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Palm Sunday



At the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:10,11

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THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Jn 12:12-16

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard

that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

the king of Israel."

Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: *Fear no more, O daughter Zion;*

see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt. His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified

they remembered that these things were written about him

and that they had done this for him.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,

that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning

he opens my ear that I may hear;

and I have not rebelled,

have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,

my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;

my face I did not shield

from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,

therefore I am not disgraced;

I have set my face like flint,

knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R.\ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,

let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R.\ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Indeed, many dogs surround me,

a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;

They have pierced my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

R.\ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,

and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;

O my help, hasten to aid me.

R.\ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

"You who fear the LORD, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R.\ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

coming in human likeness;

and found human in appearance,

he humbled himself,

becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name

which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 15:1-39

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

"Are you the king of the Jews?"

He said to him in reply, "You say so."

The chief priests accused him of many things.

Again Pilate questioned him,

"Have you no answer?

See how many things they accuse you of."

Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed.

Pilate answered,

"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate again said to them in reply,
"Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?"
They shouted again, "Crucify him."
Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?"
They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him."
So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released
Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged,
handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.

They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha —which is translated Place of the Skull — They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.

Those passing by reviled him,

shaking their heads and saying,

"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

which is translated.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

"Look, he is calling Elijah."

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed

and gave it to him to drink saying,

"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23rd

4:00pm — Susan Costa, Serena Grace Alvarnaz, Priscilla Morgan, Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 24th

8:00am — Jeannie Linhares 10:30am — Manuel Silveira

Monday, March 25th

8:00am — Botelho Family, Faria Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00am — Carmina Garcia's 27th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 27th

8:00am — Jose & Anne Botelho, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Araujo & Family

Thursday, March 28th

6:30pm — Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29th

3:00pm — Good Friday Services

Saturday, March 30th

6:30pm — Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 31st

8:00am — Parishioners Living & Deceased 10:30am — Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sanctuary Lamp for week of March 23rd



Special Intention

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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Before and after all weekend Masses. Or at any time at the Rectory.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 or tarasousa@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The group meet on the First Saturday of every month. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

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PRAYER and ADORATION

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm with Rosary and Benediction.

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's Chapel, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

St Joseph's Chapel, Friday 1:00pm — 2:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel is open Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm

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WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of

March 16th & 17th

Weekend Masses \$ 3,283.00

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Candles \$ 89.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

Organ Fund & Maintenance

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Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

Easter

REMEMBER in PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers



Joseph Kerrigan Priscilla Morgan



Who's funeral Masses were celebrated this past week.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Please join Fr Murphy on his Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **May 7-16, 2024**, \$3299.00 from Boston.

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Faith Formation











ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 17th 9:10am—11:30am (includes the Holy Mass) In the CHURCH

DATE GRADES 1-8 CONFIRMATION

GRADES 9-10

3/31/2024 No Faith Formation - Easter

4/4/2024 **Thursday -**

Grade 10 Confirmation

St. Andrew's Parish - 6:00pm

All students must arrive by 5:15pm

4/28/2024 Sunday First Holy Communion Rehearsal
after 10:30am Mass

(Mandatory)

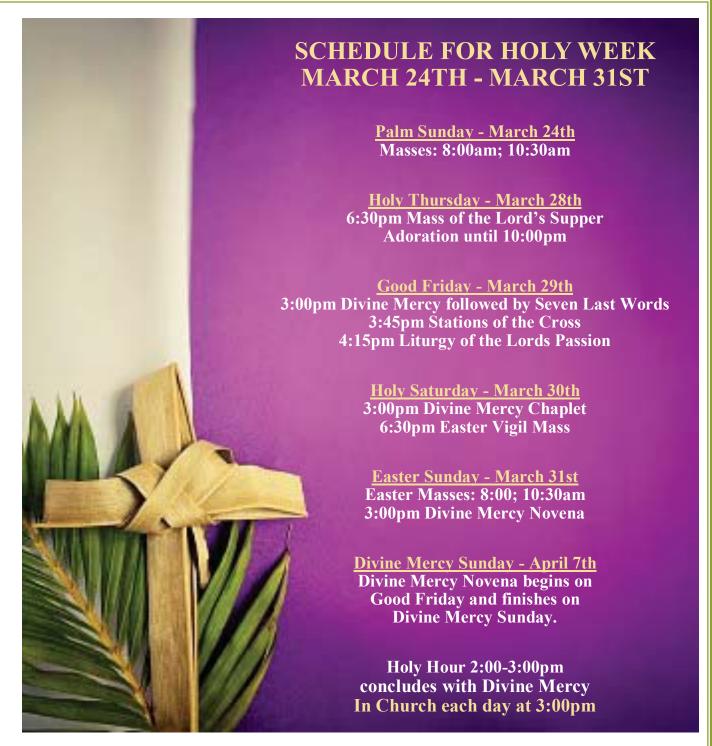


There will be altar server training classes for new students ages 8 and older.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server, there are forms available in the Sacristy.

Please fill out and return.





DIVINE MERCY

NOVENA and CHAPLET

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th
Holy Hour 2:00 - 3:00pm concludes with Divine Mercy.



- 1st Day The topic will be "Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."
- **2nd Day** "Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy."
- **3rd Day** "Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy."
- **4th Day** "Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me."
- **5th Day** "Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church."
- 6th Day "Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy."
- 7th Day "Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy."
 - 8th Day "Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in Purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."
- 9th Day Ending on Divine Mercy Sunday topic will be "Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss

of My mercy."

Eucharistic Revival Series

Come join us as we discover a deeper understanding of our loving relationship with Jesus Chris & with His Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to help sustain us on our faith journey to eternal life. The series will contain seven sessions, once per week starting May 7th until June 18th, each session with be on a Tuesday night in the Parish Center beginning at 6:30PM. The session format will consist of: opening prayer, a video presentation, a discussion period on the video topic, a second video presentation, a second discussion period on the video topic, and end with closing prayer.



BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What's Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Through the generosity of our donors, the content of this study is available free of charge. Additionally, we will be providing you with support to help you and your team be successful in hosting this series at your parish. Visit the Parish Point Person Portal at <u>eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson</u> to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.



The Penny Sale on Saturday, April 27th

We are accepting donations of <u>NEW</u> items. Items can be left on the bench outside the parish office.

Any questions, contact Kathy Duarte at

508-822-5455



The meeting for April has been changed to Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm. There will be a TACT meatloaf collection and a Brown Bag raffle.





Chocolate



Sale!



The Women of Faith
will be selling
Easter Chocolates this
weekend after all masses.





RCIA TEAM

Sally Medeiros, Cathy Cahoon, Paula Yetman, Angela Barcelos, Walter Cahoon, Randy Mills, Michael Wojcik, Brian Barcelos.

Not pictured, Donna Ayala, Nancy Sylvester and Luke Mullen.

The RCIA team will be available to answer any questions after all masses on Divine Mercy weekend, April 6 & 7th.

Who is the RCIA for?

All who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to begin the RCIA process. All that is truly required is a sincere desire to learn, to grow, and to develop one's relationship with God. The RCIA process is applied to the following:

Unbaptized: persons (age of discretion: 7+ years) who have never been baptized and who need a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call. They are considered "catechumens."

Baptized in Another Christian Church: Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are considered "candidates."

Baptized but un-catechized Catholic Adults: Those who were baptized Catholic as infants who are seeking to complete their initiation. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of reconciliation, confirmation and Eucharist. They are also considered "candidates."

If this describes you or someone you know, the RCIA team can answer any of your questions.

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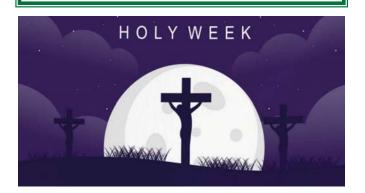


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Application Available

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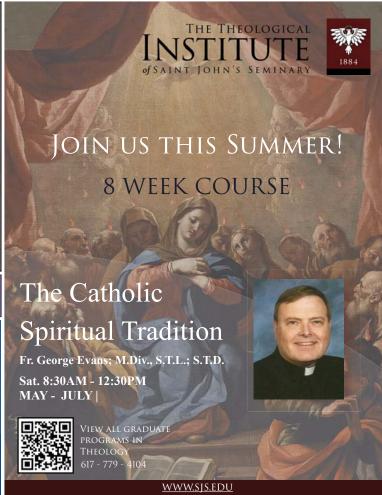
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