Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 20, 2016 A.D.

THREE SPECIAL DAYS: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The most significant liturgical celebrations of the Church Year occur this week when we journey with Jesus through the dark days of His Passion and Death to the glory of His Resurrection. All are invited to join with the other members of our parish family in these beautiful, age-old ceremonies that have such a deep meaning for us as Christians.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Week

The Three Sacred Days begin on Thursday evening (5 p.m.) when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On the night before He died, Jesus gathered His Apostles around Him in the Upper Room and celebrated the First Mass and instituted the Priesthood. During the Mass at St. Joseph's there will be the traditional ritual of the washing of the feet of twelve parishioners symbolizing our obligation to love and serve each other. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be brought to the Altar of Repose in solemn procession, the main altar will be stripped, and all flowers and decorations will be removed from the Sanctuary. The church will remain open until 7:30 p.m. for those who would like to spend some time in prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

This is the only day in the year when Mass is never celebrated. There is, however, the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (2:15 p.m.). The service has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Communion Service. The Hosts for the latter will have been consecrated the previous day. During this service we are invited to reflect on the great mystery that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, and the Son so loved us that He died in order to save us. In the evening there will be Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

EASTER SERVICES

On Holy Saturday night the Church celebrates the Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m. This is the most solemn and most important service of the entire year. It includes the blessing of the new fire from which the Paschal Candle is lit. The candle is then brought into the darkened church symbolizing the Risen Christ dispelling the darkness of sin. The Easter Water will be blessed and the people will renew their Baptismal Promises. The ceremonies will conclude with the Mass of the Resurrection. One of the most beautiful parts of the Easter Vigil Service is when the Exultet (the Easter Proclamation) is sung. It sums up the joyous tone of the whole celebration: "Rejoice Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The Risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the night song of God's People. This is the night Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave."

The Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the usual time, 9 & 11 a.m.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Holy Thursday at 5 p.m.:</u>

Lector: Cindy Mazzacane EMs: Dcn. Clark, Kristi Jenkins, Elisa Kiesewetter Servers: Phil Kiesewetter, Basil Dubois, Steve Semas Bell dispensers: Arlene Dellfous Flower Bearer: Teddy Planansky Candle Bearer: Jeanne Edwards Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Good Friday at 2:15 p.m.:

Celebrant: Dcn. Clark Rutledge Lectors: Gary & Bonnie Nelson, Joe Gonzalez EM: Dcn. Clark Servers: Phil Kiesewetter, <u>another is needed</u> Altar Dressers: 2 are needed Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Easter Vigil at Sat. 7:30 p.m.:

Lectors: B. & C. Mazzacane, M. Moloney, K. Jenkins? EMs: Dcn. Clark, K. Hogan, S. Matarese, B. Nelson Ushers: Gary Nelson & Karen Hogan Servers: Tom Hogan, S. Semas Fire Man: Frank Hlavaty Audio/Visual: Jim Jenkins Commentator: Bill Mazzacane Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross

Easter Sunday:

<u>Sun. 9 a.m.</u>:

Lector: Kerry Friend?

EMs: Bill Planansky, Anita Ayoob, Mary Pollock Ushers: Kay Ash, Steve Semas Server: Dick Mooney Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross Coffee: Steve Semas; Hospitality: Carol Lowry

<u>Sun. 11 a.m.</u>:

Lector: Joe Gonzalez EMs: Stan Piwowarski, Elisa Kiesewetter, Loren Davis Ushers: J. Svancara or E. Sandland, Agnes Wade Server: Phil Kiesewetter Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross Hospitality: Maria & Joe Pascoal

For further information call the office at 995-3243.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Mitchell whose Mass of Christian Burial will be Mon., Mar. 21, at 11 a.m.

HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

There will be a rehearsal on Thurs., Mar. 24, at 9 a.m. for those involved with Holy Thursday Mass and a rehearsal on Sat., Mar. 26, at 10 a.m. for all those who are involved with the Easter Vigil Service. Thank you for attending.

EASTER DECORATIONS

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Sat., Mar. 26 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to help.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Good Friday donations may be made to support the shrines of the Holy Land.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Good Friday.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Anne & Glen Bennett as well as Bill & Cindy Mazzacane for attending the Chrism Mass in Salinas with Bishop Garcia and presenting to the parish the Holy Oils we will use during the coming year.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

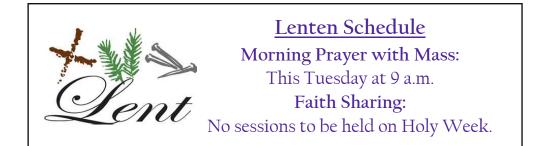
We are a little over \$7,000 on our way to reaching our goal of \$11,500. If you have not yet done so, please take some time to prayerfully consider what your commitment will be for this year. Your generous contributions have enabled our parish to realize goals for improvements. Thank you for your continuing support.

MASS INTENTIONS (MAR. 19-27)	
Sat. @ 5	†Renee Francis by John Steinbroner
Sun. @ <u>10 a.m</u> .	†For the living & deceased members of
	St. Joseph's Women's Society
Mon.	†Suffering Souls in purgatory by
	Lynn Garrison
Tues.	†Mary Fatooh
Wed.	†William Martin
Thurs., 5 p.m.	†Manuel Goulart by Maria Goulart
Fri., 2:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – no
intention	
Sat., 7:30 p.m.	For Nash Scott, our newly Confirmed
Sun. @ 9	St. Joseph's Parishioners
Sun. @ 11	†Joe Miltko by Agnes Wade
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While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church.

TOGETHER IN JESUS

Our instructional program in preparation for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation will begin Sun., April 10, 2016. Classes will be held between the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month ending with First Eucharist in April 2017. All instructional materials will be provided. Children 7 and older are welcome. A Baptismal certificate is required. For more info., please call 995-3243.



Holy Week Schedule

<u>Holy Thursday</u> (Mar. 24) Mass at 5 p.m. (no Mass in the morning) The Altar Repose will remain open after Mass for quiet prayer until 7:30 pm.

<u>Good Friday</u> (Mar. 25) Meditative Readings at noon, Scriptural Rosary at 12:45 p.m., Music & Scripture at 1:30 p.m., & Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. (no morning Mass or soup supper) Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection

(Mar. 26) at 7:30 p.m. (no Reconciliation on Holy Saturday & no Mass at 5 p.m.)

> Easter Sunday Masses (Mar. 27) at 9 & 11 a.m.

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Scott Wilcox, Sean Owen, Dinah Piwowarski, Glen Bennett, Tom Mee, Janet Brewster, Kris Moore, Tena Bettencourt, Elizabeth Sigmund, Jerry May, Mary Ann Gaines, Helen Terrio, the Murray Family, Diane Howard, Lena Minetti, Virginia Avalos, Mary Stenbeck, Sam Ayoob, Noemia Brazil, Colleen Costa, Sonia DeCicco, Steve Brown, Innette Starkenburg, Joyce Thayer, Derek Yonekura, Jeannine Bennett, Frances Foutz, Noelia Souza, Trudy Minott, John Paul Hope, Gage Berry-Carney, Peggy Rudnick, the Aulbach Family, Ernie Gambellin, Mana Nelson, Bob Timone, Jeff Chames, Tina Tull, Angela Lazear, Sally Equinoia, Ben Rose, Randy Briscoe, Zan Barr Anthony Avila, Michael Eckels, Peg Jung; Austin & Easton Woodman; Jim Smith, Elizabeth Porter, Taylen Hallett, Raul Gois, Carol Kramer, Gloria Rambaud, Mario Gois, Joanie George, Isaac Lindsey, Mark Sigmund, Ken Hermanson, Kelly Wade, Joe Nunes, Ben Work, James R. Greene, Sr., Larry Stayton, Elise Peltzer-Koehler, Aaron Demuth, Shelley Woeste, Anne Rindge, Stefan LeRoy, Mary Grace Tassone, & Shalom Simon.