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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PASSION

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.  
— Isaiah 50:7a

TODAY’S READINGS


First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).


The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, Inter-

DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY  
(Sunday April 3)

♦ All parishioners are invited to participate in the special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. A special service will be conducted after the 12:00 p.m. Mass to highlight the celebration.

♦ Our Lord promised St. Faustina complete forgiveness of sins and punishment to all those who will go to Confession (during Lent or during Holy Week) and receive Holy Communion on this day.

♦ In addition, Pope John Paul II granted a plenary indulgence for the devout observance of Divine Mercy Sunday.

♦ So come, celebrate, and bathe in Our Lord’s ocean of graces and unfathomable mercy.

Be sure to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Divine Mercy Sunday (during Lent or during Holy Week). This is the day of extraordinary graces and “complete forgiveness of sins and [of its due] punishment” for those who approach Him in trust and faith.

Reconciliation schedule:
Sat. Mar. 19, 10:00 a.m. - noon  
Wed. Mar. 23, 10:30 a.m. - noon & 5-7 p.m.  
Good Friday Mar. 25, 10:30 a.m. - noon

The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday.

You can find the Novena on-line if you google “Divine Mercy Novena”

All are invited to participate

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SAT. MARCH 19 - VIGIL MASS  
3:30 † Anita & Otto Herman by Ed & Judy Hilferty  
5:00 † Deep Chopra by Kathy Chopra

SUN. MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY  
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish  
9:00 † Dr. Edward Dilello by Rosemarie & Dom Melchiorre  
10:30 † Jeanne Bizzarri by Family  
12:00 † Claude W. Nicholson, Jr. by John & Teresa Nicholson  
2:00 Latin Mass  
5:00 † Ronald Marra by Leonard & Carmella Dixon

MON. MARCH 21 -  
8:00 † Joseph Weinert by Tina Dobbs  
9:30 ♥† People of the Parish

TUE. MARCH 22 -  
8:00 † William Greene by Rita Zak  
9:30 † Robert Quintal by Kearns Family

WED. MARCH 23 -  
8:00 † Stephen Hally by Family  
9:30 † Patty O’Hagen by Alice & Robert Ralph

THU. MARCH 24 - HOLY THURSDAY,  
SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
7:00 p.m. † Fr. Aldelbert Buscher, Fr. Frank Gilwick, Fr. Paul Frye, Fr. Laurent Patenaude, Fr. Earl Schmitt, Fr. James Rogers, Fr. Cyril Hudak, Fr. Joseph Beattie, Fr. Joseph Keane, Fr. John Beattie

FRI. MARCH 25 - GOOD FRIDAY  
10:00 Stations of the Cross  
12:15 Stations of the Cross  
3:00 Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion & Death  
5:00 Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion & Death  
7:00 Living Stations of the Cross (In the Parish Center)

SAT. MARCH 26 - HOLY SATURDAY,  
EASTER VIGIL MASS  
8:30 p.m. ♥† Catechumens & Candidates  
9:00 ♥† People of the Parish  
9:15 † Ray Walsh by Friends at Resurrection  
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish  
9:00 † Robert Mahan by wife Sue  
10:30 † Bishop Untener by Bob & Ruth Untener  
12:00 † Dolores Laporta by Friends at Resurrection  
2:00 Latin Mass  
SUN. MARCH 27 - EASTER SUNDAY, PARISH CENTER  
9:05 a.m. † Tom Roberts, Sr. by Friends at Resurrection  
10:35 a.m. † Terry Reid by Friends at Resurrection

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Ethel Moran, Nancy Reagan Robert Tyler.
2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday, March 25
10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross with Music
12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Music
3:00 p.m. Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion and Death
   (a) Liturgy of the Word
   (b) Veneration of the Cross
   (c) Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion and Death
   (a) Liturgy of the Word
   (b) Veneration of the Cross
   (c) Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (at the Parish Center)
   Dramatic Portrayal of Jesus’ Passion & Death
   Presented by the 2017 Confirmation class.
   For those who wish to make the Stations of the Cross privately,
   the church will be open beginning at 10:00 Good Friday.

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, March 26
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
   (a) Service of Light
   (b) Liturgy of the Word
   (c) Liturgy of Initiation
   (d) Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Masses

CHURCH

Sunday, March 27
6:15 a.m. Easter Mass
7:30 a.m. Easter Mass
9:00 a.m. Easter Mass
10:30 a.m. Easter Mass
12:00 p.m. Easter Mass
2:00 p.m. Easter Latin Mass

PARISH CENTER

Sunday, March 27
9:05 a.m. Easter Mass (String Quartet)
10:35 a.m. Easter Mass (String Quartet)

Confessions
Saturday, March 19: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
Wednesday, March 23: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 25: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Triduum
The Passover of Our Lord

The Paschal Triduum, or “three days,” commemorates Jesus’ passage from death to life. Unique in the public worship of the Church, these solemn days stand apart from Lent and from the Easter season. Following the tradition of the ancient world, each “day” begins at sundown and ends at sundown the following day.

Day One: Christ is the Sacrifice

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper begins the Sacred Triduum. In the Eucharist, Jesus gave himself to us, just as he would in the sacrifice of Calvary. The celebration of the Lord’s Passion, including the Veneration of the Cross, usually takes place on the afternoon of Good Friday, still the first day of the Triduum. As Scripture tells us, they wanted to remove the bodies of Jesus and the two crucified with him before sundown because then it would be the Sabbath.

Day Two: The Silence of the Tomb

The celebration of the Lord’s Passion ends in the silence of the tomb where Jesus was laid. We have the advantage of knowing he will rise the next day, but his disciples did not. In their grief and sorrow they were like all of us who experience the grief of loss, defeat and prayers that seem to go unanswered. With no liturgy on Holy Saturday, the Church pauses in unity with the grief of the ages. As we wait in hope, our love of God depends not on what God can do for us, but rather on who God is.

Day Three: The Vigil of Hope, Day of Joy

Early Christians believed Christ would return at night. We join with the hopes of all believers as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. In this liturgy, the entire Church Year culminates in worship and praise. From the Service of Light, to the scriptural account of salvation history to baptism to the renewal of our baptismal vows and finally to the Eucharist, this night celebrates Christ’s triumph over sin and death. The Sacred Triduum concludes at sundown on Easter Sunday.
The History of the Triduum

By the second century, Christians celebrated the great Easter Vigil, an event which began the night of Holy Saturday, continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians commemorated salvation history, awaited the return of Jesus, and celebrated the resurrection of Jesus at dawn on Easter Sunday. At the vigil, catechumens, after a three year period of catechesis, were baptized and received first communion. At the time, the Easter Vigil was the most important celebration of the liturgical year.

Eventually Christians expanded this celebration to a three day commemoration of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection, with the Easter Vigil being the high point of the three day commemoration known as the Triduum (Latin for “three days”). Over time, as the liturgical year expanded, the Easter Vigil lost its preeminence, although the three days commemorating Jesus’ passion still held an important place in the Church year. However, since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Easter Vigil, and the Triduum, have regained their position of prominence in the Western Catholic liturgical calendar.

TERMS AND CUSTOMS OF THE TRIDUUM

A Catechumen is one who is learning about Christianity in preparation for formal entry into the Church.

Mandatum is the Latin word for commandment (referring to Christ’s command that we love one another given to his followers at the Last Supper.) Holy Thursday is sometimes called “Maudy Thursday” because of the mandatum.

The Service of Light takes place at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The new fire and the paschal candle are blessed, the candle is lit and all light their candles from it. Honoring Christ as the light of the world, it concludes with the singing of the Exsultet, the Easter proclamation.

Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official public prayer of the Church comprised of hymns, psalms, spiritual and biblical readings, and prayers. Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday concludes the Paschal Triduum.

The Stripping of the Altar occurs at the end of Mass on Holy Thursday. All the altar coverings are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of his garments upon his arrest.

The Veneration of the Cross is part of the liturgy on Good Friday. The clergy and congregation approach a cross or crucifix one by one, and offer a gesture of respect by either bowing or kneeling and reverently kissing the crucifix.

MASS READINGS FOR THE TRIDUUM

Good Friday: Isaiah 53:13—55:12 • Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 • Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 • John 18:1-—19:42
God’s Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” But then he added, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year! The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord’s name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

1. Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.
GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION -

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good Friday is the day when evil seemed to triumph, as the Innocent One suffered death on the Cross. It is a day that seems never to end in the Holy Land, where every day violence must be endured.

Pope Francis asks us all to support Christians in the Holy Land. It is they who care for the places marked by the passage of Jesus Himself, allowing us to see the sites of our faith. These Holy Lands challenge us to support Christians there in this growing urgency.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy calls upon us more than ever, to demonstrate our mercy and solicitude for the faithful in the Middle East. Through the Good Friday Collection, parishioners join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please join in the support of parish ministries, Catholic education, hunger alleviation, construction of homes, maintenance of shrines, refugee centers, and much more.

The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be taken up on Good Friday, March 25, 2016. May God bless you for your generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Sincerely your in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
EASTER FLOWERS
We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contribute toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances of our beloved living and deceased. Included in your envelope packet or at each entrance of the church there are Easter Flower donation envelopes for your convenience. Please submit prior to March 25.

Wanted for our Gift Shop - Volunteers for just a couple of hours once or twice a month. Help us keep the Gift Shop open. If you can volunteer please call the parish office, 481-7171.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:30 MASS

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

Seasonal Parishioners
Heading Back North
Envelopes Mailings come two months at a time. Please mark the months in which you will NOT Require Envelopes. Drop at Parish Office.

- July/Aug 2014
- Nov/Dec 2014
- Mar/Apr 2015
- July/Aug 2015
- Sept/Oct 2014
- Jan/Feb 2015
- May/Jun 2015
- Sept/Oct 2015

Repeat these months Yearly until further notice.

Name: ________________________________
Env. #: _____________________________
Contact Info: ________________________

Prayer and the Spiritual Journey
Lenten Faith Series
With Fr. O'Madagain

Tuesdays Mar. 22
We will begin with light hors d'oeuvres in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM

Please Join Us For Adoration Every First Friday After the 9:30 Mass

Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

Gift Shop Hours
Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.    Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat. 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.    Sun. 8:00 - 1:10 p.m.

The Gift Shop is located at the Front Entrance of the Church

Resurrection For Life
Please Join Us at the Abortion Clinic
At 3900 Broadway, Ft. Myers
Every 2nd Saturday (after the 8:00 Mass) For the Rosary, and Tuesdays from 7:30 AM and Thursdays from 10:30 until close. We also pray every Wednesday and Thursday at Planned Parenthood, Corner of Winkler & College anytime between 9 AM and 1 PM.
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

Inspiring resources to deepen your Faith!

Faith-filled Catholic CDs, books, and booklets

This Kiosk is located at the front entrance of the church.

- The materials feature the world’s best Catholic speakers and authors—bishops, priests, deacons, and well-known Catholic lay men and women.
- You can listen to a CD in your car or at home, deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic Faith, and then pass the CD on to someone else.
- There are hundreds of titles available and we plan to order new titles after the current ones run out. So keep checking back!

We ask for a donation of $2 per booklet, $3 per CD and $4 per book to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Donations will be used to cover the cost of the initial materials and towards the purchase of additional materials.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

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Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis’ official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus “has shown the face of God’s mercy” back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem: “Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul.” Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. “A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus” (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year’s Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus’ own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30am.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, 3:30p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May
YOU ARE INVITED &
WELCOME TO JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
PARISH CENTER
Begins April 6

**DOGmatic Theology** is sure to evoke laughter and prompt newfound contemplation of the simple yet profound aspects of everyday life, dog days and all!

Based upon Father James Mallon’s many experiences with the often-mischievous “Monsi”, a nine-year old shepherd mix dog, this course explores themes central to the faith.

Each theme probes into a mystery of faith that is then illuminated with a witness story as well as a teaching by Dogmatic theologian, Dr. David Deane.

**JOIN US FOR THIS DVD SERIES & DISCUSSION FOLLOWING:**
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**THE TALKS**

April 6 - I Believe in doG - The Unconditional Love of God
April 13 - You Did Not Choose Me - Coming Into Relationship
April 20 - The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
April 27 - Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ
May 4 - Yum Scripture—Eating God’s Word
May 11 - The Leash and The Collar—Living Under the Lordship of Christ
May 18 - It’s a Dog’s Life - The Problem of Suffering
May 25 - Do Dogs Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief and Eternal Life

ALL ARE WELCOME

**JOURNALS FOR DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE!!!**

**PLEASE RSVP: 481-7172**
MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM -
Fridays at 7:00 a.m. at Sweet Bean Coffee Café, McGregor Blvd. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

We need volunteers to serve as ushers at
Sunday 12:00 pm Mass
If you are a parishioner in good standing, or are new to the parish and can provide a letter from your former parish, please call the Parish Office 481-7171 or see John Patterson, the Head Usher, after Mass.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR WEBSITE: WWW.RESURRECTIONCH.ORG
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Words of Wisdom from
Pope John Paul II

The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the civilization of love.

The truth is not always the same as the majority decision. Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God’s love.

Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.

Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it takes a serious look at its lifestyles.

Radical changes in world politics leave America with a heightened responsibility to be, for the world, an example of a genuinely free, democratic, just and human society.

Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create.

Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith.