

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

20 March 2016

*Dear Parishioners,*



He emptied himself. (Philippians 2:7)

On this special grace-filled day, let's spend some time dwelling on this one simple verse from today's second reading. What did St. Paul mean when he said that Jesus "emptied himself"?

First, Paul tells us that Jesus has always been God. He wasn't created in the image and likeness of God, as we have been. No, he enjoyed "equality with God" (Philippians 2:6). And yet he chose to become a man. He emptied himself of all the "benefits" he had in heaven. By taking on a human body, he submitted to physical limitations. He knew hunger, tiredness, and pain. He accepted the limitation of being in one place at a time. He who once enjoyed the praise of the angels in heaven now relied on prayer himself to discern his Father's will.

Jesus went even further than that. He chose not to come as a powerful king with many servants, a palatial home, and a mighty army. Instead, he was born into a poor, simple family. He became a tradesman in a humble little village in occupied territory. He owned very little. Even his tomb was borrowed!

Jesus gave up everything—and he did it for us. He came from heaven to earth so that we could go from earth to heaven. He was hated so that we could know love. He was condemned so that we could be pardoned. He died so that we could have eternal life. In every way, he emptied himself so that we could be filled.

Now Jesus is asking us to become like him. He is asking us to choose to serve rather than to be served. He is asking us to humble ourselves and care for the Church, the poor, and the needy. May we never forget what Jesus did for us on the cross. May the love and humility of his own self-emptying move us to ask how we can give more of ourselves to him and his people.

"Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice of love!  
Teach me to love other people as deeply as you have loved me."

*~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## Holy Week Schedule

### HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 24

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 25

#### *Holy Land Collection*

1:30 PM Lord's Passion

12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 26

8:00 PM Vigil of Easter

### EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

## ***Bring your bells!!!***



On *Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday* during the singing of the "Gloria" bells will ring. You are invited to bring bells from home to the services.

### **Sacred Heart Retreat**

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it's almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. **From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th** you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We'd love to have you with us.

### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. To Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human Trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23:56
<b>Monday</b>	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 12:1-14, Jn 13:1-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 52:13—53:12, Jn 18:1---19:42
<b>Saturday</b>	Gn 1:1 -2:2, Ex 14:15-51:1, Is 54:5-14, Lk 24:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Act 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-23, Jn 20:1-9

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 19

5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

### Sunday March 20

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Jordon Manning

12:15 PM Soul of Walita Keyes

### Tuesday March 22

8:00 AM Intention of Brianna Katz

### Sunday March 27

8:00 AM Intention of Jose J. Sanchez

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners



## WEEKLY OFFERING

March 13, 2016

\$7,630.00 Tithes and Offering

258.00 Building Fund

50.00 "We Care"

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Your donation supports the suffering around the world.

Thank you for your generosity.

## LENTEN FISH FRY

### GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016 from 12 Noon to 6 PM

*Featuring Bourbon Street Fish & Grill*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Good Friday at 6:30 PM*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

*Fr. Bernard Viagappan*

who celebrates his birthday on  
March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,  
you will deny three times that you know me."*

(LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

### EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

## HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

*Pray for our sick...*

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

### Year of Mercy Prayer



*Lord Jesus Christ, send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its Anointing,  
so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a Year of Grace from the Lord, and your church.*

*With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring your good news to the poor, proclaim  
liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever. Amen.*