

Fr. Joseph's Corner

“Who Will Take the Son?” (Author unknown)

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection—from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire their great works of art.

When the conflict in Iraq broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified, and he grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Easter, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, “Sir, you don’t know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.” The young man held out his package. “I know this isn’t much. And I’m not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.”

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

“Oh no, sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It’s a gift.”

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

Sadly, the man died a few weeks later, and there was going to be a great auction of his art collection. Many influential people gathered, excited to see the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their own collections.

On the platform sat the painting of the son, and the auctioneer pounded his gavel. “We will start the bidding

with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this painting?” There was dead silence until a voice in the back of the room shouted, “We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.”

But the auctioneer persisted. “Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding—\$100, \$200?”

Then another voice shouted angrily. “We didn’t come for this one. We came for the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!”

But, still, the auctioneer continued: “The son! The son! Who will take the son?”

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. “I’ll give \$10!” (Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.) So, the auctioneer said, “We have \$10! Who will bid \$20?” Someone said, “Give it to him for \$10. Let’s see the masters.” But the auctioneer continued: “\$10 is the bid. Won’t someone bid \$20?”

The crowd was getting angry. They didn’t want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy art for their collections. And at last the auctioneer pounded the gavel and said, “Going once. Going twice. SOLD for \$10!”

A man sitting in the second row shouted. “Now let’s get on with the collection!” But the auctioneer laid down his gavel and said, “I’m sorry. The auction is over.”

“What about the paintings?” they shouted. “I’m sorry,” he said. “When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will that I was not allowed to reveal until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought it would inherit the entire estate.” The man who took the son gets everything!



God gave His Son more than 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, “The Son, the Son—who’ll take the Son?” Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto
 Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger ♦ Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Lloyd Rodgers
 Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Jordan Ortega ♦ Chuck Renwick
 John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Karen Evans ♦ Brittany
 Duncan Osgood ♦ Doni Bachand ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither
 Terri Hintze ♦ Nancy MacDonald ♦ Donna Bailey ♦ Fred Vandehey

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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March 24, 2024 † Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00 p.m.

**Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.*

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	03/25/2024	—No Daily Mass—		
Tuesday	03/26/2024	8:00 a.m.	Cobey Giovanini (L)	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Wednesday	03/27/2024	12:00 p.m.	The Penhollow Family (L)	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Thursday	03/28/2024	6:00 p.m.	Mike Bailey (D)	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Friday	03/29/2024	—No Daily Mass—		Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Saturday	03/30/2024	7:00 p.m.	Murra Miller (D)	Is 52:13-53; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sunday	03/31/2024	9:00 a.m.	Morris Gerke (D)	Gn 1:1-2:2, 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14, 55:1-11;
Sunday	03/31/2024	12:00 p.m.	Martiniano Lopez Gonzalez (D) and Hilario Ortiz Gonzalez (D)	Bar 3:9-15, 32:4-4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;
			(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased	Mk 16:1-7 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Today's Homily

THE CHURCH celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events that brought about our redemption and salvation.

That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God.

The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering, the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the drama of His unjust trial and suffering, culminating in His crucifixion and death. You have been practicing self-discipline through fasting. You were generous in alms giving through various ways. You were praying especially during this Lent. You also have been using the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Week. Now we have come to it.

Today we commence the Holy Week with the blessing of the palms and procession, remembering the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



Because Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, the word “passion” normally used to mean “compelling love” or “boundless enthusiasm.” But the name “Passion” for this Sunday is from the Latin word *passion*, meaning “suffering.” In fact, what we remember and celebrate today is the love of God the Father who gave his only Son suffering of a sacrifice to remission of our sins. Jesus the Son of God was full of his Father’s love that He walked the way of the Cross. Even when everyone, including His chosen disciples deserted Him, Jesus did not waiver. Even when the thought of the coming crucifixion was so agonizing, He prayed in Gethsemane, “Let it be as you, not I, would have it.” No amount of mockery or violence dissuaded Our Lord from the self-sacrifice on the cross for our sins.

Though the execution of Christ on the cross was a scandal for many people, the early Christians preached it boldly because they knew that Christ was not lost—the risen Christ is still with them. Since then, all generations preached the Cross everywhere.

We, too, preach and celebrate it today. It is because we know, just as the early Christians did, that the Cross on Calvary was not the end of the story. Resurrection followed it, and Christ has won victory over death.

Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus’ universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.

March—The Month of St. Joseph

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St. Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of being the Patron of the Church.

As a token of your own gratitude to God, obtain for me the grace to live always as a worthy member of this Church, so that through it I may save my soul.

Bless the priests, the religious, and the laity of the Catholic Church, that they may ever grow in God’s love and faithfulness in His service. Protect the Church from the evils of our day and from the persecution of her enemies.

Through your powerful intercession may the Church successfully accomplish its mission in this world—the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

No Daily Mass

On **Monday, March 25th**, there will be a funeral at **10:30 a.m.**, so there will **not** be the daily Mass at 8 a.m.

Meetings

- **April 1st—Youth Group at 6 p.m.**
- **April 16th—Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Holy Week

- † **Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 23rd, at 5 p.m.**
- † **Palm Sunday, March 24th—Mass is at 9 a.m., and the Spanish Mass is at 12 p.m.**
- † **Holy Thursday, March 28th—at 6 p.m.**
- † **Good Friday, March 29th—Way of the Cross at 3 p.m.; Passion Service and Veneration of the Cross at 6 p.m.**
- † **Holy Saturday, March 30th—Easter Vigil Mass is at 7 p.m.**
- † **Easter Sunday, March 31st—Mass is at 9 a.m., and Spanish Mass is at 12 p.m.**

Youth Group

Our Youth Group is really coming together. If you would like to join us, either as a member or a volunteer, please contact **Ruby Ruiz, Jackie Cearley** or **Vivian Sanchez**. There are a lot of fun plans on the horizon. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 1st**.

Divine Mercy Cenacle Group

The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group would like to invite everyone who is interested in reading *St. Faustina’s Diary*. We will begin on **Monday, April 8th, at 9 a.m., in Classroom #4**, which is the day following the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Holy Triduum

The Sacred Triduum contains the three holiest days of the year in which we celebrate the Lord Jesus’ Paschal Mystery (His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and ultimately His glorious Ascension later in the Easter season.



Holy Thursday, March 28th—The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional “washing of the feet” ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with His disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the “altar of repose,”—a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. **(Mass is at 6 p.m.)**

Good Friday, March 29th—A mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There are no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; they were carried away on Holy Thursday night to the “altar of repose” to signify Jesus’ death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic—reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a Communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which there are no Masses offered. Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service when the priest and faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it. **(Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m./Veneration of the Cross is at 6 p.m.)**

Holy Saturday, March 30th—A Vigil Mass is held after night-fall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The Easter Vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: (1) the Service of Light, (2) the Liturgy of the Word, (3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and (4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass in which many RCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. **(Mass is at 7 p.m.)**