

REFLECTION for Passion (Palm) Sunday

Fr. Don

Today we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

We join with those scriptural crowds by holding our palm branches and proclaiming the praises of Jesus. But, unlike them, we continue our triumphant celebration through to its divine conclusion-Easter Sunday.

We know, two thousand years removed from it, that Jesus was entering Jerusalem to accomplish the salvific action that would change the world forever. We are redeemed and heaven's gates are opened. Indeed there is great cause for joy, praise, and exultation.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for this action that we call the Paschal Mystery.

Our first reading presents us with the image of the Suffering Servant who says, *"I have set my face like flint, and know that I shall not be put to shame."* This ancient prophesy of a servant who would be undaunted in his resolve to save the Chosen people finds its fulfillment in Jesus.

Jesus chose to suffer rejection, persecution, crucifixion, and death to fulfill the Father's plan.

Our second reading tells us that *"God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth."*

Jesus' resurrection swallows up death for evermore. Death is no longer the end but rather a new beginning. Oh, it is true that the faithful see the face of Jesus in their brothers and sisters and this prompts us to love them as we love Jesus; but we hope that after physical death that we truly will physically see God face to face in heaven.

The Paschal Mystery makes this hope and all the hopes of true Christians possible.

If we sin, damnation is not our lot, for we can go to the Lord and be forgiven. And the news gets even better for we can go to the Lord *seven times seventy* and still be forgiven. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Belief in the saving action of Jesus can make every day a new and glorious day.

So, as we commemorate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem, let each of us resolve to follow Him on His journey towards His glory and our glory through this most Holiest Week in the Christian calendar.

Church Cleaning for Easter Volunteers are needed Monday March 30 after 10am Mass

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:
Monday 10am, Tuesday -
Thursday 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

**March 29, 2015
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,387.00
Building Fund	5.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Votive Candles	63.00
In Memory of Jack Cashin	80.00
Dev. & Peace	385.00

EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm
followed by Exposition until 8:15

Good Friday Service at 3pm
Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Easter Vigil Saturday at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Mass at 11 am

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Lenten- Holy Week penitential service, with the opportunity for private confession, will take place on **Monday at 7 pm** at our church. Three priests will be available for confessions. Please try to attend to receive the graces flowing from reception of this sacrament of healing.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

The commemoration of the Last Supper will be celebrated at our 7pm Mass. Tradition is that we have the ritual of washing of feet at this Mass. For this purpose a sign-up sheet is available at the back. Twelve volunteers

are needed. Please consider helping us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Praying the Stations at our church at **7pm on Good Friday** is a sacred tradition that we continue to celebrate year after year. We encourage all to make an effort to attend.

PRO-LIFE WALK

This **silent March for Life takes place every Good Friday**. It begins at **11 am and concludes at noon**. Marchers circle the roundabout outside the main entrance of Western Memorial Hospital in silent prayer. Try to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

March 30 (10am)	Wilson Kean
March 31	Joan Hearn
April 1	Gerald McHugh
April 2 (Lohnes 2pm)	Joan Hearn
(7pm)	Roy Reid
April 3	GOOD FRIDAY
April 4	Geraldine & Ed Bennett
April 5	Parish Community

CONFIRMATION 2015

Classes have begun and twelve young people are registered. They will be involved in our Holy Week Services. We thank them for received the Holy Oils at the Mass of Chrism.

PARISH COUNCIL

This is an advance notice that the next meeting will be at the priest's house on

Monday April 13 at following 7 pm Mass. All members are asked to please make an effort to attend.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel. If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES MEETING

Over the next few weeks all our ministers will be asked to fill out forms to register with the Parish as part of this Ministry.

The Committee members (Art, Pat, Christine, and Irene) will meet at the priest's house on Wednesday April 15 following 7 pm Mass.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you wish to have a papal blessing for somebody who is celebrating a birthday (80, 90) or anniversary (50, 60), let us know and we can arrange for this blessing from the Vatican. Two months notice is needed

COLLECTION FOR HOLY LANDS

This is a collection for the upkeep of the Christian Churches in the Holy Lands which is taken at every Good Friday Service. Envelopes are available in your box for this special need. Be generous.

IMPORTANCE OF SILENCE

Silence is often a wonderful means of communicating with God. Just to focus our hearts and souls on the presence of the divine in our lives in the 'stillness of place' can aid us in lifting up our prayers to God.

During our Holy Week liturgies especially I would encourage all of us to be aware of, and respectful to, those who want to pray in silence before our services begin. Let them and let us silently meditate on the mystery of our salvation which this season represents. Thank you for your cooperation.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

Its theme is "**Beware the Holy Spirit**". It will be broadcast on the VISION TV channel on Monday Mar.30 and Tuesday Mar.31 at 7:30pm and repeated at 11:00pm each night. Please try to tune in and view it.

Adult Appreciation Night will take place on April 11 at the school cafeteria following Sat. Mass. Soup, sandwiches, & desert will be served. Music will be provided by The Griffin Family & friends This event is free. All adult parishioners are invited to attend. Please sign up for this event on the sheets provided at the back of the church.

Bingo Our next game will be on April 12. Those whose last name begins with A,B,C,D, & E will be asked for a donation.