

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 25, 2018

### The Paradox of Palm Sunday

Today we are in the middle of a **paradox**. On the one hand, we are filled with **joy**. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, **throng**s of people rejoice. The promised Savior has finally come! The Messiah is here! Redemption is at hand! But then, on the **other** hand, we turn towards the **sorrowful narrative** of our Lord's rejection, suffering, and death - with his **passion**. **Palm Sunday** is also **Passion Sunday**. It is a solemn, silent moment. How can a day of **triumph** be filled with both **joy and sorrow**? Because what **seems** to be Christ's **defeat** is actually his **victory**, the victory of **everlasting love**. "A man can have no greater love than to **lay down his life** for his friends" (John 15:13). That's what Jesus **taught**, and that's what he **did** in his passion, to prove **beyond the shadow of a doubt** that his love for us has **no limits**. The angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" when Jesus was born in **Bethlehem**, and now the people sing, "Hosanna in the Highest" as Jesus enters **Jerusalem**. **Both** entrances were motivated by God's love, the **same love** that led him to be **obedient** to the Father even to the point of **death, so as to reverse the disobedience of Adam, pay the price of our sins, and rescue fallen mankind from hopelessness and injustice**.

We have solved our paradox. The source of our **sorrow** is **sin**, our sins, the **cause** of Christ's suffering. But the source of our **joy** is Christ's **love**, the very reason Jesus was **willing** to suffer, and the very **power** that, through his sacrifice on the cross, **conquers** our sins. And so, Christians can **always** live inside the **paradox** of Palm Sunday, can always find **joy, the joy of Christ's limitless love**, even amidst the **profoundest sorrows**.

### Live the Whole Holy Week in a Holy Way.

We're not just celebrating another Sunday and returning to work on Monday. The minimum is Palm Sunday, then Easter Sunday, but this week is the most liturgically packed time of the year, especially starting on Holy Thursday. Consider attending at least one liturgy beyond the ones that are obligatory: why not the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, or the Easter Vigil instead of Mass during the day on Easter Sunday? You can live each day and moment of Holy Week amidst your day to day chores and occupations even if you can't attend additional liturgies. Consider Our Lord's last few days in Jerusalem or Judas going out to betray him (Monday through Thursday morning) Consider the institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist, and Jesus' commandment to love

(Thursday evening). Consider Gethsemane and his capture (late Thursday evening). Stand at his side when he is facing Pilate, or at the foot of his Cross at Calvary (Friday), sit with him in the tomb, or go to wherever Mary or one of the disciples (late Friday through Saturday) is suffering in silence and solitude and speak with them. Whether you attend the liturgies or take time out throughout the week, spend it with Our Lord.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

3/18/18

Attendance: 450 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$6,320

Spanish Mass: \$253

Utility fund: \$304

**Easter Collection:** 100% of donations received for Easter Sunday remain in the Parish and are not subject to archdiocesan assessments and fees. Thank you for your generosity.



*Rest in Peace*

*Veronica Johnson*

*(mother of Lee Johnson)*

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord"

**NO Bible Study on Monday, March 26 and April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**The Rectory (office) will be closed from March 29 to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



**Lectors Needed:** Reverent, clear-voiced Readers of the Word are needed for daily Masses and Sunday Masses. To sign up and try out please contact Sandra Coles-Bell @ [scolesbell@msn.com](mailto:scolesbell@msn.com)

# Mass Intentions

**March 24 – April 1, 2018**

Sat. 3/24	8: 00a	+Emarita Cabigas
	5:30p	+Catherine M. Loh & +Joseph Foo
Sun. 3/25	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00a	+Veronica Johnson
	1:00p	+Fernando Davila
Mon. 3/26	Noon	Tom Myers
Tue. 3/27	Noon	Madeline Tan (birthday)
Wed. 3/28	Noon	Tom Myers
Thu. 3/29	7:00pm	All Parishioners
Fri. 3/30	7:00pm	Good Friday
Sat. 3/31	8:00pm	The Elect
Sun. 4/1	10:00a	The People of the Parish

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Francis Howard, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Robert Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*Willie Poole, Jr., \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo, \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Donald Whiting, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta,

**\*\*We are updating the sick list. Please call the Rectory if you need to add or delete a name. Thank you.**



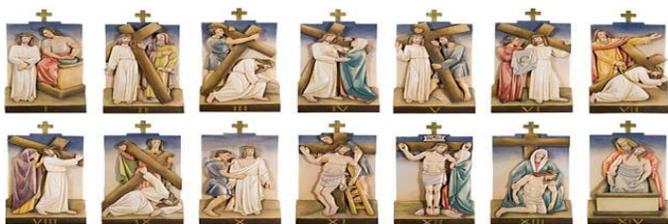
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Keane Council #353**

**Lenten Fish Fry.** This event will occur every Friday during Lent except Good Friday.

**Stations of the Cross**

are prayed twice daily at Nativity during Lent, after noon Mass and during the 6pm-7pm holy hours Fridays in the Great Upper Church.



**Lenten Food Drive 2018**

As we celebrate the season of Lent, may we continue to answer the Gospel call to serve those in need. Please help make a difference for local families by picking up one (or two or more) bags and filling it with food.

Bags are located at both entrances to our church. When you bring them back, just leave them at the same place.



On behalf of the Gabriel Network, the Social Outreach Ministry would like to thank everyone who participate in the dollars and diapers campaign. We were able to collect \$510 and several large packages of diapers. God bless your generosity.



**Thu. 3/29 Holy Thursday**  
 8:00 a Morning Prayer  
 7:00 p Mass of Lord's Supper  
 Adoration at the Chapel  
 until 9:30 pm

**Fri. 3/30 Good Friday**  
 8:00 a Morning Prayer  
 Noon Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 p Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 7:00 p Divine Liturgy / Veneration of the Cross / Communion

**Sat. 3/31 Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 a Morning Prayer  
 8:00 p Solemn Easter Vigil

**Sun. 4/1 Easter Sunday**  
 10:00 a Mass of the Resurrection (bilingual)