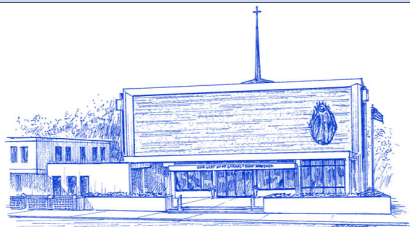


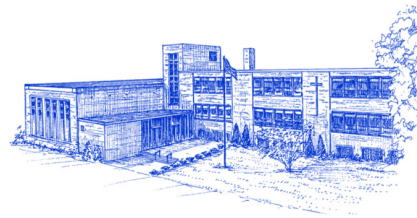
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7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 12:05 pm Monday thru Friday (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holy Day Masses

Times and languages will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas

Los horarios y el idioma será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am. Only Parish members will be allowed to register.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at the rectory.

Reconciliation /Reconciliación:

Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm (English).

A priest is available upon request or by appointment.

Sábados 6:15pm-7:15pm (Español). Un sacerdote estará disponible con cita.

Matrimonios:

Los preparativos deben hacerse al menos (6) SEIS meses por adelantada. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos. Para mayor información pueden llamar a Rosie al 347-318-2110.

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Bautismo

Debe de inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicará para darle seguimiento a este proceso. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases de preparación y reflexionar sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora (3) Tres meses. La ceremonia del bautismo es cada primer y tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00pm. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a los hijos de nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos.

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Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a Natalia a la rectoria.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ Apr 2, 2023



Weekly Announced Mass Intentions

HOLY WEEK



April 1 - Saturday

5:00pm- † Grace & Ciro Frulio

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family

April 2 - Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

8:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

10:00am-† Andrew & Ralph Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm-† Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm-† Parish Community Intentions

April 3 - Reconciliation Monday

12:05pm-† Giaginta & Giambattista Martino *Offered by: Martino Family*

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

April 4 - Holy Tuesday

12:05pm-† Corazon Lacson

*Offered by: Filomena
Manzano*

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

April 5 - Holy Wednesday

12:05pm~ Birthday Blessings for
Oyenmwun Buyaso Erebor

Offered by: Erebor Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

April 6 - Holy Thursday of The Lord's Supper

(Bilingual)

7:30pm-† Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

April 7 - Good Friday

4:00pm- † English Liturgy

7:00pm- † Spanish Liturgy

April 8 - Holy Saturday (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)

(Bilingual)

7:30pm-† Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

April 9 - Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

10:00am-† Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

~ Our **Bread & Wine** is offered this week...

~ Our **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week in memory of...

~ Our **Memorial Candle** burns this week in memory of...

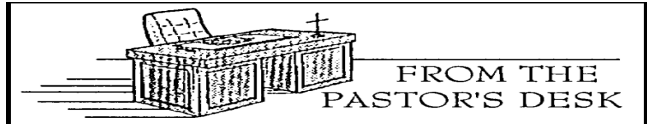
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*"Let's live Palm Sunday in the light of hope".
(Bishop Romero)*



PALM SUNDAY

"Hosanna the King of the Jews" (Mateo 26:14-27:66)

Saint Paul's words appeal to us during the season of Lent: "Be reconciled to God!" (2 Cor 5, 20). Reconciliation is a gift from God. It is from the "gaze of God" where everything makes sense. We are here today to greet the Lord with palm branches and hosannas, welcoming him to the holy city of Jerusalem. This joyful celebration gives tone and shape to the story of the Passion according to Saint Matthew. Jesus, the Son of God, has come to the holy city to face his destiny. He has not fled or hidden, but he has shown his face and, as we have heard in the Passion, he even freely gives his own life to be an agent of life.

The journey toward Jerusalem has lasted three years and our Lenten journey is nearing its completion. With today's celebration the Church hits the accelerator and leads us to "be transformed" by Christ in his Passion before enjoying his resurrection. Let us recall our last week's liturgy when we were urged to go outside our comfort zone, to do good, and not to remain motionless in the face of pain, sin and death. Be reconciled to God.

Let's not lose sight at the beginning of this week of its entire context. Soon Jesus will celebrate the Passover with his closest disciples here at the center of the Jewish world. Before the sun rises, he will be betrayed by one of his friends, arrested and taken away "like a lamb that is led to slaughter". Furthermore, Jesus will be tortured, put to trial, and sentenced to death. As if that were not enough, we have also read that he was crucified in the middle of two thieves. He will die on the cross, be taken down, and be buried. How sad to see how Jesus, who spent his life doing good, had to suffer so much and be despised by many. St. Ignatius seeing the crucified Jesus will exclaim: "And He did it for me".

Let's not lose hope in those situations that seem to put an end to our lives. Jesus, true God and true man, calls out near the point of death: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". Curiously and several centuries earlier the psalmist had cried out to God with the same words. One can imagine Isaiah saying the same thing as he was struck and beaten by his oppressors. How many times in our neighborhood can all of us feel the pain of poor immigrants, homeless, sick and desperate people... If we have faith and listen to the full Gospel, we must know that death is not the end. Let us be reconciled to God. Let's live this Holy Week with the faith that Jesus is always by our side. He invites us to be faithful to the end, serving our brothers and sisters in need. Let us learn from Christ Crucified who went up to Jerusalem to face his destiny. After all, he did everything for me and for my sins.

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Fr. Hernan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 2: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11

April 9: Easter Sunday (Solemnity)

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4



HAVE A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY

Today, we remember not just Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the past, but also his entry into the future. Today we remember God's great love. May this day bring new meaning and change to your life. Hope you are fully blessed with happiness, good health, great fortune, and prosperity by the Holy Spirit. Happy Palm Sunday to you and your loved ones.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION

The flowers and plants that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family and friends with a donation for our Easter Flowers. These special envelopes can be found at the church entrance, in your envelope packet or at the rectory and will remain on the altar for the Easter Season.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - "Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter." We invite everyone for the Lenten Sacrament of confession this **HOLY MONDAY, April 3rd** from **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** and again **3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**. A priest will be available to hear your confession. Cleanse your heart and soul before Easter. Pope Francis tells us "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION - We will have a living Stations of the Cross in Spanish on **Friday, April 7th**. The procession will begin at Veterans Park (Park Ave. & Bennett St.) at **5:30 PM** and walk along Castleton Ave. to the Church. The procession will be followed by Veneration of the Cross.

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT - How many will your child find? Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on **EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th**. Scavenger hunt looking for colorful Easter eggs with prizes hidden inside, all throughout the parking lot (285 Clove Rd) for children 3 years to 6 years of age. (Rain or Shine). **12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**. Pre-registration is required – forms can be found in the Church lobby. Egg hunt, face painting, games, snacks and much more.

MY EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH

We would like to encourage ALL parishioners to make a special Gift to the Parish for Easter. Most of us understand the opportunity and obligation we have to help others spiritually by maintaining our Church and its Ministries. Many thanks to ALL of you who already have or soon will help your Parish with your generous EASTER contribution.

50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING – Our 50/50 drawing is held on the last week of each month. 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package or any envelope marked 50/50 can be used. \$5.00 is needed to win so be sure to get your entry in soon for the next drawing and good luck. Congratulations to our MARCH winners: **Rigoberto & Violeta Gonzalez** on winning \$350.

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GOD'S EASTER GIFT

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we see the manifestation of John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The Father comes in the person of Jesus Christ to be a gift "that perishes" on the cross. Yet, because of Jesus' resurrection three days later and our repentance made possible by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is our living hope, and we do not have to perish (2 Peter 3:9). The free gift to us of Good Friday and Easter Sunday is the Good News, and it is news we can share from family to family, generation to generation. As we celebrate Easter, let's remember to pass along the gifts we've been given.



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