

Mass Intentions for the Week



April 8th – April 16th

Saturday, Apr 8th

5:30 PM †Loretta Camaroto
 †Thelma Reck
 †Pedro García Jr.
 †Maria Di Iornio

Palm Sunday, Apr 9th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 11:00AM †Henry Rohs
 12:30 PM †Antonietta DiMinni
 †James Page
 †Matthew Santiago
 †Ramon Luis Molina
 †Fernando Silvera

Monday, Apr 10th

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, Apr 11th

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 7:00 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Wednesday, Apr 12th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 7:00PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Holy Thursday Apr 13th

7:00 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Good Friday, Apr 14th

Easter Vigil Saturday, Apr 15th

5:30 PM †Ted Andersack

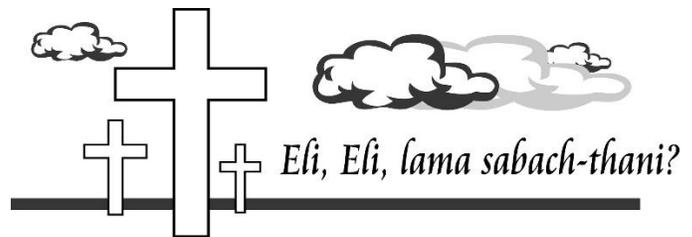
Easter Sunday, Apr 16th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 11:00AM †Henry Rohs
 †Denis Fernández
 †Antonietta DiMinni
 12:30 PM †Matthew Santiago

Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.



Mass intentions:



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please “Do Not” deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

Intenciones de La Misa:



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de “NO” depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

Holy Week Mass Celebrants April 13th- April 14th

Holy Thursday:

7:00pm **Fr. Junior**

Good Friday:

9:00am **Fr. Junior** (Bilingual)
 12:00pm **Fr. Junior** Station of the Cross
 3:00pm **Fr. Michael** (Bilingual)
 7:00pm **Fr. Junior** (Bilingual)

Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Apr 15th – Apr 16th

Saturday 12:00pm **Fr. Junior**
 8:00pm **Fr. Junior**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**
 9:00 am **Fr. Michael**
 11:00 am **Fr. Junior**
 12:30 pm **Fr. Jhon**

Weekend Collection Apr 1st – Apr 2nd

5:30PM	\$ 840.50
7:30AM	\$ 660.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,367.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,188.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,502.00
Total:	\$ 5,557.56
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

My dear friends, please read this article from **Al Cariño**.

We now come to the feast of Palm or Passion Sunday; Palm Sunday because on this day we commemorate with the waving of palm leaves the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem -- the decisive step that led to His death and resurrection for our redemption; Passion Sunday because the Passion of Jesus (Mt. 27:11-54) is read at Mass. Palm or Passion Sunday ushers in the Holy Week which culminates in our three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery -- Jesus' Passion (Holy Thursday), Death (Good Friday) and Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Earlier, the Evangelists had pointed out that Jesus had "set his face towards Jerusalem." Now, He was there! He was received by the people like a king returning to his capital city after triumphing in a decisive battle over his enemies. The people lined the streets and cried their "Hosannas" which meant "Save us now!"

But they had their own meaning of their cries of Hosanna. After hearing about Jesus and seeing Him in action, especially the miracles He performed, they wanted Him to declare Himself in the holy city as the Messiah and lead them in a holy war against the Romans. They realized that even if the Romans had the most powerful army on earth, they could defeat them if they had Him for their leader. Never mind if for now He was riding a lowly donkey, the symbol of powerlessness.

In a few days, the picture would change. At Jesus' arrest and trial, especially when He stood before Pilate, the symbol of Roman power among the Jews, He looked so pitiable, so meek and literally "like a sheep ready for slaughter." Even the apostles, who were with Him during His entire public life, abandoned Him. Their own leader, Peter, betrayed Him -- three times! This because their high expectations of Him were not met; He was one big disappointment. Seeing all these, the people now shouted, "Give us Barabbas!" and "Crucify Him!" And in no time at all, Jesus was put to a most cruel death -- by crucifixion.

When we talk about the Passion of Jesus, we usually refer to His arrest, trial, scourging and the carrying of the cross to Calvary. True. But there is

another way of looking at Jesus' Passion. Dennis McBride, in his book *Seasons of the Word: Reflections on the Sunday Readings*, has a meditation titled *Grand Passion* which tells us about this passion as follows:

"... (T)he passion is not just something that is done to Jesus by others, it is a power within Jesus, his passion, that enables him to face the violence and the pain. Jesus has a grand passion, one that consumes his whole person and drives him through this time of horror. He could have avoided coming south to Jerusalem; he could have compromised and settled for survival. But the passion that is in him is grander than his need for security and survival. He is a passionate man. His ardent love insists that he face the ultimate test of love. The cross.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus has revealed the reaches of his own passion. His undying urge to do his Father's will. His preference for the poor and abandoned. His fury at religious authority that only invents new burdens for people. His energetic love for those who are handicapped in life. His open disappointment with those who are economical with love and forgiveness. His way of having basketfuls and jars of plenty. His outlandish attachment to those who count themselves worthless. His loyalty to those who have deserted him. None of this emerges from a man who is timid and frugal in his ways; it reveals a man of grand passion.

In the end the cross comes as no surprise: it is the penalty for making a habit of such extravagant love. The cross of Jesus stands at the center of the Christian story as the sign of the lengths love will go to in its passion for others. If we ever wonder if we are really loved, we should look at the figure of the cross. It is difficult to maintain that we are unloved when we know that someone thought we were worth dying for. The cross is lifted up as a sign of our worth: somebody thought we were worth all that pain and suffering. And that somebody is Jesus, Son of God."

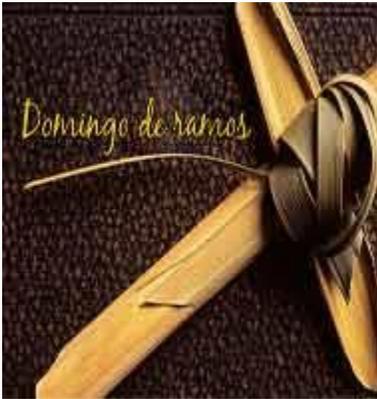
By way of conclusion, MacBride says:

"We remember the death of Jesus not as an arbitrary, heedless act of violence; rather, we honor his death as the supreme act of love. The love of one who "did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself" to become as we all are; and as we are to show that, despite our sins and

stupidities, God loves us. That is the heart of the passion story. All else is commentary."

As we begin Holy Week, let us reflect on this other passion of Jesus. It will help us to understand why he had to go through his cruel passion and death for our redemption. Finally, it will help us to live our own life with passion as Jesus did His.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor



Fuente: Catholic.net

Recibieron a Cristo mientras entraba a la ciudad con palmas y ramos en muestra de que era el Mesías.

Por: Tere Vallés | Fuente: Catholic.net

Cuando llegaba a Jerusalén para celebrar la pascua, Jesús les pidió a sus discípulos traer un burrito y lo montó. Antes de entrar en Jerusalén, la gente tendía sus mantos por el camino y otros cortaban ramas de árboles alfombrando el paso, tal como acostumbraban saludar a los reyes.

Los que iban delante y detrás de Jesús gritaban: "¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en las alturas!"

Entró a la ciudad de Jerusalén, que era la ciudad más importante y la capital de su nación, y mucha gente, niños y adultos, lo acompañaron y recibieron como a un rey con palmas y ramos gritándole "hosanna" que significa "Viva". La gente de la ciudad preguntaba ¿quién es éste? y les respondían: "Es el profeta Jesús, de Nazaret de Galilea". Esta fue su entrada triunfal.

La muchedumbre que lo seguía estaba formada por hombres, mujeres y niños, cada uno con su nombre, su ocupación, sus cosas buenas y malas, y con el mismo interés de seguir a Jesús. Algunas de estas personas habían estado presentes en los milagros de Jesús y habían escuchado sus parábolas. Esto los llevó a alabarlo con palmas en las manos cuando

entró en Jerusalén. Fueron muchos los que siguieron a Cristo en este momento de triunfo, pero fueron pocos los que lo acompañaron en su pasión y muerte. Mientras esto sucedía, los sacerdotes judíos buscaban pretextos para meterlo en la cárcel, pues les dio miedo al ver cómo la gente lo amaba cada vez más y como lo habían aclamado al entrar a Jerusalén.

¿Qué significado tiene esto en nuestras vidas?

Es una oportunidad para proclamar a Jesús como el rey y centro de nuestras vidas. Debemos parecernos a esa gente de Jerusalén que se entusiasmó por seguir a Cristo. Decir "que viva mi Cristo, que viva mi rey..." Es un día en el que le podemos decir a Cristo que nosotros también queremos seguirlo, aunque tengamos que sufrir o morir por Él. Que queremos que sea el rey de nuestra vida, de nuestra familia, de nuestra patria y del mundo entero. Queremos que sea nuestro amigo en todos los momentos de nuestra vida.

Explicación de la Misa del Domingo de Ramos

La Misa se inicia con la procesión de las palmas. Nosotros recibimos las palmas y decimos o cantamos "Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor". El sacerdote bendice las palmas y dirige la procesión. Luego se comienza la Misa. Se lee el Evangelio de la Pasión de Cristo.

Al terminar la Misa, nos llevamos las palmas benditas a nuestro hogar. Se acostumbra colocarlas detrás de las puertas en forma de cruz. Esto nos debe recordar que Jesús es nuestro rey y que debemos siempre darle la bienvenida en nuestro hogar. Es importante no hacer de esta costumbre una superstición pensando que por tener nuestra palma, no van a entrar ladrones a nuestros hogares y que nos vamos a librar de la mala suerte.



Attention All Parishioners

There is no news to report on our vehicle that was stolen back on March 8, 2017. We have to wait at least 30 days before we can receive any insurance money regarding our vehicle. Once money is received, we will be purchasing another truck, with plow.



Especially for: Christopher Bergen, Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Mary Ann DiPietro, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Richard Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Joan Marie Miller, Marianne Messino, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Lidia Ramos, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolar, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Josefine VanDerbeck, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy "Gisella" Zegarra.

We also remember those who have died.

Our 12 Apostles for Holy Thursday 2017

Manny Fernádes	Roberto Jiménez
Deán Buttafuoco	Francisco Cruz
Jimmy Carrazza	Raúl Gonzales
Tony Granata	Steve Ransome
Antonio Damata	Oscar Morales
Bill Champignon	Bob Wiltshire
Alternate: Jose Rolon	

Sorry, We Are
CLOSED

Dear Parishioners,
The parish office will be closed in observance of *Holy Week & Easter from Friday April 14th, 2017 until Monday April 17th, 2017.* We will resume regular office hours on *Tuesday April 18th, 2017.*

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. If you have any questions or have not received your commitment card by mail, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

- Monday, April 10, 2017- Penance Service- Confessions**
9:00am – 3:00 pm
- Thursday, April 13, 2017- Holy Thursday**
7:00 pm- Bilingual
- Friday, April 14, 2017- Good Friday**
9:00 am Passion of the Christ
12:00 pm Living Stations Cross
3:00 pm Good Friday Service
- Saturday, April 15, 2017- Holy Saturday**
9:00 am - Preparation of the Church for the Vigil
12:00 pm- Blessing of the food
8:00 pm- Vigil Mass
- Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday**
7:30 am (English)
9:00 am (English)
11:00 am(English)
12:30 pm(Spanish)
- Saturday, May 6, 2017- First Communion (CCD students)**
5:30 pm
- Sunday May 7, 2017- First Communion- (St. Brendan students)**
11:00 am
- Saturday May 13, 2017- Our Lady of Fatima**
5:30 pm
- Thursday May 25, 2017 – The Ascension of the Lord**
7:30 am (English)
9:00 am (English)
11:00 am(English)
12:30 pm(Spanish)