

Sunday, March 24, 2024



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!*

Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:15am: + Peter Quayet

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:15am: + Resurreccion Ben

7:00pm: NO MASS

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:15am: + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family

Thursday, March 28, 2024

HOLY THURSDAY—no mass intentions

Friday, March 29, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY—no mass intentions

Saturday, March 30, 2024

HOLY SATURDAY—no mass intentions

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30am: + Deceased Members of the Vaz Family

10:00am: + Carmen De Castro

12:00pm: + Amy & Joseph Sequeira

7:00pm: NO MASS

Easter Office Hours:

Mar 25-28: 9am-4pm

Mar 29 (Good Friday): CLOSED

Mar 30-April 1: CLOSED

Apr 2: 9am-4pm



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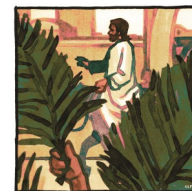
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Palm Sunday

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love. What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church. — *Father John Muir*



Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all those who are 14 years and older, the law of fasting binds those who are 18-59 years of age.

IT'S A GIRL!!!!

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Maria Espinoza on the birth of her baby girl, Nyla Astrid! Both mom and baby are doing well! Let's remember Maria, her husband Neil and their beautiful baby girl Nyla in our prayers this Easter season.



Office Hours (regular):

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm, Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm, 3:00pm-6:00pm, Sun: 9:00am-1:00pm

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutillier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Theresa Torrefranca



Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25 Mass: 8:15am

Tuesday, March 26 Mass: 8:15am,
Please note, there is **NO 7:00pm Mass**

Wednesday, March 27 Mass:
8:15am

Holy Thursday, March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to
10:00pm

Good Friday, March 29
Solemn Liturgy, Celebration of the
Lord's Passion: 1:00pm & 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30
Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Please note, there is **NO 7:00pm Mass**

SHARE LIFE

In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus spoke about the three disciplines of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. By embracing these disciplines, we try to draw closer to Jesus who has told us that he is the way, the truth and the life. In the giving of alms, we try to be like Jesus in his giving of himself to others. **SHARE LIFE**, is one of the collective ways that we do this. The campaign was begun by Archbishop Pockock in 1976, as a way for the people of the Archdiocese to reach out to those who are most in need, and for the past 48 years we have done this. I would like to thank you for your generosity to the campaign last year. **The Parish gave \$151.356.55 to the campaign**, which I believe is a very tangible way of saying that we care, and that we support this campaign. I hope that this year we will be able to do the same. **The second collection will be on APRIL 28, and another on JUNE 2**, but donations can be given at any time either directly through the Parish or through the Share Life Office. Please make sure that donations are allocated to "Share Life - St. Patrick's Parish." If you have not already received it, you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Leo asking for your continuing support. There are envelopes for the collections in your Parish box of envelopes, as well as on the tables in the church, and in the letter from Archbishop Leo. There is a brochure in the bulletin this weekend similar to the one that you received from the Archbishop. It talks about those who have been helped by Share Life, and the allocation of the funds that have been received. Thank you for your support and generosity.—Fr. John

March for Life

This word from the prophet is the theme for this year's March for Life in Ottawa on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**. Let us never forget the unborn children in danger of abortion as well as the sick and elderly in danger of euthanasia. Mark the date in your calendars. Make plans to attend!

