

24 March 2024  
Passion (Palm) Sunday

Sunday Mass: 8 AM (Ancient Rite Latin Mass)  
9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

**NOTE: NO 4 PM Anticipated Mass next Saturday.  
Instead the Solemn Easter Vigil is celebrated at 8 PM.**

Confessions: See the schedule on the opposite page

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 25 Mar. St. Dismas the Good Thief, Ptn.of Convicted Criminals  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Fred Maciag+  
Req: Wife, Judy

Tue. 26 Mar. Bl. Magdalena Catharina Morano, Virgin, Catechist  
8 AM For: Norma McGrath+  
Req: Frances Gawkins

Wed. 27 Mar. St. Rupert, Bishop of Salzburg  
7 PM For: Gabriella Laxton (L)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**THU. 28 MAR. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7 PM For: Special Intention  
Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the  
Repository  
Solemn Adoration at the Repository until 10PM

**FRI. 29 MAR. GOOD FRIDAY**

3 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
The Reading of the Passion  
Adoration of the Cross  
Holy Communion  
7 PM Stations of the Cross

**SAT. 30 MAR. HOLY SATURDAY**

**8 PM** Solemn Easter Vigil & Holy Mass  
For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

**SUN. 31 MAR. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Special Intention  
9:30 AM For: Special Intention  
11 AM For: Special Intention

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Jr. High School Class: Yes, your son/daughter was correct in saying that we have concluded their classes for this year. We have covered the Ten Commandments of God and the Six Commandments of the Church, so the subject matter has been dealt with. I have thoroughly enjoyed these wonderful kids this year. Sr. High & Adult Class will not meet until **9 April at 7 PM.**

## **CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK**

Mon. 25 March 4-7 PM (Part of the "Light is On" program).  
Wed. 27 March 6-6:55 PM  
Thu. 28 March 11 AM-12 Noon  
Fri. 29 March 1:30-2:30 PM  
Sat. 30 March 3-4 PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Those who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to the law of fast. This means that only one full meal is allowed on the fast day, with two smaller meals allowed that, if taken together, would not equal another meal. Nothing may be eaten outside of these meals. The sick and pregnant or nursing women are not obligated by the law of fast. Those who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are obligated to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

## **NOVENA PRAYER CARD AVAILABLE**

The Novena prayer for the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, which His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke has asked us to pray, is available in the little "bin" on the table in the vestibule. The Cardinal has asked us to join in imploring the Empress of the Americas to intervene in our world and nation, so disrupted by sin, evil and faithlessness. Just as she wondrously brought about the conversion of millions of souls after her apparition to St. Juan Diego in 1531, so we ask the Mother of God to convert sinners and bring them to Her Divine Son in our historical moment. We are asked to pray this Novena prayer daily between now and 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

## **OUR CO-OP CHILDREN WILL SING THE EASTER MASS ON TV**

On Easter Sunday morning (31 March), the choir from our Frassati Home School Co-op will be singing for the Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Lucia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. The Mass will be televised at 9 AM on Channel 9. After that, it will be viewable on the Diocesan YouTube channel.

We are so happy that our youth are able to do this. The music director of the Cathedral has said that with the closure of our Catholic schools, there are no more children's choirs available to sing for the televised Masses. Sadly, this week was announced that the Cathedral Academy at Pompei would be closed at the end of the school year. (This was a combined school of the Cathedral parish, and the Church of Our Lady of Pompei in Syracuse).

## On Holy Week

The Church, since the beginning of the Easter Cycle, has followed Our Lord in His apostolic ministry. Throughout Holy Week, clad in mourning, she contemplates the sorrowful happenings of the last week of His mortal life. The hatred of Christ's enemies grows day by day. It is about to break out and on Good Friday we shall be reminded of the most frightful of all crimes, the bloody drama of Calvary, foretold by the prophets and by Our Lord Himself. The Liturgy too, taking into account both the Old and the New Testaments, works out a striking parallel between the teaching of St. Paul and the Evangelists, about Our Lord's Passion and the clear prophecies of Jeremias, Isaias, David, Jonas and Daniel.

As the fatal end approaches the Church's accents of grief become more and more penetrated with feeling, and soon we shall hear her lamentations for her Spouse whom she has lost. "The sky of Holy Church becomes more and more overcast," says Dom Gueranger. As when thunder threatens, we see gather at the horizon clouds presaging disaster and charged with storm. The thunderbolt of Divine Justice is above to fall and it will strike the Redeemer Who has become Man for love of His Father and for us. By reason of the mysterious solidarity existing between all the members of the great human family, He offers Himself as a substitute for His guilty brethren. As the Prophet says, "He clothes Himself with our sins as with a garment," and "He was made sin for us" that He might bear our sins in His body upon the tree and destroy it by His death. In the Garden of Gethsemane the sins of every age and of all mankind flowed horrible and repulsive into the most pure soul of Jesus who thus became, "the receptacle of the moral filth of the world". Further, His Father doing violence to the love He bore Him is to treat Him as being accursed, according to the Scripture: "Cursed is He that hangeth upon a tree".

For the work of our redemption required "that our Lord should be set as the salvation of the world upon the cross, so that whence came death, thence might life be restored, and that He who overcame by tree, might also on a tree be overcome. It is an unequal struggle between the Prince of Life and that of death, but Christ triumphs in the very act of His self-immolation. Already on Palm Sunday He advances like a conqueror, sure of Himself, greeted with acclamations and already crowned with palms and laurels "tokens of the victory which He is about to win". "Rejoice, daughter of Sion, behold Thy king will come to thee," cries Zacharias, and as if in fulfillment of his words the crowd spread their garments in Our Lord's path, as is the custom before kings, while men cry aloud, "Blessed be the King who cometh in the name of the Lord".

Jesus enters His capital Jerusalem, and mounts the costly throne which His blood "adorns with royal purple", over which Jews and Romans write in the three principal languages of the time, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". David's prophecy is accomplished: God is reigning from the tree, which from being an object of shame becomes a "standard of the King" and our "only hope" on this Holy Passion day. "We adore Thy Cross, O Lord...for behold, by the wood of the Cross, joy came into the whole world." It was to show clearly how, from this point of view, the Church regards Our Lord on the Cross, that in the days gone by, Christian artists changed His crown of thorns into an heraldic and royal one. (*From the St. Andrew Daily Missal: "Passiontide" by Dom Gaspar Lefebvre*).