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Sunday March 24, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We all suffer in this life, some much more than others. If someone tells you about the suffering that they are going through, it probably recalls a suffering of your own. Your response to the person could very well be, "I know what that's like." Now, think of the Agony, Suffering, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial of our Lord. Jesus can honestly say to each of us about our sufferings, "I know what that's like." However, Jesus can also say, "Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering." Can we say that we really know what His suffering was like?

Saint Paul tells the Philippians that "though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

Jesus endured His suffering out of obedience to His Father, because His Father loves Him, and He loves His Father, and because He loves us so much that He was willing to die for us. His suffering ended on the Cross, the "tree of death," which became for us, the "tree of life." His death on the Cross made our eternal life in Him possible. Through His passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus reversed the disobedience of original sin by obeying his Father's will despite the devil's temptations, the betrayal of Judas, the abandonment of His apostles, the false accusations, the condemnation, the humiliation, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the torture of crucifixion.

This week, we need to stay united to Jesus Christ, our loving Savior. We need His strength to come into our lives, so that we can have the courage to live as He wants us to live. The ways we can stay united to Christ this week are by prayer, fasting and good works. We should spend more time in prayer this week, and more heartfelt sincerity in our prayer. This week, we must resolve to let Christ lead us, to concentrate on doing His will, not ours. This week, we can imitate Christ's Passion by doing what He did, by sharing our neighbors' sufferings, by taking upon ourselves the crosses of others.

We must see that we are not called to be spectators to Jesus' suffering and Passion; we are called to be active participants in His suffering and Passion. We participate in Christ's victory over suffering, sin, and death, by carrying our sins to Calvary, just as Jesus carried His Cross. Then, He can save and heal us by nailing our sins to the Cross. He calls us to bring our sins to Him, and in exchange we get to carry Him everywhere we go, and into every heart we touch. Jesus wants to bring His salvation and His healing love to the world through us. A donkey carried Jesus into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. Now, it is our turn to carry Him to others, for the rest of our lives.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

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Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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MASS/LENTEN SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday During Lent Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass & 7:00 pm

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To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you aifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Oraanizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

> LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving to sign-up for Faith Direct, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

Mass Special Intentions Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given

to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses.

Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 15,884.00 March 10, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for February 2024 - \$15,638.03

Our Offertory last week was 100.2 % of Expenses

Faith Direct: February 2024 - \$21,304.57

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 856

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

Masses / Observances and Church Activities



Monday March 25, 2024 Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday March 26, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm
Note: Evening Mass will be in the Chapel

Wednesday March 27, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Penance Service - 7:00 pm
Confession / Reconciliation



Friday March 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 pm (In the Church & Living Stations Outside) Friday Passion of the Lord - 7:00 pm

Saturday - March 30, 2024 HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 7:30 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday March 24

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir Practice (CL2) 10:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm
- African and Friends Monthly Meeting (RR) 1:30 pm

Monday March 25

RCIA Class
(Virtual) 7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
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2YwZERmcXhUUT09

Tuesday March 26

• Easter Vigil Rehearsal (CH) 7:00 pm

Wednesday March 27

• Gospel Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Friday March 29

• Arts and Environment (WW) - Flower Delivery -Time TBD

Saturday March 30

• Arts and Environment (CH) 11:30 am

TAKE A MINUTE ...

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you.

Amen

Daily Readings for the Week Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is

50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab -6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Thursday:

<u>Chrism Mass:</u> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: x 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

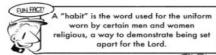
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

HOLY HUMOR...

"Why did Mother Superior order new clothes for the convent during Lent?"



"It's the season of improved habits."



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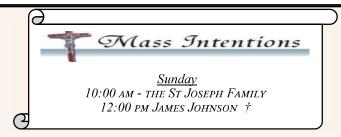
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark,

Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn,

And the Recently Deceased:

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God.

How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

<u>Second Reading</u>

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God.

How well do you practice these Christian virtues

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What Italian word for Mary means "My Lady"?

Answer: (a) Madonna (b) Maria (c) Prima Donna

Answer on Page 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Communion Wafer

Ouestion:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.



Lenten Penance Service

March 27 - 7:00 pm (Confession/ Reconciliation after Penance Service)

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Everyone in Jerusalem heard Jesus teach, and saw him heal the sick. They followed him wherever he went. They cheered whenever they saw him. When he arrived in town on a donkey, they shaded him from the hot sun with palm leaves. Imagine what kind of parade you and your friends would have for Jesus if he came to teach in your class or came to visit your town.

PRAVER

Holy Spirit, help me follow Jesus and love others.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Jesus on a donkey with people waving palm leaves to keep him cool.

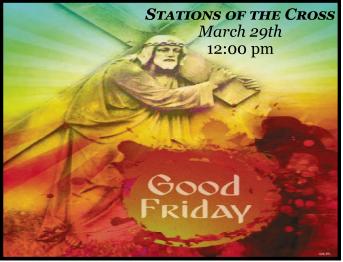
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If a family member or a friend of mine is hurt, I will stop playing to help them.

Just a Thought...









The SJYM would like to thank everyone who supported our recent successful pop up Krispy Kreme fundraiser!
We reached our goal and several high school students will be able to join the annual bus outing to Sight 'N Sound Theater this year.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) Madonna

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