

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

Sunday Collection

Sunday's collection will appear in next weeks bulletin.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones.

The following Memorial Gifts are available

Bread & Wine
Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Candles
Blessed Mother Candles
St. Joseph Candles

For available dates and more information about the Memorial Gifts call the Parish Office.

Domingo de Ramos

"¡Hosanna al hijo de David! ¡Bendito sea el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en lo más alto de los cielos!" (Mateo 21:9). Hoy inicia la Semana Santa o Semana Mayor. En este hermoso tiempo la Iglesia en su liturgia nos invita a tener la oportunidad de detenernos en nuestro camino para reflexionar en las cosas que de verdad valen la pena. Hoy, se conmemora la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén. Estamos a punto de celebrar los misterios de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro único Salvador. En esta Semana Santa, busquemos momentos apropiados para agradecer al Señor todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros.

¿Con qué disposición podremos vivir esta Semana Santa? ¿Qué podremos aportar por los más necesitados? El Papa Francisco nos invita a lo siguiente:

Jesús entra en Jerusalén. La muchedumbre de los discípulos lo acompañan festivamente, se extienden los mantos ante él, se habla de los prodigios que ha hecho, se eleva un grito de alabanza: ¡Bendito el que viene como rey, en nombre del Señor! ¡Paz en el cielo y gloria en lo alto!» (Lucas 19,38). Gentío, fiesta, alabanza, bendición, paz; Se respira un clima de alegría. Jesús ha despertado en el corazón tantas esperanzas, sobre todo entre la gente humilde, simple, pobre, olvidada, esa que no cuenta a los ojos del mundo. Él ha sabido comprender las miserias humanas, ha mostrado el rostro de misericordia de Dios y se ha inclinado para curar el cuerpo y el alma.

¿Qué piensas de estas palabras del Papa? La respuesta debe ser un compromiso entre Jesús y tú.

Readings for the week of April 14, 2019

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/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 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/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 [cf. 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

PALM SUNDAY

A Message from Fr. Tom

Today, Jesus enters into his passion. We call this day—Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. This might seem to be a rather strange word—passion—to refer to a day when we reenact a man’s unjust trial, suffering and death. But, the word passion is defined as “a powerful emotion such as love.”

They say that the most painful experience any human being can undergo is the experience of childbirth. I am sure the mother’s here can all affirm that reality. Yet, the result of this great suffering is the joy of beholding a new life brought into the world. In the process of birth there is a connection between suffering and new life. So also for Jesus, for his suffering, his passion brings forth the possibility of new life with God for us. These themes of suffering and the coming of new life are constantly being played out in our faith—pain, loss, and suffering, dying and rising. We are led to new life when we consciously unite our struggles to the life of our savior and king.

Over the course of my life, I have met or read the accounts of a number of people who lived under the tyranny of communism in Eastern Europe. One person described the great challenges he endured being a Christian during those times. He was a priest in Slovakia—then under Communist rule. He later became a bishop. For fearlessly confronting time and again the Communist régime, he spent nearly 20 years of his life in prison on account of his leadership role in the Catholic Church. He described the great challenges to his country after the fall of communism. It was a great day of hope and opening up of new possibilities, and yet it presented a great challenge to us, he said. We had to think about what is the true and authentic authority in our lives. There were great choices and options now. This is a challenge for Christians this day as we celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. What is the supreme authority in my life? It is indeed Jesus or something or someone else?

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019 As of April 1, 2019

Goal	\$35,578.00
Pledged	\$13,915.00
Paid	\$ 9,606.00

Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, April 22, 2019.

DMP Holy Week Schedule 2019

On **Holy Thursday, April 18, at 7:30pm** we will celebrate our parish **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** at St. Cecilia.

On **Good Friday, April 19, at 1:00pm** we will conduct the **Stations of the Cross** throughout the streets of our parish, beginning at St. Cecilia to St. Nicholas and ending at St. Francis of Paola.

After the **Station of the Cross at 3:00pm** we will have the Good Friday Service of the Lord’s Passion at St. Francis of Paola.

On **Good Friday, at 7:00pm** the **Service of the Lord’s Passion** in Spanish will be held at St. Nicholas Church.

On **Holy Saturday, April 20, at 8:00pm** the **Easter Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at St. Nicholas

On Easter Sunday, April 21, the Easter Mass

Will be celebrated

8:00am at St. Francis of Paola Church

9:30am at St. Cecilia Church

10:30am at St. Nicholas Church

11:30am at St. Francis of Paola Church

No 7:00pm Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Why Catholic—A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

We will be taking a pause from our regularly scheduled Bible Study on Wednesday evenings to participate in the “Why Catholic?” program and explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class will be conducted in English and meet for one hour from 7:45pm to 8:45pm. Please contact Amelia Castro after the St. Nicholas Spanish Mass for more information on the Spanish language track. Following are the dates for the program conducted in English in St. Francis

Wednesday, April 17th 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On this special day, Monday - April 15, 2019, all the parishes of our dioceses will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, from **3:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in preparation for the holy days of the Paschal Triduum.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

PALM SUNDAY

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt. 25:35-36)

“Hosanna to the Son of David;

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’
Hosanna in the highest.”**

Merciful Father, grant that as we make this journey of life we will lean heavily upon your promises and reach out, not only in charity, but also in justice, to those who are poor and weak.

Specific items needed: **Coffee - Tea**
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – April 14, 2019**

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

Joan D’Arienzo

40 Hours of Devotion

**Leading to Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 28th / Mass at 3 pm**

Last year we celebrated 40 hours of devotion. It was very well received. And so once again we encourage your participation in this time of communal prayer pleasing to God.

Our parish will offer 40 hours of uninterrupted Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Francis Church from Friday, April 26th at 7pm to Sunday, April 28th at 2pm.

This is in anticipation of the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and the special Mass at the Hour of Mercy at 3pm, on Sunday, April 28th, at St. Cecilia’s.

The Church requires that at any given hour at least two persons must keep watch with Jesus through the 40 hours. We must have your participation! Soon, we will be asking each parishioner –as in year’s past- to sign up for an hour to watch and pray with Jesus. Please respond generously with your time.

Easter Vigil / Saturday / April 20th

This year we will celebrate our Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas at 8:00 pm. Please arrive by 7:30 pm to insure we may begin on time

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

5:00pm Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – PALM SUNDAY

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
11:30am Guiseppe Corbisiero

Monday, April 15, 2019

7:45am Giovanni Guadagno by Diane & Sal Rodriguez

Tuesday April 16, 2019

7:45am Alphonse & Salvatore Carovinci by Rosa

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

7:45am Sabato Scotti by Family

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday No Morning Mass

Friday, April 19, 2019- Good Friday

Good Friday No Morning Mass

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday No Morning Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

8:00am Easter Sunday
11:30am Easter Sunday

**The Saint Theresa Guild Presents
“European Masquerade”**

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 6:15 pm

Food, Wine, Dessert, Live Entertainment & Fabulous Prizes! Saint Francis of Paola Auditorium, 200 Woodpoint Road. \$35.00 per person. Tickets are available at the rectory or by calling Marie Perrotto (718-389-1073) or Annette Marino (646-361-8467) arm718@aol.com

Mass Book 2019

The second half of the Mass Book (July to December 2019), will open on Wednesday, April 24th for intentions. Mass stipend is \$15.00 for a weekday Mass and \$20.00 for a Sat. 5 pm Mass and our Sun. Masses. Rectory is open from 9 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

APRIL 14, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

10:30am Joan D'Arienzo

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

7:00pm Lavinia Feloa by Laura Feola

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Holy Saturday

8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

10:30am Easter Sunday

Pray For the Sick:

Rae Pacifico, Frank Grutza, Gennaro Adamo, Carmella Caiafa, Maryann Picora, Roseann Frank, Remi Schandel, Fawziy Ali, Betty Gifford, Anthony Scala, Theresa Scala, Bob Cohen, Raymond Lopez, Sara Chang, Lenny Currie, Bob Hershlag, Jackie Elasser, Jacqueline Mengel, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Carmine Giglio, Robert E. Pelletier

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Marie Gallishaw, Joan D'Arienzo

Easter Vigil / Saturday / April 20th

This year we will celebrate our Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas at 8:00 pm. Please arrive by 7:30 pm to insure we may begin on time.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11:00 am

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person.

All couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church are invited.

Special recognitions will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary.

To register: Contact the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

Good Friday Procession / April 19th

This year the way of the Cross Procession begins from St. Cecilia at 1:00 pm and stops at St. Nicholas on its way to St. Francis for the Passion Service at 3 pm. Please arrive at St. Cecilia by 12:30 pm, so we may begin on time.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

9:30am Diane Sadowski

Chris Mongello

Thomas Pugliese

7:00pm Chris Mongello

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:30am Maria Vi

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8:30am For those who have no one to pray for them.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:30am Rose C. Pettenato

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday No Morning Mass

Friday, April 19, 2019 – Good Friday

Good Friday No Morning Mass

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday No Morning Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Sunday

7:00pm No Mass

Mothers and Fathers Days Dance

Sunday – May 19, 2019

12 PM to 4PM

\$15:00 per person; Includes, hot food, drinks, dessert, and live music by Son d'Aqui. \$20.00 after May 1st.

Door prizes, Raffles, 50/50. For tickets call Ivette (917) 446-9581 or Beatriz (347) 617-4127

CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH PATRONAL FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:45 pm

In St. Cecilia / Divine Mercy Parish

We begin at 2:45 pm by praying together

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

And then celebrate Mass at

3:00 pm at the Hour of Divine Mercy

Reception to follow the 3:00 pm Mass in St. Cecilia's auditorium.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379