

The First Four Days of Holy Week

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Matthew's Gospel**.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the **Suffering Servant Songs** of **Isaiah**. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from **John's Gospel**. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from **Matthew's** perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.

The stage is now set for the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Sharon Black

Cribbage Games at St. Matthews Hall Wednesday evenings at 7pm. All Welcome!!

**Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic Church of the Resurrection 20 McDonald Ave
Free basic Tax only Every Saturday from 10 to 2 until April 29, 2023
For more info call 506 647 6532**

TRIDUUM...SILENCE...

Each Triduum, you have been encouraged to embrace the 'action' of silence for the Three Days and in the past, **YOU HAVE... YOU HAVE DONE IT VERY, VERY WELL AT BOTH WORSHIP SITES!!!**

Once again, we ask that at the end of the Holy Thursday the community is invited to stay and spend some time in **quiet** prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's Worship Site between 8-9 pm. When leaving the church after Holy Thursday Celebration, the faithful are called to **leave in silence**.

Then the **Good Friday** liturgy **begins in silence and ends in the same manner**. The faithful, out of respect for solemnity of the Triduum, are called to be mindful of this prayerful time. That means **no talking** in the church or at the **entrance of the church and everyone is to be seated**.

On **Good Friday**, instead of venerating the Cross individually, we will do a communal veneration instead. By staying in our seats, we will be offered ample time to venerate the cross...sitting in silence, kneeling, or standing. Once again, we continue to worship in silence.

On **Saturday** and **Sunday** we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we continue to hold each other up, including the needs of our community as we celebrate the ultimate gift of hope: **the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass – April 04, 2022 – Cathedral – 6:30pm
Holy Thursday – April 06, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site – 7pm
Good Friday – April 07, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site – 10am
Good Friday - April 07, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site - 3pm
Holy Saturday – April 08, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site - 4pm
Easter Sunday – April 09, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site – 9am
Easter Sunday - April 09, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site – 11am

EASTER BLESSINGS

At Easter, we are invited to rejoice in the gift of new Life and mercy that our risen Lord gives us, May this Easter faith grow in each of us, so that we might live this new life fully and give witness to others of the hope that sustains us. May it strengthen us in our commitment to continue to make our parishes strong and vibrant. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter Season!

Father David

An extensive "THANK YOU" will be included in the bulletin Pentecost Sunday...the conclusion of the Easter Celebrations.

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Apr 04, 2023	Tue	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	6:30pm	CHRISM MASS
Apr 06, 2023	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site HOLY THURSDAY	7pm	Clara Noel
Apr 07, 2023	Fri	St. Rose Worship Site	10am	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 07, 2023	Fri	St. Matthews Worship Site	3pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 08, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site HOLY SATURDAY	4pm	Leonard Upton & DFM
Apr 09, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site EASTER SUNDAY	9am	Fannie & Wilfred Comeau & Dorothy
Apr 09, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site EASTER SUNDAY	11am	Paul Daigle Sr.

Parish Offices...will be closed Good Friday and will reopen April 11, 2023. If there is an emergency, please call 506-757-8693 and your call will be answered.

FEBRUARY EXPENSESCAN YOU HELP?

Once again, we are appealing to your generosity. February expenses for electricity & snow removal at both worship sites is \$11,083.08. Whatever monies you donate will be credited to your 2023 income tax receipt. Thank You!

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Mar 26, 2023 - Regular - \$2,095.00 Loose Collection \$197.00 Development & Peace - \$680.00
Food Bank - \$90.00 eTransfer - \$230.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DROP OFF OR MAIL THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS. WITHOUT THIS EFFORT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET OUR EXPENSES.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesdays at the Rectory from 10am to 12pm. We provide all the materials as well as lots of fun. New people are always welcome! Prayer shawls, hats, and mittens can also be made from the comfort of your own home. **Please contact Jill if interested: 639-0007**

WE ARE RUNNING ALPHA! IT IS A "GO" AND WE ARE EXCITED!

To date we have enough registered guests to run our in-house Alpha Program starting April 13th, 6:30pm-8:30pm. There is room for more guests – there is still time – there is room for you - and bring a friend. We told you there will be delicious food and the meal planning is well underway.

We do need more help with hospitality and cooking. We are hopeful that the Lord will provide us with cooking teams.

Please contact Patti Blake at Pattiblake07@outlook.com, H- 506-738-8264 C – 506-609-1318, if you can help in any way.

To register: Email: AlphaHolySpiritParish@gmail.com, call 506-738-1994, or through Facebook – Holy Spirit Faithbook.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
SRWS - Office Number - 653-6850
Monday: both offices closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)

Palm Sunday - April 02, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS RESUMED AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING AT 3:15PM PRIOR TO THE 4PM SATURDAY MASS

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Apr 02 & Apr 09, 2023 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 28 Richmond Street Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon’s Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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