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Jesus Death Comes as No Surprise - John 12: 20-33
“But if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (12:24) What is it which makes world leaders “memorable? It was troubling to discover Caesar, Ghandi, Napoleon and Hitler were four of a top five list. There are few if any similarities here. It would seem someone who dies in the “line

of duty” is almost always remembered in this regard (JFK, MLK and Ghandi are text book examples). We must then ask ourselves: for what was Jesus known? After all, His death was the very reason for His coming. Someone who is assassinated, dies while "on duty," or, for a cause, will almost always be remembered for **the way** in which they died. **It would seem**, the point of this exercise is to end with "Jesus Christ". What is He "known for"? In this week's passage, we discover His death is not simply a bullet point on His resume -- it is the very purpose for which he came. Jesus came to be our King -- but not just any king. His "coronation" does not conclude with Him seated on a golden throne... but nailed to a wooden cross. The arrival of a group of Gentiles reveals to Jesus (and to us) His time had come; His purpose for coming to earth had always been to give His life for the "many". And now, we must ask ourselves, if we are willing to follow Him there... to sacrifice ourselves for our belief?

“Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” John 12:25

A person cannot cling to worldly things and still make God their top priority. Jesus uses the analogy of a seed: it must "die" in order to fulfill its purpose. The symbolism is of a seed being planted, then growing to maturity. Those who seek to truly follow Christ have to—as it would seem to the world—lose everything. The end result, however, is exactly what the seed—the believer—was always intended for, which is something greater and more glorious. It is important to understand the narrow context of Jesus' words here. The point is not that only those who live in deliberate poverty will be saved. Nor is it that a person must perform the right kind of actions in order to be with God in eternity. Rather, this is a reference to a person's state of mind. This is why Jesus uses the dichotomy of "love" and "hate," with respect to one's earthly life. Just as Jesus was not commanding people to objectively "hate" their family. “Hating your life” does not mean you don’t seek to grow your business as much as you can, or that you don’t seek to advance in your career. Rather, it means that you do so in line with Jesus’ commands. It often involve sacrifice. But you don’t sacrifice for its own sake.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Vigil 4:00 pm Saturday 23 March 2024
Mass 10:00 am Sunday 24 March 2024



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Saint Patrick of Ireland. Feast Day: March 17, 2024

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Roman/British Christian missionary and as well as bishop in Ireland. He is known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. The other two patron saints are Brigid of Kildare and Columba. Interestingly Patrick was never formally canonized because he lived in a time before the current Canonization laws of the Catholic Church. He is, however, venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion), and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles. He is referred to as the "Enlightener of Ireland." The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty. There is, however, general historic agreement, he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. A recent biography indicates a late fourth-century date for the saint is not impossible. According to tradition, formulated in the early Middle Ages, Patrick was the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland. Since the Middle Ages he is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and converting a pagan society in the process, even though there is evidence of some earlier Christian presence there. According to Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*; when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He writes he lived there for six years as an animal herder before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to Ireland to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland. His feast day is observed on 17 March, the presumed date of his death. It is celebrated in Ireland and among the Irish diaspora as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation. St Patrick's reputation has far outstripped the actual facts of his life. The following facts are of note: St. Patrick was not Irish. Slavery was what brought St. Patrick to Ireland. The shamrock as an Irish symbol is said to have been popularized by St. Patrick. St. Patrick actually wore blue, not green. St. Patrick probably did not drive all the snakes out of Ireland.

Join us for Bible Study

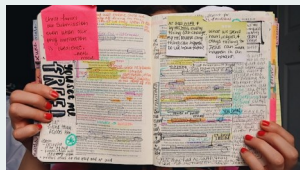
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting
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(323) 394-5441**

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
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Solidarity Sunday: The Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 17, 2024)

The 5th Sunday of Lent is dedicated to solidarity. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of our own commitment to solidarity. This theme is reminiscent of the allegory in the Gospel of John (12:24) of the grain of wheat which falls into the earth. The grain symbolizes Jesus Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. The allegory teaches us about death and rebirth, emphasizing life emerges from the generosity of self-giving. This verse reminds us of the positive change which can come from sacrifice and altruistic gestures. This year, we are called to sow seeds of justice and dignity to support the rights of small businesses and independent contractors, helping to create an environment in which they can thrive and ensure "bountiful harvests" for their communities. We are invited to reflect on how we respond to God's calls in our daily lives. Solidarity is an invitation to act on behalf of those most in need, to give of our time, our resources and our love (in other words our time, our talent and our treasure.) This can be done through everyday gestures, small acts which help weave the threads of a more caring and supportive community. Cultivating solidarity means helping build a community where everyone's rights are respected, guaranteed and protected. It is an act of recognition of the inherent dignity of every human being, reflecting our collective responsibility towards social justice.



Why do we go to Mass on Sunday? It is all too easy to find excuses to not go to Sunday Mass. Life is busy, complicated and difficult, and the thought of going to church can be seen as just one more demand upon our time and attention. Yet going to church to be blessed by God's Word and the Sacrament of the Altar should never be seen as bothersome. It is actually an opportunity for prayer, rest and renewal, which we all so desperately need for the health of our souls and minds. Participating in the communal celebration of Sunday Mass is a witness of belonging to the Body of Christ and of being faithful to God. When we come to Mass on Sunday, we are acknowledging the importance to the Lord's Day in our lives.





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For More Details, Please Call the Parish Office at (323)293-4877

Special Thank You This Week to Valerie and Vincent Ciernick!



It's Your LAST CHANCE FOR LILIES

Benefit Confirmation Candidates

Our Confirmation Class is selling Lilies as a Fundraiser.

The Lilies beautify our altar at Easter, and the funds raised help pay for the Confirmation Retreat.



Seven Daily Habits for Faithful Catholics (Hanael Bianchi)

1. **The Morning Offering** The first habit is the “*morning offering*”. This is when you offer the day ahead for God’s glory using your own words or a memorized prayer.
2. **Fifteen Minutes of Silent Prayer** The second habit is to pray for at least fifteen minutes in silence. Eventually you may wish to augment this with an additional fifteen minutes, perhaps at another time during the day.
3. **Receiving Holy Communion** The third daily habit is participating in Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion in the state of grace.
4. **Fifteen Minutes of Spiritual Reading**
5. **Pray the Angelus** The fifth daily habit takes but a few minutes. It consists of pausing in the midst of our daily activities at noon time to pray the Angelus to our ***Blessed Mother***
6. **Pray the Holy Rosary** The sixth habit also focuses on Our Lady. It consists of praying the Holy Rosary each day while meditating on its mysteries, which in essence provide a survey of the life of Our Lord and Our Lady.
7. **Examine Your Conscience** The seventh habit is to make a brief examination of your conscience before bedtime.



**Special Thanks!
To our Lectors Who Hosted
“Coffee and Donuts”
after Sunday Mass
Last Weekend.**

**They can
“Proclaim” and “Pour”**

**And Never
Miss a beat!**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY,
MARCH 18, 2024**

**TO SUNDAY,
MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

Monday, March 18, 2024

St Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

St Joseph

Spouse of the Virgin Mary

7:30 Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by

Valerie and Vincent Ciernick

(Sacraments as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: March 16 to March 22, 2024

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Lt Col John Harris, RIP

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 10:00 am

Carmen Romo, RIP

Requesting a Mass Intention?

Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877



Did You Know:

March 16-17 || What is a "Traumatic Experience"?

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) defines a traumatic event as a "frightening, dangerous, or violent event which poses a threat to a child's life or bodily integrity." This includes events which victimize children directly or events of this type children witness; particularly when the person harmed is a loved one. A child's understanding of safety depends on the safety of their caregivers.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Healing from Child Trauma"

at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Healing from Child Trauma" here. <https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Mar-16-17-Traumatic-events.pdf>



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Every Friday in the Rectory**

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