

Our Lady of

Grace

Catholic Parish



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Parish Office (863) 453-4757

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Fr. Ronnie Sison
Pastor

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Confession

3:30 PM English
6:30 PM Spanish

Vigil Mass

4 PM English
7 PM Spanish

Sunday

8 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Days

Vigil Mass 6:00 PM
8 & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday-Saturday 8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, the crowds welcomed Jesus with

"Hosanna to the Son of David."

On Good Friday, the same crowd rejected Jesus with the cry, *"Crucify him,"* illustrating the fickleness of the human heart.

Join in the services of Holy week: relive the Central Mysteries of our Faith, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus and, put all distractions aside.

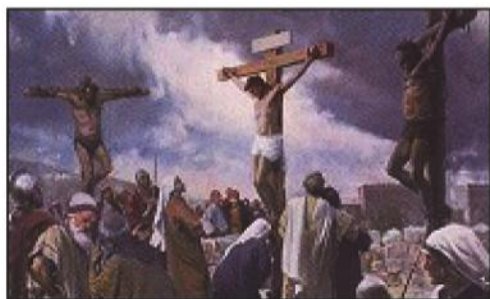
Holy Week Schedule of Services

“Jesus Christ Superstar” is a very popular rock opera. The music was composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The overture to the opera follows the Four Gospels. It begins with the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem to a tumultuous ticker-tape-like palm-waiving welcome by his followers and onlookers. They want to make him king and hail him: *“Hosanna to the Son of David.”* It is a 3 Act Drama, which chronicles the Passion and Death of Jesus. The exuberant joyful greeting of Palm Sunday – *‘Hosanna to the Son of David’* - gives way to the angry ‘lynch-mob’ cries of Good Friday, *“Crucify him”*, illustrating the fickleness of the human heart.

For us too, Holy Week is High Drama. It begins with **Palm Sunday**. The **script** was written by the Four Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The **overture** to the drama is Palm Sunday, with the reading of the **Passion – Matthew 26: 14-27: 66**. It is the overture to a **3-act-drama**: the betrayal and Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper on **Holy Thursday**; the Passion and death on **Good Friday**; the **Easter** Resurrection.

We are invited to be ‘actors,’ not ‘spectators,’ in the Drama of Holy Week.

As Christians, we are not merely invited to **read the script** – Mark’s account of the Passion. Jesus invites us to **participate in the 3-act- drama of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday** in his mandate, *“Do this in remembrance of me.”* We are invited to not only **Re-call** but to **Re-Live** and to **Re-enact the Central Mystery of our Faith**. During his Passion, Jesus was abandoned by his followers who fell asleep, ran away, denied or betrayed him. He invites us not to abandon him as we prepare to celebrate this central mystery of our faith – the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. **Come to all the services this Holiest Week of the Church’s year.**



Services schedule for Holy Week

Monday, Eucharist service: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday, March 29th: 3:00 p.m., John’s Gospel (18:1 – 19:41) Service of Passion: Veneration of Cross;

Communion Service. – English and Spanish.

Good Friday: Youth Group Stations of the Cross:
Grogan Center 4:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass, March 30, 8:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter fire; blessing of baptismal water; singing of ‘Exultet’; baptism and reception of new members.

[Note: No 4:00 p.m. Vigil on Holy Saturday]

Easter Sunday, March 31st: 8:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon
(Spanish Mass), Renewal of Baptismal Promises.



“Forgiveness is the force that rolls back the stone.”



'Snow Bird' Exodus begins

Now that Easter is closing in fast on us, we are beginning to hear the *'Snow Birds'* let us know that they will be taking their leave to *'head back north'* in the very immediate future. We enjoyed having you at OLG for the winter months and we wish you *"God speed"* as you "fly north." We hope we have served your spiritual needs while here.



Collection for Holy Land: Jesus in a Nativity Scene under rubble, in a Church in Bethlehem.

The Church in the Holy Land is going through a very dangerous and difficult time because of the war between Hamas and

Israel, with the loss of thousands of lives of innocent old people, women and children, including the disastrous damage and destruction of property, including churches.

There is a special collection for the Church in the Holy Land at the 3:00 P.M. Good Friday Service. Please be extra generous in light of the impact of this disastrous war. Thank you.



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DOMINGO DE RAMOS



El domingo 24, celebramos la entrada de Jesús a Jerusalén. Manifiesta la venida del Reino, que el Mesías promete mediante su muerte y su resurrección. Las palmas nos recuerdan el día triunfante de nuestro Señor Jesús quien fue recibido como un Rey.

El Señor Jesús iba montado en un burro. Él le había pedido a sus apóstoles que encontraran un burro que nadie lo había montado. El burro simbolizaba la paz de nuestro Señor Jesús. Él había venido para encontrar y salvar los perdidos de sus pecados. Venía como la oveja sacrificada para la expiación de nuestros pecados.

Todos los presentes lo recibieron con canciones y tiraban sus capas en el piso al Él pasar. Todos con palmas de oliva en sus manos. La multitud gritaba **“BENDITO EL QUE VIENE EN EL NOMBRE DEL SEÑOR”**.

SEMANA SANTA

El domingo 24 es Domingo de Ramos. Es el día que comienza la Semana Santa. Después de la entrada triunfal en Jerusalén, ahora nos toca asistir a la institución de la Eucaristía. Debemos orar junto al Señor Jesús en el Huerto de los Olivos y acompañarle por el doloroso camino que termina en la Cruz.

La Semana Santa tiene un gran y profundo significado para nosotros los católicos. Se trata de **la pasión, muerte y resurrección** de nuestro Señor Jesús. Es por eso que nos reunimos en esta semana y recordamos más por lo que pasó Jesús para salvarnos.

El día más importante en Semana Santa es el día de **La Pascua**, de la **Resurrección** y de la vida cristiana. Es un día que debemos recordarnos que Jesús cumplió su palabra que el resucitaría al tercer día.

Para los cristianos, la Semana Santa no es el recuerdo de un hecho histórico cualquiera, es la contemplación del amor de Dios que permite el sacrificio de su Hijo, el dolor de ver a Jesús crucificado, la esperanza de ver a Cristo que vuelve a la vida y el júbilo de su **Resurrección**.

Sigamos con fe esta cuaresma que nos llama a reflexionar a convertirnos y volver a Dios. Es un tiempo para recibir a Dios en nuestras vidas y permitirle poner su morada en nosotros. Vamos juntos a prepararnos para celebrar la **Resurrección de Cristo** en el día de Pascua.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 23

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Grace by Victoria.
 4:00 p.m. Lynn O'Hare by Mary Jane & Ray Loudis.
 7:00 p.m. For Her Health—Eugenia Hernandez by Genoveva Rodriguez..

SUNDAY MARCH 24

8:00 a.m. + Cara, Mark and Ryan Myers by Gerry & Elrie Myers.
 10:30 a.m. + Thomas Pathyil by Mina. Cesar and Zoila Zevallas by Family.

MONDAY MARCH 25

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY MARCH 26

8:00 a.m. + Glenn Hartsfield by Ann Hartsfield.
 + Terrence Hiltz by the Hiltz Family.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

8:00 a.m. Marge Ruckert by Francis Ruckert.

THURSDAY MARCH 28

6:00 p.m. Garcia & Madrigal Family by Maria Ramirez.

FRIDAY MARCH 29

3:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion.

SATURDAY MARCH 30

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Harold Raccine	Carol Krause
Jeanette Nardone	Donna Skelly	Anthony Hutchison
Roger Brelinski	Jean Rapp	Debbie Williams
Rosemary Melinson	Gary Ingalls	Cameron Prosperi
Paula Paul	Joan Bender	Deb Perry

And for those who care for the sick, for the deceased member's and benefactors of the parish, and for our loved ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Week—March 24-31, 2024

Youth Easter—March 27, 2024 (6:30 pm—8:00pm).

Stations of the Cross—(March 29, 2024—(Youth Group— 4:15 pm)

Easter Egg Hunt (9:00 am) Family Mass (10:30 am) - March 31, 2024

Family Brunch—April 14, 2024 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Saints Presentation—April 17, 2024 (Confirmation 2)

Bake Sale—April 21, 2024

Family Mass (10:30 am) - April 28, 2024

First Communion (10:30 am) - May 5, 2024

Confirmation Ceremony (6:30 pm) - May 22, 2024

Blessing of Graduates Mass (10:30 am) - June 2, 2024

Totus Tuus Camp—June 2—7, 2024

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Such a powerful message, I just had to share it.

Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem,
When one donkey said to the other, “Just
Yesterday I was carrying Jesus and the
People were singing and shouting and
Throwing down their clothes for me to walk
On, and today they don’t even recognize me.”

The other donkey replied, “that’s how it is
My Friend... without Jesus you are nothing.”



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