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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Palm Snday of the Lord's Passion
March 24, 2024



If you're being run out of town, get in front of the crowd
and make it look like a parade.

Morning Church!

Parades can be very entertaining. Yet, not all parades are created equal. Parades can honor a saint; celebrate a sports championship; or honor national leaders or military personnel.

Parades, like processions have an intent and a destination. This unusual procession on Palm Sunday is unlike any others that have marched into the capitol. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem follows the extraordinary raising of Lazarus from the dead. The folks from Bethany who witnessed this miracle have followed Jesus, acclaiming him with shouts of praise, "Hosannas in the highest", "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

This is no military parade. This parade is made up of the simple folk, farmers, the merchants and those who lived in Bethany's countryside. They were following their leader, rabbi, and healer, The Messiah, camouflaged as the carpenter's son.

Their Miracle Worker's words and actions have set off a kind of revolution. Every healing, every time he cast out demons, or told a provocative parable had led to this very moment, this parade that publically proclaims him, "Son of David."

Every action of Jesus produces a reaction. He cures Peter's mother-in-law and she gets up and serves everyone. He calls Matthew, who leaves his money piles behind and throws a dinner party for Jesus. He cures the leper who cannot contain his deep gratitude and tells everyone of his miracle. When he cures the man with the withered hand ~ on the Sabbath ~ the Pharisees began to brainstorm on how to get rid of him.

This particular parade will lead to The Cross. The reaction: his followers flee, a few women stand and keep vigil as he dies; Joseph of Arimathea boldly steps forward before Pilate and requests to bury Jesus' body.

In a most unthreatening way, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, not a war-horse. His procession had a purpose, a Divine Direction. He would endure suffering, pain, and the disbelief and cowardice of his closest followers. He would endure all of this for the sake of the life of the world.

As we enter this Holy Week, we are called to do so in solidarity with all who are seen as The Outcasts, The Untouchables, The Insignificant, and The Unlovable. We take them by the hand and follow Jesus to The Cross ~ which is the Divine Direction of The Way, and his promise of life everlasting.

In CommUNITY,

Janis

The Week We Call Holy

And so it begins.

With resolve,
we turn our face
to Jerusalem.
The Hour has come.
The Hour *has come*.

There is no fading.
There is no faking.
There is only resolve
and the grace of your yes.

Together we learn
The Week We Call Holy
moves
from Hosannas
to Horrors
to Hallelujahs.

Let us ready our hearts
for what is
and is to come.

~ Janis McQuade, S.S.J.

HEARTwork
~ *Reflecting and Acting*
on The Word ~
When did you
show resolve
in following Jesus?.

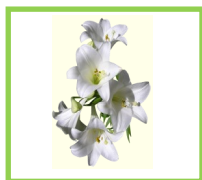
Readings
<https://bible.usccb.org/>

MARCH	
23	<i>Memorial Mass: + Clyde Colwell, 11a</i>
24	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion NO Family Faith Formation
Ministerial Association Holy Week Service & Luncheon Monday ~ Friday 12N-1p First United Methodist Church, Elkin	
26	NO Communion Service
31	Easter Sunday, 9a NO Family Faith Formation
<i>April</i>	
02	Communion Service, 12:15p
✝ 03	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
 07	2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
 09	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
✝ 10	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 



...to all who helped in the preparation and celebration of Holy Week...to Jacquie Darcey, for her leadership and guidance in *Women of Jerusalem* and our parish women who lead us in prayer on Good Friday...

...to our Liturgical Ministers, Acolytes, Choir, Greeters, Proclaimers, Tellers, and Eucharistic Ministers...our church environment team and church cleaners...*God bless you!*



To honor or memorialize a loved one, you can make a donation to our Flower Fund using an envelope in the pew. PRINT your name on the front, the amount enclosed, and your envelope # on the front. On the back PRINT the names of those you wish remembered on the back. Put the envelope in the collection basket.

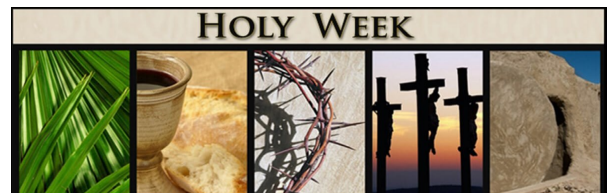
Thank you!

☪ Mass Intentions	
24	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.; +St. Oscar Romero
28	+Clyde Colwell r/b Ladies Guild
30	Stephen Faust, Jacob Wagoner, Ethan VanHorn, John Orta, Phillip Parrish

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 16 Cathy King | 23 Cindy Whitley |
| 16 Karen Rodriguez | 23 Yovanni Martinez |
| 22 Margarita Serafin & Memo Lara | |
| 19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez | |
| 24 Jane & Rob Worley | |



March 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7p
March 29 Woman of Jerusalem, 5:30p Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7p
March 30 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8p
March 31 Easter Sunday, 9a

<i>Easter Flowers</i>	
Barb & Bob DeJohn	<i>Deceased members of the DeJohn, Bills, and Coon Families</i>
Kathleen Jenkins	<i>Stuart Jenkins Margaret & Charles Keenan</i>
Lou Stackhouse	<i>The Stackhouse Family</i>

Saint Oscar Romero

Born: August 17, 1917
El Salvador

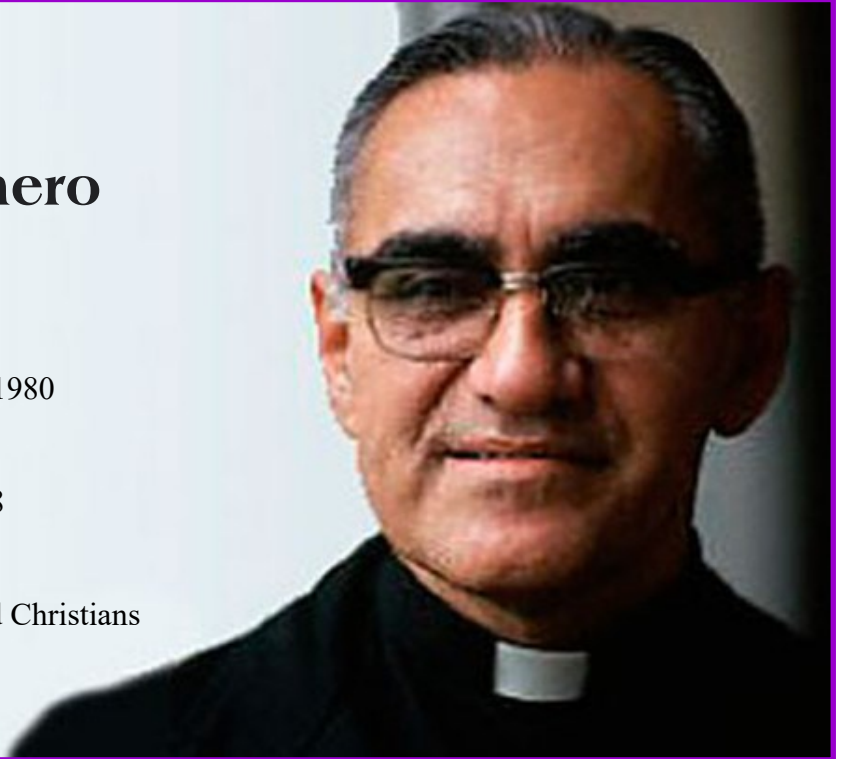
Born to Eternal Life: March 24, 1980

Beatified: May 23, 2015

Canonized: October 14, 2018

Feast Day: March 14

Patron Saint of: El Salvador, persecuted Christians



☞ In the name of God, in the name of this suffering people,
I ask you — I implore you —
I command you in the name of God: *stop the repression!*

☞ Those who, in the biblical phrase, would save their lives—that is, those who want to get along, who don't want commitments, who don't want to get into problems, who want to stay outside of a situation that demands the involvement of all of us - they will lose their lives. What a terrible thing to have lived quite comfortably, with no suffering, not getting involved in problems, quite tranquil, quite settled, with good connections politically, economically, socially - lacking nothing, having everything. To what good? They will lose their lives.

☞ Aspire not to have more, but to be more.

☞ If God accepts the sacrifice of my life, may my death
be for the freedom of my people.
A bishop will die, but the Church of God,
which is the people, will never perish.

I do not believe in death without resurrection.
If they kill me I will rise again
in the people of El Salvador.

His last words as he lay dying were:
May God have mercy on the assassins.

Praying the Stations of the Cross



1. Jesus is condemned to death

Jesus, make my faith stronger. Help me to trust you more.



5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

Jesus, give me strength to help and love all who are in need.



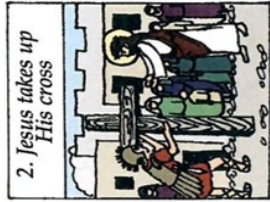
9. Jesus falls the first time

Jesus, give me a strong heart to follow you every day.



13. Jesus is taken down from the cross

Jesus, help me to be loving and tender with those who are in pain, sick or dying.



2. Jesus takes up His cross

Jesus, help me accept and do what is hard to do.



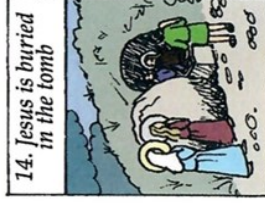
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Jesus, give me courage to do what is loving, kind, and brave.



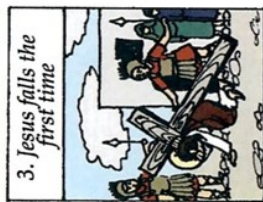
10. Jesus is stripped of His clothing

Jesus, help me to stay strong when others make fun of me.



14. Jesus is buried in the tomb

Jesus, you kept every promise you made to us. Help me keep my promises.



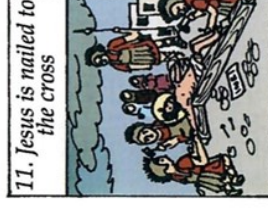
3. Jesus falls the first time

Jesus, help me say I'm sorry when I make an unloving choice.



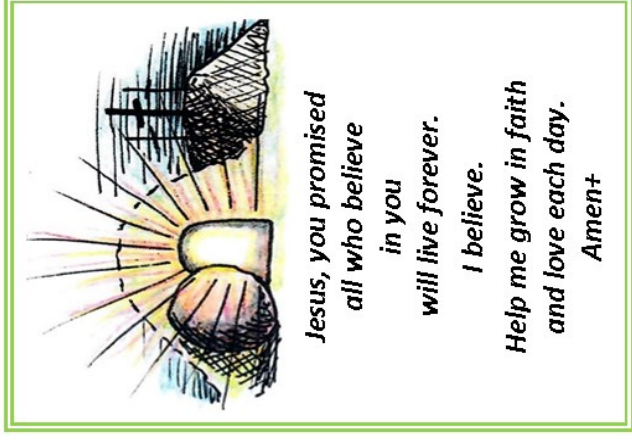
7. Jesus falls the second time

Jesus, when I fail to love as you did, Help me apologize and do better.



11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

Jesus, when I experience pain or hurt, help me to be brave and face it.

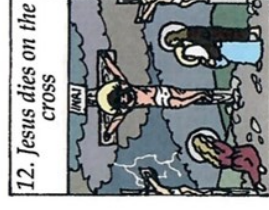


Jesus, you promised all who believe in you will live forever. I believe. Help me grow in faith and love each day. Amen+



8. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

Jesus, help me to be loving with those who are sad or lonely.



12. Jesus dies on the cross

Jesus, you loved us and sacrificed your life for us. Help me to be generous with my life, too.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.

It is followed by *Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and *Holy Saturday*.



On Palm Sunday, Jesus came in to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover. He'd just left the town of Bethany, where he raised Lazarus from the dead. Everyone felt so happy and excited that Jesus brought his friend, Lazarus, back to life. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd greeted him like they would a king. They broke palm branches off of the trees and waved them in the air saying, "Hosanna to the King!"

In Jesus' day, servants would meet guests at the door and wash their feet before the guests entered the home. On Holy Thursday, before the Passover meal began, Jesus took a basin of water and a towel and began to wash the apostles' feet. They were so surprised! By doing this, Jesus showed them how important it is to serve others. If Jesus, their Lord, is willing to serve others, they ought to follow his example and do the same. Also, this Passover meal is the night Jesus gave us his holy Body and Blood. We call this great gift Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion.

That same night, soldiers came and arrested Jesus while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. In an illegal night trial, Jesus is condemned as a liar for saying he is God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

The next morning on Good Friday, Jesus is scourged and a crown of thorns is placed on his head to make fun of him for lying and saying he is God, our Savior. Jesus is treated like a criminal by the angry mob who shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him!". Jesus is condemned to death. A heavy wooden cross is placed on his shoulders. He is made to carry it outside Jerusalem where he will be nailed to it until he dies. Jesus spoke from the Cross as he died, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Even as Jesus died, Jesus still showed mercy and forgiveness to the people who hated him. This day is called Good Friday, because Jesus gave his life for us, his own Body and Blood, so we could be given the promise of living forever.

After his death, Jesus' body is placed in a new tomb given by his friend, Joseph of Arimathea. The apostles were saddened and scared by his death. Will they be crucified, too, because they believed in Jesus?

Good Friday is followed by Holy Saturday. Jesus is still in the tomb. His close friends, the apostles, are hiding in the Upper Room where they all had celebrated the Passover.

Do you know what happened next?

Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.

The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

T A H B I C S D I E S F M G Y H B I L J
O K O L D M O N F O T P H Q E R N S
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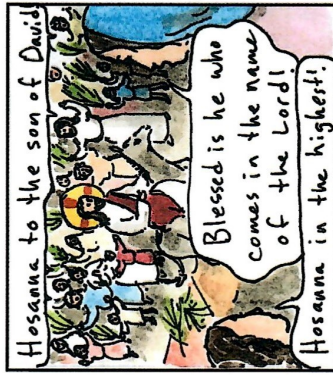


Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

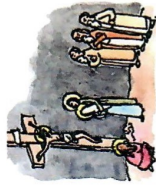
T H _____

After his death, his body is placed in a new tomb given by his friend, Joseph

Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.



Good Friday Word-Find

H H W E D B H E A V Y
 D I E P C A R I O M S I N
 J O L E T A Y E D F N S C I
 S E S A L V E T E S F R O I
 P I S C R Y R E S E T E A
 I N E H A N S J O H N E S
 N A G D A L E N E S S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.

