



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY – APRIL 14, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, or the Passion of the Lord Sunday, in which we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem where the prophecy of Isaiah would be fulfilled: *“I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheek to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting”* (Is 50:6).

People welcomed Jesus; they welcomed Him as their King, who came in the name of the Lord, who would bring true peace of heaven and the glory of God to people. What happened, however, a few days later? They condemned their King as their worst criminal: Crucify him! Crucify him! Barabbas was released instead.

There is a mixed feeling and reaction that people then, and even now, expressed to Jesus the King: Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord, and Crucify him! Crucify him!

“Crucify him! Crucify him!” Does that sound familiar to us? We might say: “No, it is not.” Yes, it is my dear friends! Isn’t that what we say to our King Jesus when we commit sins, particularly mortal sins? When we follow our own desires or will, not God’s? Is that how we *“repay”* our Redeemer who took all our guilt on Himself? We have shouted without mercy to Jesus many times, such as when we put on the *“double face”* loving God, but not our neighbor, or loving other things more than loving God, or when we spread our hatred, anger, prejudice, untruthfulness . . . that hurts others (even ourselves!)

Let us take time to think about the ways we welcome Jesus. Is it true or fake? Is it from our sincere heart or from others’ pressure? May God give us courage and humility to look deeply into our heart and to change (if it is needed) the way we welcome Christ.

Friends, with this celebration we begin Holy Week, with its climax being the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). And the climax of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This is the night we, all Christians, await the *“big”* promise of God being fulfilled: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Saturday night (Easter Vigil) is proclaimed as the *“Holiest Night”* of the Church, the night that Jesus conquers death and darkness; the night that Jesus was raised from the dead, giving us hope of our own resurrection on the last day (hopefully) to be with God forever.

I hope and pray that you will follow the last days of our Lord Jesus Christ closely, before He gives Himself up on the cross for our salvation, by attending the Triduum, particularly the Easter Vigil on Saturday night.

By participating in the liturgy of the Triduum, we realize how sinful we are and how much love God has for us sinners. We also realize the meaning of all our sacrifices, prayers and almsgiving. That is our response to God’s love. Do not think about the *“length”* of the liturgy, think about the love that you want to show to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Let us willingly sacrifice our time for our Lord. If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Tien

The Priests from our Diocese will be gathering in Charlotte this Tuesday, April 16th, for the Chrism Mass. There will be no daily Mass here.



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825

Cash/Envelopes/Online \$5,354
Capital Improvement Total \$2,427



Attendance

Saturday	5:00 P.M.	141
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	398
	11:30 A.M.	424

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish.



CLASSES - MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30 am-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday...First Communion Class...7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass - The Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

5:30 p.m. Via Crucis

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service, Holy Mass

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

11:30 a.m. Holy Mass - En Español



The Parish Office will close at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th, and reopen on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. All bulletin announcement for next weekend's bulletin need to be submitted to the Parish Office by Tuesday morning, April 16th. Thank you!



Please fill in your name and the amount contributed on your weekly offertory envelopes. It truly helps our Trustees, who devote their time each Monday morning, to prepare the deposits. Thank you so much!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this past Friday evening.



The devotion of the Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Sunday following Easter, for the mercy of a good life and death. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Copies of the Chaplet are in the rack in the foyer, or stop by the Parish Office.

There will be no First Communion Class on Wednesday, April 17th. Classes will resume on the following Wednesday, April 24th.



Visit this website for valuable information on how to get more people, including yourself, involved in the pro-life movement. 10stepstoendabortion.com

Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Bill Himschoot, Emilee Janson, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski Doris Lobeck, Brandon Lowery, Bill Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffit, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wade Morgan, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgandien, Mary Ann Zoeckler.



Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,
Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. *Thank you for your service!*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 13

5:00 P.M. †Jim Broadwell by the Women's Guild

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M. †Sylvan H. Swanson by Charlene Galbrecht

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, April 15

9:00 A.M. Maria Tran T. Ruot by Sandy Tran

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 A.M. NO MASS - Chrism Mass in Charlotte

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 P.M. †Sherman Suter by Ed Cameron

Thursday, April 18

Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Mass of the Last Supper for Priests

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

3:00 P.M. The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday

8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass for the Candidates

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 A.M. David & Joanne Greiner

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each Friday at 3:00 P.M.

Ministries & Organizations - The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild fosters spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities for women of all ages. This group of women is dedicated to community service and social and spiritual enrichment of members. Throughout the year, they assist with many parish activities, host events, support several charitable organizations, and sponsor projects throughout the community. Kindness, compassion, generosity of time, and faithfulness are characteristics found in the women of the Guild.

Call Sue Kozma at 239-940-2057 if you have any questions.