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PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



PALM SUNDAY always falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem preceding his Passion. This event is mentioned in all four of our Gospels, Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19. It was a common custom to in some way cover the path of someone thought worthy of the highest honor. The Hebrew Bible (2Kings 9:13) reports that Jehu, son of Jehoshaphat, was treated in this way. In Jewish tradition and in writings in the Bible (Leviticus 23:40; Revelation 7:9), the palm branch was a symbol of triumph and of victory.

Why should the Messiah come on a donkey? The answer is in the symbolism of the donkey. In some traditions a donkey is seen as an animal of peace, whereas the horse, is seen as the animal of war. As an example, a king came riding a horse when he was bent on war but rode upon a donkey when he wanted to point out that he was coming in peace.

HOLY THURSDAY is known as Maundy Thursday in the Catholic Church. The name "Maundy" comes from the Latin antiphon Mandatum Novum, "a new mandate." This new mandate, taken from John 13:34, comes from Jesus, "love one another as I have loved you." These words were spoken at the Last Supper by our Lord after he completed the washing of the feet of His apostles. We imitate Christ's humility in the washing of the feet.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Ordination, Christ being the self-offered Passover Victim. To this day, every ordained priest presents that same sacrifice in exactly the same way, through Christ's authority and by His command. At their ordination and on Holy Thursday the celebrant and deacons prostrate themselves in reverence to the altar, symbolizing the undignified way of man and the grief and sorrow of the Church. On the night before he was crucified, Jesus shared the final meal with his disciples. This "Last Supper" was Christ's farewell to His disciples, the many who would betray, desert or deny Him. Holy Thursday includes these events. On Holy Thursday, the ringing of bells ceases & the altar is stripped after vespers. Traditionally, the organ is silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil. **INTRODUCE YOUR CHILDREN TO HOLY THURSDAY** Maundy Thursday's gave rise to the ancient tradition of spring cleaning, evidently related to the Jewish custom of ritually cleaning the home in preparation for the Feast of Passover. Tell children about this tradition and ask them to clean their rooms in order to observe Maundy Thursday. (GOOD FRIDAY CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Sunday Mass 9 am; 1 pm Español
St. Mary in Geneva, Saturday Mass 7 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Mass at 9 am
Wed 5:30 pm Benediction Service with
Mass to follow
Friday 9 am Para Liturgical Service

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Day Chapel:
Wednesday 9:00 am– 5:30 pm
Benediction at 5:30 pm with Mass to follow
Rosary in Spanish 7 pm on 3rd Fri of Month

GIFT SHOP

Open after Saturday 5 pm Mass and
Sunday 9am Mass or by appointment

BECOMING CATHOLIC Contact the church office for information on the RCIA program.

BAPTISM CLASS is held the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the church. Call the office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Please consult with the priest at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

HOMEBOUND & ILLNESSES If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited at home or in the hospital/nursing home, please contact the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please fill out a Parishioner Registration Card (in the church foyer) and place in the collection basket or return to the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the office or fill out a Parishioner Registration Card (in the church foyer) and check the appropriate box on the back.

WELCOME

ST. JOHN PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT PROCLAIMS THE GOOD NEWS AND SERVES OTHERS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. MAY YOUR TIME AT ST. JOHN BE A BLESSED ONE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 9th at 7pm with Holy Sacrament Procession 8:00pm.
There will be no daily Mass or Wednesday adoration during Holy week.
Adoration will begin after Holy Thursday's procession to the Chapel.
A Sign up sheet for Holy Thursday adoration is in foyer.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

April 10th Stations at 6 pm—Service to follow.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Saturday, April 11th begins at sunset, which is 7:18 pm.
Mass at St. Mary in Geneva will be at 5 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 12th Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm in Spanish

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS DURING HOLY WEEK

THERE WILL BE NO CCD CLASSES ON APRIL 5, 8, 12, & 15

BUYERS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Please come buy baked goods this Palm Sunday weekend, April 4th & 5th. The funds from the Bake Sale are used for the altar care here at St. John. **TWO EASTER BASKETS, (one for a girl and one for a boy) will also be raffled.** The Ladies Guild would like to thank all who helped with this fundraiser, which includes those of you who purchased goodies.



CREATE PALM CROSSES Instructions with photo diagrams on how to create a cross with your palm fronds can be found online at <http://www.kingofpeace.org/palmcrosses>



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY has a loan closet for cancer patients consisting of: wheel chairs, walkers, chair toilets, etc. Transportation for medical visits is also provided for cancer patients. For more information, contact Bea Fuentes at 347-2995.

SPECIAL COLLECTION 19 APRIL The suggested donation amount on the envelopes for "The Catholic Week" should be \$17.00 (NOT \$14.00). The church is billed by the Diocese \$17.00 per issue.



PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS The St. John Pastoral Council (PC) election is slated for **May 9th & 10th 2009.** The PC By Laws require one third of the Council be elected each year to provide continuity in the organization. Elected membership in the Council is open to all who possess the following qualifications: 1) registered members of the Parish, 2) have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have attained their eighteenth (18th) birthday prior to the election, (3) and are in good communal standing. There is a limit of one council member per household. The Nominating Committee is composed of Manny Andino, Hiltrud Butler, and Bette Ehlers. They will provide a proposed slate of at least three (3) nominees for the vacant positions. If you are interested in serving your parish in matters pertaining to administration, finance, facilities, education, spirituality, operation, and social activity, please contact the office who will then forward to the nominating committee. **DEADLINE for submission of names (with a short BIO) is April 20th, 2009.**



CELL PHONES FOR TROOPS If you donate your old and unused cell phones you will be giving a soldier stationed overseas the ability to talk with his or her family back home. Drop your unneeded cell phones at the church office.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH**

THE TRIDUUM INCLUDES HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY, AND REACHES IT 'S HIGH POINT AT THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MOST OF THE CELEBRATIONS MAY NOT BE CELEBRATED MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE TRIDUUM, THUS THEY ESSENTIALLY FORM A SINGLE CELEBRATION.

GOOD FRIDAY The Church is in mourning—stripped of it's ornaments. The altar is bare and the door of the empty tabernacle stands open. In the fourth century, the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a "day of mourning, not a day of festive joy," and this day was called the "Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion." The entire Church will focus on the Cross at Calvary. We reflect on the cost Christ paid for our redemption. We unite ourselves to our Savior and in His death we contemplate our own death to sin. No Mass is celebrated on this day.

Good Friday service is called the MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED because the Communion given to the people was consecrated on Holy Thursday. GENERATION OF THE CROSS: In kneeling and kissing the crucifix we are paying the highest of honor to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation. The cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, without it there would be no salvation, it is the crown of salvation. In reverencing His Cross, we are adoring Christ, thus we affirm, "We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou has Redeemed the World."

INTRODUCE YOUR CHILDREN TO GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday was thought to be a good day for planting seeds (a reference to the Gospel about the seeds which must be planted in the ground to bear fruit as a metaphor for Christ's necessary death and His burial on this day), If the weather permits, this could be a worthwhile activity for children. Don't forget to explain the symbolism.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jerry Anderson, Danny Barber, Bert Baxter, Berry Beadles, Mike Chase, Fr. William Gorman, Margaret Greenwood, Jim Grimsley, Francis Guili, Fr. James Havens, Msgr. James Kee, Ron Krantz, Nina LeTourneau, Jane Palmer, Earl Robinson, Cathy Spillane, Mickey Stockton, and Helen Walters.



CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST

SORRY **THERE WILL BE NO EASTER EGG HUNT THIS YEAR AT ST. JOHN!**
THIS DECISION WAS MADE DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE ST. JOHN PROPERTY. THE EGG HUNTS ARE LOVED BY ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE, HOWEVER CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL DANGER, ALL EGG HUNTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED. WE WILL MAKE IT UP TO YOU NEXT YEAR WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE GROUNDS ARE BACK TO NORMAL.

Saint John Ladies Guild **DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF HOLY WEEK THE LADIES GUILD'S APRIL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 13TH IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THE 9 AM MASS.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
10 APRIL HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY)
12 APRIL EASTER OFFERING
12 BUILDING FUND
19 APRIL THE CATHOLIC WEEK

REGULAR \$4,918.11
BLDG FUND \$1,734.00

Last Week's Collection

This Week Ahead In Our Parish	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION APR 05 LADIES GUILD BAKE SALE AFTER MASS—HALL Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39	MON APR 06 NO WEEKDAY MASS Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11	TUE APR 07 NO WEEKDAY MASS LADIES GUILD CRAFTS HALL 10 AM-2PM Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	WED APR 08 NO WEEKDAY MASS NO ADORATION IN CHAPEL No CCD CLASSES RCIA PRACTICE 6 PM CHURCH Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
	HOLY THURSDAY APR 09 NO WEEKDAY MASS HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE 7 PM ADORATION IN CHAPEL 8 PM TIL MIDNIGHT Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION APR 10 NO WEEKDAY MASS DAY OF ABSTINENCE & FASTING CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAY SERVICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6 PM Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42	HOLY SATURDAY APR 11 EASTER VIGIL AT SUNSET 7:18 PM ST. MARY IN GENEVA 5:00 PM VIGIL: GN 1:1—2:2 OR 1:1, 26 31A; Ps 104 OR 33; GN 22:1 18 OR 22:1 2, 9A, 10 13, 15 18; Ps 16; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 9-11; Is 54:5 14; Ps 30; Is 55:1 11; Is 12:2-6; BAR 3:9 15, 32—4:4; Ps 19; Ez 36:16-17A, 18 28; Ps 42 OR Is 12:2-6; OR Ps 51; ROM 6:3 11; Ps 118; MK 16:1-7	APR 12 EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD NO CCD CLASSES EASTER MASS 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM AND 1:00 PM IN SPANISH HISPANIC POTLUCK 2:30 PM IN HALL ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; Ps 118; COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9 OR MK 16:1-7