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Sunday April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

People approach suffering differently from each other. Some try to run from it. Some rebel against it, fearing it, even despising it. What do these different approaches to suffering have in common? People want to maintain control. They want to control how they suffer, or even if they suffer at all. This desire to control suffering might lead some to suicide, instead to turning the control of their suffering over to God. We all have, and will continue, to face suffering. Jesus told us that to follow Him, would mean to accept suffering in His name.

Jesus truly suffered! Jesus is truly the Son of God, and He is truly the Son of Man; therefore, being God, He cannot suffer; and being man, He suffered greatly for our salvation. How did He face such suffering? By placing His faith in His heavenly Father, by letting His Father be in control of His suffering. Jesus endured His suffering out of love. 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 possible.

How can we face our suffering? We can face our suffering with faith, hope and love, the way Christ did, by entering into it, by allowing ourselves to be immersed in it, baptized, into it with Christ — through, with, and in Christ's humanity. Why? So that our suffering may be overcome, not by mortal death, but by eternal life. We face our sufferings, not only as Christ faced His, but we also face it with Christ. We face it in Christ.

Today is Palm Sunday, the Passion of our Lord. He entered Jerusalem as a hero, to the waving of palm by the people, only to have those same people cry for His crucifixion five days later. The sufferings of Jesus' passion and crucifixion were the devil's attempts to get Jesus to say "no" to His Father, just as he had gotten Adam and Eve to say "no" to God, just as he wants us to say "no" to God. But Jesus defeated the devil. He continued to love, forgive, and obey His Father throughout His Passion. He continued to do His Father's will.

This week, we need to stay united to Christ. We need His strength to come into our lives, so that we can have the courage to live as He calls us to live. We need to let all the graces He wants to give us this week, flow freely into our hearts and souls and renew us. This week, we can imitate Christ's Passion by doing what He did, by sharing our neighbors' sufferings, by helping them carry their crosses.

We must see that we are not called to be just spectators to Jesus' suffering and Passion; we are called to be a part of His suffering and Passion. We are called to do our part 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.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

The office is closed for business on:

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MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

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

Daily Mass 8:30 am

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent After 8:30 am Mass & 7:00 pm

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 22,194.00 April 6, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for March, 2025 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

Faith Direct: March - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 898



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 gifts 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. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations 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 Intentions are made in the Parish Office Mass Special Intentions 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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

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 on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ PAGE 3

MASSES / OBSERVANCES



Monday April 14, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday April 15, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
*Evening Mass: 7:00 pm
* (EVENING MASS IN THE CHAPEL)

Wednesday April 16, 2025

Mass: 8:30 am
Penance Service: 7:00 pm
Confession / Reconciliation
(AFTER PENANCE SERVICE)

Thursday April 17, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Friday April 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY "FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD"

*Stations of the Cross : 12:00 Noon Veneration od the Cross: 7:00 pm

* STATIONS IN CHURCH & LIVE STATIONS OUTSIDE

Saturday April 19, 2025

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Lighting of the New Paschal Candle appx 7: 30 pm Mass: 8:00 pm

<u>Next Sunday</u>
Easter Sunday:
The Lord Resurrection of the Lord

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday April 13

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am
- OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- Knights Sunday (CH) 12:00 pm

Monday April 14

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Virtual 7:00 pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053? pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6. 1 Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

Friday April 18

• Living Stations of the Cross (CLR1) 9:30 am

Tuesday April 15

- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Easter Vigil Rehearsal (CH) 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 16

- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Denese Clay CLR1)** Cantor Rehearsal

Saturday April 19

- Arts &Environment 10:30 am
- Dr. Clarke 11:30 am

Daily Readings for the Week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6 -11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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: Chrism Mass: 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: Ex 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 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

<u>Next Sunday</u>: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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

Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Anthony Akpan, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella

Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, , Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Ebony Marble, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy& William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Loraine Moses, Madga Nelson, Nolan McWilliams, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Cliffton Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Marie Savoy, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

And the Recently Deceased:

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



Sunday

8:00 AM MILDRED REAVIS †
10:00 AM HUMPHREY NDUM AND
PEARL NEVERSON †
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM CHUKWUKA AGBIM
Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY Wednesday

8:30 AM AVA & EUGENE III MARSHALL (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM ALEXIS KIRKLAND-MILLER (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) SATURDAY

7:00 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Isaiah bears witness as one who did not lose his faith despite persecution and ridicule. Can you discuss a time when your faith was put to the test?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul teaches the Philippians that Jesus was humble and obedient to God even to the point of death by crucifixion. Why do you think humility and obedience are important virtues in following Jesus?

Gospel Question:

In his passion narrative, Luke is the only evangelist to highlight that both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent of the charges against him. Is there a friend or co-worker you could help this week who is being treated unfairly?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: True or False: St. Peter's Basilica stands taller than the Statue of Liberty.

Answer: True

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Palm Sunday

Ouestion:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches — a symbol of royalty — to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you donot plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

Jubilee Year of Hope

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Blessing of the Palms and Procession

Masses

Saturday April 12th Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday April 13th 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Monday April 14th

Chrism Mass - Time TBA Cathedral of St Matthew the Apostle Chrism Mass - Archdiocese of Washington (adw.org)

Tuesday April 15th

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Adoration - 6:00 pm Benediction - 6:45 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm (EVENING MASS IN THE CHAPEL)

Wednesday April 16th

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Penance Service - 7:00 pm (Confession/ Reconciliation after Penance Service)

Holy Thursday

Thursday April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Washing of the Feet Followed by procession to repose the Blessed Sacrament Adoration until 12:00 Midnight

Good Friday

Friday April 18 Stations of the Cross - 12:00 pm (Inside the Church) Living Stations of the Cross (OUTSIDE THE CHURCH)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 7.00 pm Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

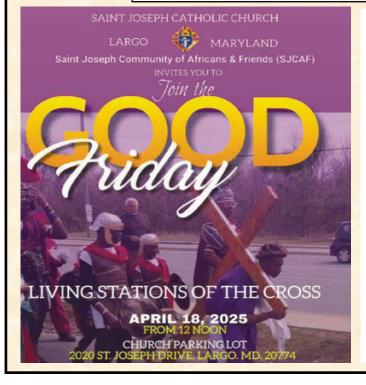
Saturday April 19 Lighting of the New Paschal Candle appx 7: 30 pm Mass 8:00 pm

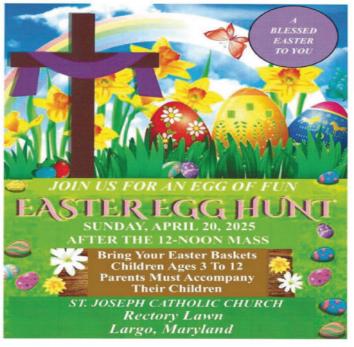
Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday April 20 Masses

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

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