

April 14, 2019

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## *The Glory of the Cross*

Today, we remember the shocking event that changed the world. As we read the passion of Christ, we cannot but realize that the cross is a central mystery in our faith. Suffering is part of every person's life, just as it was part of Jesus' life. However, Jesus' suffering led to the resurrection. Through his suffering Jesus redeemed the human race from sin. If we join in his suffering we will also join in his victory over death.

## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES



### **Holy Thursday of the Passion of the Lord**

**6:00 p.m.** For Vocations to the Priesthood

### **Holy Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**5:30 p.m.** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **The Easter Vigil**

**4:30 p.m.** Families of the Parish

### **Sunday of the Resurrection**

**8:00 a.m.** Welfare of the Youth

\* *Easter baskets will be blessed at the Easter Sunday Mass. The Easter Egg hunt follows the Mass.*

## Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

## St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*Mary & James Petkovsek, Longview, TX - \$20*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

## Our Joyful Walk Toward Holy Easter

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## *The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way to the cross and anticipate his wondrous and glorious resurrection on Easter. On this Palm Sunday, we focus on Luke's account of the Passion of Christ.

As we retell the story of the passion of our Lord, this is our story as well because the Holy Spirit now dwells with us. As we enter into this week, the holiest week of the entire year, let us pray for the grace to have hearts open to all that the Lord teaches us this week. Let us pray for the grace to resist temptation and to live our lives in a holy way. And let us be ready to greet him when he comes again.

## Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We thank the following for their donations:



*Deloris Smolik - 5 dz. candy filled eggs*

*Barbara & Larry Prause - candy filled eggs*

*Kathleen & Martin Svatek - 8 dz. candy filled eggs*

*Tracie Holub & James Pfeil - 18 dz. candy filled eggs*

To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

**Notice: The Praha Church Will Be Closed For  
Tours For Holy Week Services on  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday**

## HOLY WEEK ORIENTATION

### *His Death Lies at The Heart of Who We Are*

On this first day of this week called "Holy," the readings invite our entrance into the mystery of our salvation. This we do by remembering, by calling to mind and heart the love of our God, the sacrifice of Jesus, his triumph over the grave and the liberation from sin, evil and death that is ours to appropriate through faith. Our remembering must however, be more than nostalgia and sentiment. On the contrary, our remembering gathers us in and immerses us in the presence and power of God, where the experience of salvation becomes real and practical and even challenging. Through the gate of this remembering, we walk once again, into the grace of the Christ-event.

To the casual onlooker, the death of Jesus may not seem to merit much respect, given that his death was a criminal's execution. The remembrance of his dying lies at the heart of who we are as believers. We remember the one who died because he chose to give himself up to death as a sacrifice that would bring about the forgiveness and salvation of sinners.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 19 – Darlene Stryk, Pam Vrazel  
April 20 – Mallory Vrazel

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 19 – Congratulations Elizabeth & Leo Janak  
on your 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Moulton Easter Picnic – April 21



Father Gabriel and Parishioners invite you come join them next Sunday at *St. Joseph's Social Center*.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served, \$10.00 a plate. Drive thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go will be available. Activities inside the Social Center will include a Cake Walk and Bingo from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Music will be provided from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. by **Charles & The Fabulous 4**. Other outdoor fun will include a plant walk, fish pond, train ride, ring toss, ball throw and other games.. Plenty of soda-pop/refreshments, popcorn and hamburgers will be on hand all afternoon.

**Come join us for a good time Easter Sunday, April 21.**

## THE TRIDUUM/EASTER BULLETIN BOARD

### This Week's Special Collections

**Today:** Rice Bowl.

#### **Holy Thursday Collections:**

- **For Education of Seminarians**
- **Gifts and Canned Food For The Needy.** Place your canned goods at the main entrance of church.

**The Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday:** Collection for the Poor and Needy. Your contributions help our area brothers and sisters in need.

**The Chrism Mass, April 16:** On this day the Bishop concelebrates Mass with all the priests of the diocese. The Holy Oils:



*The Oil of the Catechumens*

*The Sacred Chrism*

*The Oil of the Infirm* will be blessed. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Victoria at 10:00 a.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

#### **Holy Week/Easter Programming on EWTN:**

During Holy Week and Easter EWTN brings you special programming and live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Easter baskets will be blessed at the Easter Sunday Mass. The Easter Egg hunt follows the Mass.

**Easter Flower Fund:** Envelopes have been provided for this fund. Extra envelopes at the main entrance of church. Donors list to be published next week.

### **Holy Week Schedule for Praha & Moulton**

#### **Holy Thursday:**

**Praha:** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.

**Moulton:** Gather for Meal, 5:30 p.m.; Meal, 6 p.m.;  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday:**

**Praha:** Private Stations, 10:00 a.m.; Community Stations and Gather for Private Prayer, 5:00 p.m.;  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 5:30 p.m.

**Moulton:** Private Stations, 10:00 a.m.;  
Gather for Private Prayer, 2:30 p.m.,  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday: Praha:** Gather at bonfire... 4:00 p.m.

**Moulton:** Gather at bonfire... 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday: Praha:** 8:00 a.m.

**Moulton:** 6:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum  
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