+Jane Paretti, AOD 4/3

Happy Birthday Joshua St. Romain

+Derek DiMarco

+John Hop Tran

+Shirley O'Dwyer

+Merrily Simmons

Xuyen Bui

Noon +Rosemary H. Domino, AOD

Monday, March 29

7:00am +Antoine H. Domino, III, AOD

Tuesday, March 30

7:00am +Jane Paretti, MOB

Wednesday, March 31

7:00am +Rasario 'Boogie' Termine, AOD

Thursday, April 1 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

7:00pm Celebration of the Lords' Passion

Saturday, April 3 ~ Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Parishioners of St. John Bosco

***"Do not try to excuse your faults,
try to correct them."***

~Don Bosco