

# March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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A few months before they married, my twenty-three-yearold 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.

~ Fr John Muir

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country. Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic

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#### St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us.

Amen.

#### FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

#### 10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

- + Sunday, April 14, 2024
- 1st Grade
- + Sunday, May 19, 2024

2:15 pm and 7 pm

Kindergarten



#### St. Dunstan School Spring Festival

will be held Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14. There are informational sheets in the vestibule of the church. Let's support our school by attending this fun filled family event! For more detailed info call the school office at 650-697-8119.

The upcoming St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection will not be held on March 31, which is Easter Sunday.

Instead the 5th Sunday collection is moved to the first weekend in April; Saturday the 6th & Sunday, the 7th.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. On these days the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. Parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, and attend one of the daily Masses at 6:30 am & 8:00 am and 5:10 pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays at



#### March 24 - 30, 2024

Sunday 7:00 am For Parish

10:00 am Sylvia & Art Pignati

11:30 am Joseph & Albina Caimotto

Monday 6:30 am Rolando Macasieb

8:00 am Frank Cosentino & The Cosentino Family

5:10 pm Tony & Manuel Torres

**Tuesday** 6:30 am Joan Rebottaro

8:00 am Charito Antaran 5:10 pm The Aubright Family

Wednesday 6:30 am Homer Zuraek

8:00 am Leticia Evangelista Santos

5:10 pm Albert & Jeanne Dan

Thursday Holy Thursday

**Friday** Good Friday

**Saturday** Holy Saturday

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Eleanor Murphy

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

3/23 Saturday

5:00 PM E Lumanlan/L Pascual, P Sundberg, F Gutierrez,

A Woolen, T Phipps

3/24 Sunday

7:00 AM G Miranda/I Chan, V Tanjuakio, R Tanjuakio

10:00 AM F Sigona/T Dizon, Z aguas-Guevarra, K Whitfield,

E Whitfield, L Whitfield

11:30 AM L Roxas/M Haven, M Haven, J Lazaro, G Simpao,

L Simpao

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

LENTEN ROSARY, each Saturday at 12:00 noon during Lent. Join us in the church or church grotto (weather permitting). Our thanks go to The Legion of Mary for organizing this series of rosaries to Our Lady.





March 16 & 17: \$6,538.00

March 16 & 17 Online Giving: \$1,804.00

This weekend's second collection is for the Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

Thank you for ALL your support!

**March 2024 Second Collections** 

March 10: Catholic Relief Services March 17: Easter Flowers for Church

March 24: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy

Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

#### ST. DUNSTAN CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

~Holy Thursday: 8am Morning Prayer

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament Until 11pm

~Good Friday: 8am: Morning Prayer

8:30 am: Confessions 12pm: Stations of the Cross ~ 2pm: Seven Last Words

3pm: Solemn Liturgy & Holy Communion &

**Dramatization of the Passion** 

~Holy Saturday: 8am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions Easter Vigil 8pm

~Easter Sunday: Masses at 7am, 10am & 11:30am

### We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinaro, Letty Santa Cruz, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia, Gladys Tordaro, Sylan Joanne Newsom, Alicia Abell, Ralph Sternick, Virginia Victoria Rivera, Nancy Christensen