

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 24, 2024

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

Office Hours for SJB/HT

Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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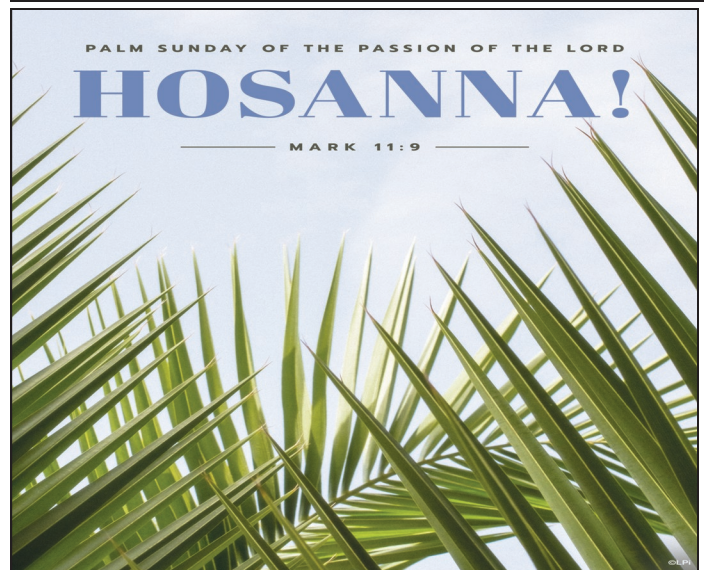
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

Our Lady of Pompei/St.Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ~~~~~ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese
Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am in Chapel



Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.



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Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

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.

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.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson


Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye

Music Director/Organist James Stanley


Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren

Religious Education Betty Warren




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 ~Easter Sunday March 31st SJB/HT 9:00am
 ~Easter Sunday March 31st OLP/SP 11:30am

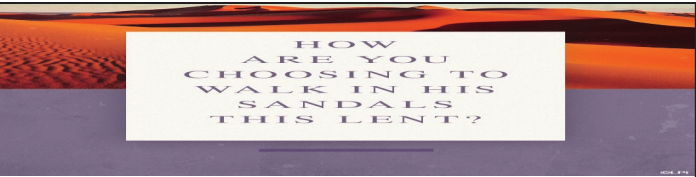
SJB/HT Religious Education



There are no Religious Education classes next week, March 31st, for Easter. Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 6 classes left for our students. Our last class will be on Mother’s Day, May 12th. This last class will be our First Communion and May Crowning Mass. Please pray for all our students, their families and our teachers. Please especially pray for our 2 Confirmation II students who will be receiving their Confirmation on April 16th, and our 4 First Penance/First Communion students who will be receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.



A Family Perspective
Family Life Education
 The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.



Palm Sunday


It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Whole Story
 The Bible is a strange book.



It’s one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It’s also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There’s nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can’t base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can’t embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.


But it’s hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It’s easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won’t appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn’t have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it’s just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

“His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.” — John 12:16 ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Palm Sunday

First Reading: Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Second Reading: Paul taught that central to Jesus’s identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

Gospel: We hear today Mark’s account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?

“The Light Is On”
 Reminder: “The Light Is On” Monday March 25th from 4:00pm-7:00pm SJB/HT Church.



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday March 23, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Helen Corbett - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Henry & Esther Pagano - David DeLucia
Genevieve Aloï Waker - Cousin, Mary Prince
5:30pm SJB/HT - Lena Campanino - The Costantino Family

Sunday March 24, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Joseph & Anna Caruso & Sons -
Dianne & John
9:00am SJB/HT - Ann Warn - Pat & Norm Jaquin
11:30am OLP/SP - Rosemary Caracci - The Family
Vincent Caracci, Jr. - The Family
Leonardo Colavita - Son, Anthony
Jane Lostumbo - Daughter, Ginnie
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
5:00pm OLP/SP - Eileen Tymofy - Jack & Melanie
Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro - The Estate

Monday March 25, 2024, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Andrea Bortoloni - Clara Delledera
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of
St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity
4:00-7:00pm SJB/HT Confession "The Light Is On"

Tuesday March 26, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Bob Venture - Louis Bottega
12:00pm SJB/HT - Our prayer box requests

Wednesday March 27, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Joanne Bruse - Mary Ann Priola
Deceased members of the Anthony Adornato Family
- The Pocal Family
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession



Thursday March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday

6:30pm SJB/HT
Following Mass SJB/HT will remain open
for adoration until 9:30pm

Friday March 29, 2024

3:00pm OLP/SP Good Friday The Passion Of The Lord
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil

8:00pm OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish

Sunday March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

7:30am OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish
9:00am SJB/HT - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish
11:30am OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish



Lector Schedule - March 30th & March 31st

5:30pm SJB/HT: No Mass at SJB/HT
9:00am SJB/HT: Pat Minnoe

Lector's Needed/Holy Week

For Holy Week, we need one lector for the following Masses. Please call me at the rectory if you are available.



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Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week March 16th & March 17th

SJB/HT Collection: \$TBA OLP/SP Collection: \$TBA

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.

Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Francis Galimi, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Joe Petasano, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women and our Health Care Workers.**



"Pot Luck Dinner"

Our first gathering for 2024 is the "Pot Luck Dinner" on Saturday April 20th in the Parish Center from 4:00-7:00pm. We ask that as a price for admission you bring a scratch off lottery tick that will be added to the big International Festival raffle. We still have a few kinks to settle, but we hope as a parish to provide baked ham to start the dinner menu off. It will be entirely up to you what to add. A main dish, a side dish, bread & butter, dessert, etc. I do not mind keeping track of the menu, but it is supposed to be "Pot Luck" so it isn't necessary to do so. Please mark your calendar and come have some fun with us!

fasting + alms + prayer