

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Confession: Sunday 10:00-10:25 am

Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

April 9, 2023

Lectors

Heather Weekley
Jessica Lozano

Eucharistic Ministers

Heather Keahey
Stanley Glynn
Gwendolyn Stewart

***Ministry for the
Sick and Homebound***

Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and
Mrs. Carolyn Brown

Photographer

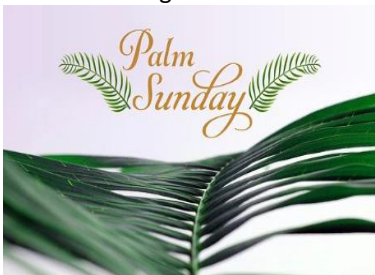
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Bulletin

Celeste Sheehy

Live-Stream and Music

Greg Guerra



Parish Council Members

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and Court Council #385

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The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” Matthew 21:8–9

Holy Week begins. What an important week that we begin to commemorate today. The Scripture passage above comes from the Gospel that is read at the beginning of Mass to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Passover. That year, Jesus was to become the new Passover Lamb Whose blood was shed for us all and Whose flesh we now eat. Today's Liturgy of the Word concludes with Matthew's version of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and death on the Cross. Since we are blessed to read this narrative in full detail today, it is helpful to call to mind the Church's understanding of the Word of God. "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #29). This is an important lesson to learn, especially today as we read the heart of the Gospel in detail. Though Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, His last supper, arrest, mock trial, suffering and death on the Cross happened 2,000 years ago, those historical events are made present to us today in a unique and real way. By participating in the proclamation of this Gospel at Mass today, we are mystically united to this saving action of our Lord. And though our minds might wander at times, God is truly present to us if we listen and see. As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death were proclaimed to you today, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It's a week of participation in the mystery of God's pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you. Keep it on your mind and heart throughout the week. Allow that love, offered some 2,000 years ago, to become truly present to you so that you will be more present to our Lord and His love for you.

My saving Lord, You entered this week of Your Passion with courage and determination. You freely chose to embrace every suffering and every

humiliation You would endure so that You could enter my life more fully. Please be present to me throughout this week and help me to not only ponder this mystery of Your love but to also encounter that love in a real and transforming way. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

March 26, 2023

Regular Offering: \$832.12

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies.

We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Hilde Ouellette

Gary Gradel

Mary Hayes

Bill McDaniels

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Jessie Hithe

Gloria Johnson

Peggy Miller

Maria McDaniels

Diocesan News

April 28, 2023 3:00 pm – April 30, 2023, 12:30 pm – Spend time “**Mingling with the Mystics**,” four of them who span six centuries of Christian history. Br. Joel Giallanza, CSC will lead each sessions providing an overview of the life and teaching of Saints Catherine of Siena, John of Ávila, Francis de Sales, and Thérèse of Lisieux. These four have much to teach us about developing our relationship with God in daily life. Br. Joel is a Holy Cross brother and has led retreats around the world for 35 years. The retreat at Cedarbrake cost is \$280 for a private room and \$230 for a shared room, all meals included.

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday except the fourth Sunday of the month. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

In conjunction with Shepherd's Pantry, we provide a **food pantry for the community in Sophie Hall on the second Saturday of every month.**

April 7, 2023, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm – St. John's Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxillary Court #385 is sponsoring a **Fish Fry!** Fish, green beans, potato salad or slaw, dessert and drink. Adults \$14; Kids \$7.



April 9, 2023 – Homemade cakes available for pick up on Easter Sunday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Come out and choose one!

\$25

EASTER CAKE SALE

all proceeds to benefit the building fund for the Virgin Mary Sanctuary

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP OF ST. JOHNS

Don't feel like baking for Easter? Let us help!

\$25 **HOMEMADE** **CAKES**

**CAKES WILL BE AVAILBLE FOR PICKUP EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023 FROM 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**SOPHIA HALL - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR BAKING SKILLS
PLEASE CONTACT
DESTINY: 786-972-5668**

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

Contact Carolyn Brown or Gwendolyn Stewart either while at church or email at saintjohn1312@yahoo.com **if you are aware of a church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound.**

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at stjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items **by 5:00 pm on Thursday** to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.