

March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Our Path To Follow

Today the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. This remembrance of Jesus' movement from the Passover – Eucharist table to the cross is not a sentimental journey. As we read the Passion of Christ we cannot but realize that the cross is a central mystery in our faith. Jesus' suffering led to his resurrection. We process today looking forward to Easter, when sin and suffering are but memories and *Alleluia* is our only song. If we join in his suffering we will also join in his victory over death.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

6:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The Easter Vigil

4:30 p.m. Welfare of Parishioners

Sunday of the Resurrection

8:00 a.m. Welfare of the Youth

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: 118

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

No Bible Study Wednesday, March 23

C.C.D. Wednesday, March 23

CHURCH DOORS OPEN IN TIME FOR EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

The Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses will be held in the Church.

*Church Rededication Mass
scheduled for June 12, 10:00 a.m.*

Restoring Maticka Praha



Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

In memory of Annie & Frank Migl

Anonymous Donor – \$2,500

** In Memory of Annie (Kubena) & Vaclav Parma,*

Edwin F. Parma, Louis Parma

Patrick J. Parma, Azle, TX - \$2000

* Total contributions to date in memory of the Parma Family - \$27,000.

To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

THE CHRISM MASS – MARCH 22

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.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016



O God, almighty and merciful Father, you grant your Church a time of grace, penance and forgiveness, that she may have the joy to internally renew herself by the work of the Holy Spirit, and to journey ever more faithfully in your ways in announcing to the world the Gospel of salvation. Open once more the

door of your mercy and welcome us one day into your heavenly home, where Jesus, your Son, has gone before us and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

– Pope Francis, December 13, 2015

*Prayer at the Opening of the Holy Door at the
Lateran Archbasilica*

* Sunday, April 3rd, is Divine Mercy Sunday.

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!

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March 20 – Fr. Gabriel
March 21 – Mary Bartos
March 25 – Martin Svatek
March 26 – Josephine Mikulik

This Week’s Special Collections

Today - Rice Bowl: As we reflect on the Passion of Christ we remember the more than 44 million people in the U.S. who are living in poverty. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone’s life.*

Holy Thursday Collection: For Education of Seminarians - The offering you make goes directly to help pay for the seminarians’ education and formation.

Canned Goods – Donations go to Manna Food Pantry.

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

Holy Week Schedule for Praha & Moulton



Holy Thursday

Moulton: Gather for Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Praha: Mass – 6:00 p.m.



Good Friday

Moulton: Private Stations – 10:00 a.m.

Gather for Private Prayer – 3:00 p.m.

Lord’s Passion – 3:30 p.m.

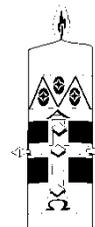
Praha: Private Stations – 10:00 a.m.

Community Stations and

Gather for Private Prayer – 5:00 p.m.

Lord’s Passion – 6:00 p.m.

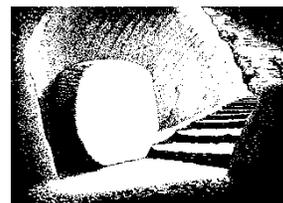
Holy Saturday



Praha: Gather at bonfire... - 4:00 p.m.

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

Easter Sunday



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

Praha: 8:00 a.m.

Easter Flowers

Envelopes available at the main entrance of Church. Donors list to be published next week.

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.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum
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