



Procession of the Palms

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

-- *Philippians 2:8*



Daily Mass

Week of March 26th – 31st

Monday: 8:00 Mary Vukas+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Rita Ryan+
 Thursday: **Holy Thursday - No Daily Mass**
 Friday: **Good Friday - No Daily Mass**
 Saturday: **Holy Saturday - No Daily Mass**



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Ed Heinemann, Josephina McKay, Hether Ludwick, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

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- 2018 Celebration of the Triduum •
- Holy Thursday, March 29th •
- 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper •
- Good Friday, March 30th •
- 12:30 p.m. - Passion of the Lord •
- 2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross •
- Holy Saturday, March 31st •
- 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy •
- Easter Sunday, April 1st •
- 8:00 a.m, 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. •
- Easter Mass •
- *The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.* •
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Rice Bowls! !

Rice bowls will be collected on March 29th, Holy Thursday, at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. A receptacle will be placed by the Altar to gather the little boxes. We appreciate the Lenten sacrifices you have made and wish to thank you in their name for your charitable concern and help.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Five weeks ago, we began our Lenten journey. We received ashes and were reminded that our time on earth is limited, our ultimate reality awaits us. We were encouraged to fast and abstain, to pray and reflect. We were asked to examine our lives; to seek healing for our brokenness and forgiveness for our sinfulness.

As we enter into Holy Week, our Lenten journey reaches its goal. Thursday evening at sunset marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the holiest of days, the Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. These days represent our past, our present and our future.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus offers us his life as a sacrifice for our sins. His self-giving act of love conquers all our sins, past, present and future. On Good Friday, Jesus dies and, in doing so, destroys death's power over us. On Holy Saturday night, Jesus rises from the dead and recreates our reality. Because of Jesus, sin cannot control us; death cannot destroy us and eternal life is our destiny.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that we gather as a Faith Community on Holy Thursday night to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday afternoon to celebrate our Lord's Passion and on Holy Saturday night to celebrate the Mass of Light and Resurrection.

Love, Fr. Leo



Holy Week!

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel; and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in *Philippians*. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

Angelina Augustine, Kera Bartlett Binns, Nat Binns, Kasia Ekstrand, Ryan Flynn and Jennifer Hayes come from diverse backgrounds but have decided to call Corpus Christi Church their spiritual home. Five of them grew up Catholic and have now chosen to be confirmed as adults, claiming Catholicism as the religious path. The sixth, Kera, has decided to join the Catholic Church after a circuitous route in Protestant and Jewish circles during her childhood and young adult years. She will receive her First Communion and be confirmed. All of them have been a part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process this year and are preparing for their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 31st.

They, like most of us, have lots of questions: how to respond when we encounter homeless people, if/when we should mention our faith in public situations, what our faith has to say about how we treat the earth and how we are asked to live differently Mondays through Saturdays because we are followers of Jesus. Do you have similar questions? Do you wish you had others that you could talk to about these things? Are you searching for a spirituality that is life-giving rather than constrictive or irrelevant? If so, you are welcome to join the Corpus Christi RCIA program. Please contact Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director, at 521-8011 or email her at: ann@gospelliving.org.

Baby Diapers Collection!

The Outreach Committee has received an urgent request from the Visitation Center for baby diapers in all sizes. The Center is part of St. Vincent de Paul and serves deserving women and children in downtown Oakland. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Gibson Center. Thank You!

Today's Readings!

Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10).

First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]).

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Hospitality Potluck is Saturday, April 14th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Come and "Take a Break from Taxes" Potluck. For additional information, contact Carol at: heardwhat@yahoo.com.

Underwear Donation Collection!

My name is Debra Kalmon and I belong to a group of knitters who recently made a donation of handmade fingerless gloves, hats and scarves to "Operation Dignity," which assists homeless veterans and their families. They also offer comprehensive support services, nutritious meals and a strong peer community. Their goal is to help veterans rediscover hope and provide the tools needed to live a self-sufficient and stable life. After we made our donation to them, we asked what other items we might be able to provide for them. Surprisingly, they said, "men's and women's underwear." Through Sunday, April 15th, Corpus Christi is sponsoring an underwear collection for men and women only. These are much needed items and will be so appreciated by our neighbors at Operation Dignity. Please purchase new, packaged underwear in average sizes. There is a marked box in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Debra at 529-1014. Thank You in advance!

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

There is still time to partake in the warm, winter coat collection for men, women and children. This is the time of year to go through your closets and donate those outgrown or never used items that just take up space. They are needed so much and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Your clean, gently-used coats will benefit those served by the St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. There are marked containers in the Gibson Center for your contributions. The collection runs through March. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!

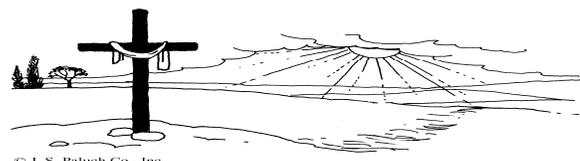
Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday



HOLY WEEK

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, leave the paper unread. Turn off the computer, radio and TV. Eat little. If possible, stay home or in Church. Don't shop. Don't work. Don't make others work.

Open eyes and ears to sunsets, sunrises, the beauty of darkness and light, the beauty of one another. Gather with the Parish community (and help others to gather) to pray, fast and keep watch. It is the Passover of the Lord!



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Easter Vigil Reception

There will be a reception in the Gibson Center immediately after the Easter Vigil to honor the individuals who will be baptized and confirmed that evening. Plan to spend a few minutes after the Easter Vigil to congratulate the newest members of our community and to celebrate the end of the Lenten Fast and the beginning of the Easter Feast.