

March 25, 2018

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.

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

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 Matıcka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

In Memory of Helen Ann Muras - \$100
Henrietta & Elton Moeller

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka 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 Mark'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 Smoik – 4 dz. candy filled eggs
Gertie & Charlie Hajek Jr. - \$20 for
Easter Egg Hunt
Kathleen & Martin Svatek – 3 dz candy
filled eggs

Tracie Holub & James Pfeil – 6 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.
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday**

REFLECTION

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!



March 25 – Martin Svatek
March 26 – Josephine Mikulik
March 28 – Staci MacDonald

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Ruben Velasquez
To Find Missing Mom
For Beatrice Criscione
For Berice & Hub Gayle
Help My Sister Get Better
Health of Eliseo Gonzalez
For Fr. Emilio And All Priests
Pray For Health For Mina Martinez
For Health For My Daughter – Helena
Eight Year Old Brain Injury – Curtis Davis
That God's Most Just Will Come to Fruition In Me & My Family
For Good Test Results, Health for Niki & Baby, Preston, Maria & Pete
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

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, March 27: 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. (DISH Channel 261; Direct TV Channel 370).

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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