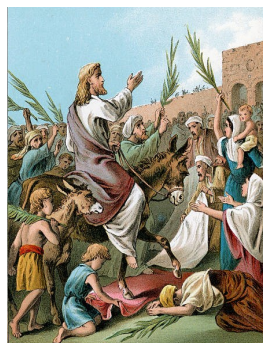


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Mark 11: Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" For most of His ministry, Jesus did everything He could to discourage people from publicly celebrating Him as the Messiah. Here Jesus went out of His way to invite public praise and adoration as the Messiah. In fact, when the religious leaders of His day objected, He told them "I tell you, if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:40)

The statements from the crowd came from Psalm 118:19-29. In this, their praise was Scriptural. It is important we praise God as He wants to be praised. So if God says we are to come to Him with words (Hosea 14:2), then this is how we come. If God says we are to come to Him with song (Psalm 100:2), then that is how we should come. If God says we are to come to Him with hands raised up (Psalm 134:2), then we raise our hands when we come. We come as we are told to come. The whole point in worship is to do what pleases *God*, not what pleases us, but the beautiful truth is that when we please God, we find ourselves wonderfully pleased.

Isaiah 50: 4-7 Is Suffering a Good Thing? Verse 6 is the crux of Isaiah 50:4-9. It describes the servant's suffering at the hands of his enemies. The theme is directly related to the servant's calling and message described in verses 4-5. Within the context of exile, a prophet's advocacy on behalf of the marginalized can lead to resistance from the powerful and even those who suffer. The servant gives his back to those who strike him. The same Hebrew verb, *nātan* ("give"), which the poet uses to describe the LORD's gift of speech in verse 4, is used here in verse 6 to describe the prophet's disposition toward those who oppose the message. It is important to point out the servant does not receive this suffering passively; but actively chooses to accept the conflict which arises through his proclamation. This last point emphasizes suffering, in and of itself, is not vicarious. It is a byproduct of speaking truth to power. The danger in this verse is obvious. Preachers and theologians have often adopted the theme of righteous suffering uncritically to the harm of many. In the context of unavoidable suffering, human dignity is lost when survivors are denied their agency to resist violent oppression or when victimization is held up as a universal standard for sainthood.



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God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out?

He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.



**Join us on Easter Sunday,
following the 10:00 Mass,
for our annual St Bernadette Easter Egg Hunt**



March 25 The Anointing of Jesus: Seven things about honoring Jesus

1. Honor Jesus in your home. As followers of Jesus Christ we should strive to have homes where Jesus is always the unseen guest. We should strive to live the kind of lives in private which could be viewed publicly without any embarrassment or shame. It means you would not have to spend hours getting rid of things or hiding things you would be ashamed for Him to see. 2. Honor Jesus from your heart. It is interesting to note Martha, Lazarus and Mary, each followers of Jesus, had a different passion, a different disposition of heart in how they chose to honor Jesus. For Martha it meant serving Him. 3. Lazarus just wanted to spend time with Him, while Martha wanted to serve Jesus. Lazarus simply wanted to enjoy His presence. He wanted to fellowship with Him, talk with Him, ask Him questions and listen to Him speak. He wanted to enjoy every minute he had with the Master. Martha and Lazarus both loved Jesus, and for them their response to Him was perfectly normal. However, what 4. Mary felt led her to do what went way beyond what the others had done. The Scripture says she took a pound of spikenard, which was made from a plant which grows in India, and she anointed His feet with it and wiped his feet with her hair and the odor of the ointment filled the house. Notice several things about what Mary did in anointing Jesus. 5. She gave her best to Jesus. How much do you love Jesus? The fact 20 percent of nearly every church gives 80 percent of the financial resources to fund its ministries tells us: while many people may claim to love Jesus, they are not willing to give Him their best. Not only did she give her best to Jesus, 6. She was also willing to humble herself in order to honor Him. It is impossible for us to honor God and maintain a sense of self importance at the same time. Like John the Baptist said, He must increase and I must decrease. Mary worshiped in such a way which was, in and of itself, humbling. Mary worshiped despite criticism. 7. Honor Jesus when the opportunity is at hand. Jesus corrects Judas, telling him: the poor would be with them always but, they would not always have Him. Jesus is telling us we should honor Him; we should worship and adore Him, whenever the opportunity presents itself. He is speaking about the spontaneous nature of our worship.

**Join us for
Bible Study**

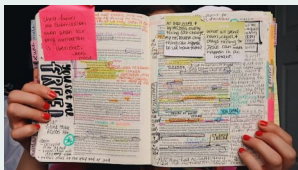
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

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

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
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**Contact:
Elsie Dixon
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Four Ways to Glorify God During Our Daily Lives

Here are four practical suggestions:

1. Make Him the unseen guest at all times. Some folks leave an empty chair at the table to remind them of His presence, and sometimes a physical reminder of His spiritual presence can be helpful.
2. Make a practice of meditating on Him and His Word. Out of sight, out of mind is more than a saying, it is a truth. The more you meditate on Him and His word the more you will be cognizant of His presence with you.
3. Make a practice of talking to others about Him. One of the ways we honor Jesus is to speak to others about Him. In fact, to bless the Lord means to speak well of Him.
4. Ask God to open your spiritual eyes to see opportunities where Jesus can be honored in your everyday experience. God is at work around us, enabling us to bring Glory to Him. The more sensitive we are to His working, the more we will be aware of opportunities to honor Him.



One of the strongest arguments against Catholicism forcing women to be subordinate is to look back at history itself. People of almost every faith, religion, ethnicity, and culture (including some Catholics) have viewed women as weaker and enforced various rules on women to which men were not subject. This was true until Jesus Christ, the Son of God, invited women to be equals. In his Letter to Women 3, Pope John Paul II further explained, "Transcending the established norms of his own culture, Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance, and tenderness. In this way, he honored the dignity women have always possessed according to God's plan and in his love."



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

Please continue praying for our Confirmation Candidates

Open their hearts and minds as they prepare for Confirmation. Help them to know you are confirming all the goodness they are and all the goodness they will become. Increase their desire to know and follow You Jesus as your disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.

Women's Equality and the Catholic Church Throughout History people of almost every faith, religion, ethnicity, and culture, including Catholics, have generally seen women as weaker and enforced various rules on them to which men were not subject. This was true until Jesus Christ invited women to be equals. Pope John Paul II explains, "Transcending the established norms of his own culture, Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance, and tenderness. In this way, he honored the dignity women have always possessed according to God's plan and in his love." Many women in the Bible played significant roles in the whole of salvation history, including in the Old Testament. God trusted His only son, Jesus Christ, in the hands of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whom the Church teaches was free from all sin.

Mary Magdalene was an entirely separate woman from Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Jesus cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene, and she became a devoted follower of Jesus. Mary Magdalene witnessed the crucifixion, saw Christ dead in the tomb, and was the first recorded witness of the empty tomb and the Resurrection. She is also known as the "apostle to the apostles." Jesus even appears to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection. God trusts Mary Magdalene to share His Gospel message and beliefs, even though the testimony of a woman was not accepted in a court of law at the time.

Aquila and his wife Priscilla each corrected Apollos in his teaching in the book of Acts, and St. Paul exalts unmarried women in 1 Corinthians. Women have played significant roles throughout the history of the Catholic faith, and the Gospel calls us to believe in women. It would be wrong to argue all Catholics have always treated women with the dignity they deserve. There are undeniably Catholics who have underutilized women and made misogynistic comments.



**Special Thanks!
To Valerie and Vincent
Ciernick
for Hosting
Coffee and Donuts
this Weekend**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY,
MARCH 25, 2024
TO SUNDAY,
MARCH 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Monday, March 25, 2024

**Monday of Holy Week 7:30
am Adoration 8:00
am Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

**Tuesday of Holy Week 7:30
Adoration 8:00
Communion Service Live-
Streamed and In-Person**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**Wednesday of Holy Week
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

**7:00 PM Mass
Live-Streamed and In-person**

Good Friday, March 29 2024

**8:00 am
Liturgy of the Hours/
Morning Prayer
12 Noon The Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm The Passion of the Lord
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by

Calvin and Zivia Sweeney

(Sacraments as Scheduled)

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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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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 23 to March 29, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Geraldine Bacon, RIP

Josh & Ursula Magno Health

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10:00 am

Jessica Ivie, Health

Robert Sutton, RIP

Requesting a Mass Intention?

Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877

Did You Know:

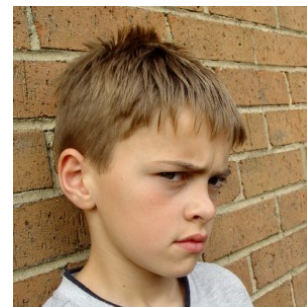
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Paying Attention to Negative Behavior Cues

A child may not be able to verbalize when he or she is being abused, but certain signs may prompt caregivers to take a closer look. Red flag behaviors may include a sudden change in behavior, like a child hating something he previously liked, or changing eating habits. Children suffering from abuse may become increasingly moody, aggressive, or depressed, or secretive and defensive.

For more red flag behaviors, read the VIR-TUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Read the VIRTUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” [here](#).



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