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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7am, 9am & 11am

Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM

Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

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30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.

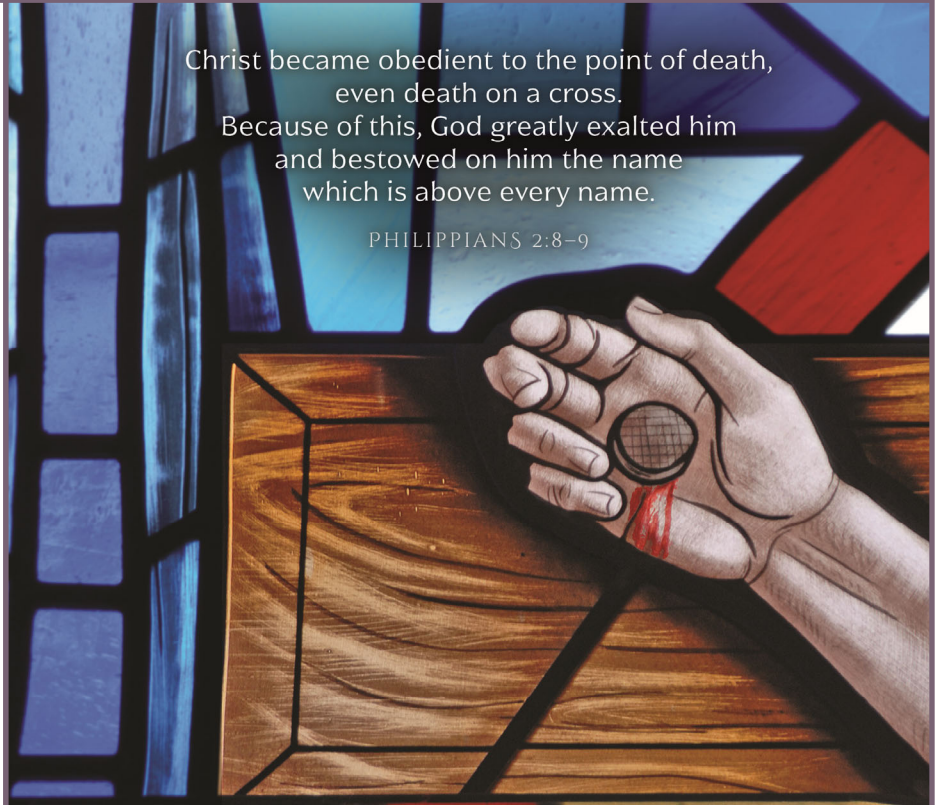


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Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

**PALM
SUNDAY**
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

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HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms Mk 11:1-10 — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

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

Psalms 22 — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

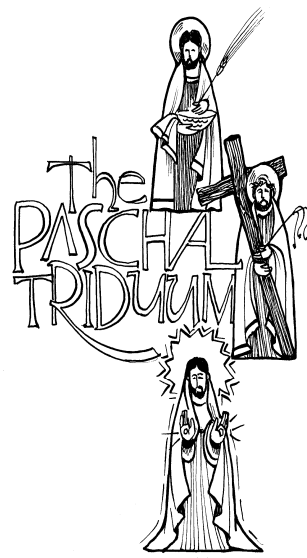
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philipians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.



SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week. The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philipians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.





MINISTERS SCHEDULE April 3 & 4

LECTORS

8:30pm

- 1 Ellen Wiley
- 2 Jon Masinin
- 3 Patty Pendleton
- 4 David Costa
- 5 Isabel Masinsin
- 6 Jeanne Dias
- 7 Mike McPherson

7AM

- 1 Valencia Kidwell
 - 2 Denny Foster
- #### 9AM
- 1 Scott Imray
 - 2 Rose Imray
- #### 11AM
- 1 Dan Emnas
 - 2 Elle Harper

HOSPITALITY

8:30pm

Jim & Corinne Hundley
Reggie & Cindy Dubai

7AM

Jim & Corinne Hundley

9AM

Mike & Barbara Schuman
Jim & Bonnie Feazel

11AM

Ramon Reyes
Suzie Reyes
Celina Austin

ALTAR SERVER

8:30pm

Brynn Von Seggern
Bridgette Von Seggern

9AM

Ryan Feazel
Aiden Overland

11AM

Gian Suyat
Christie Cabrera

Altar Flowers:
If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Donation is \$40.00

MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sat Mar 27 † Marry Morrow By Brian & Deb Brozak	Sun Mar 28 7am: Parishioners of St John 9am † Eileen Clark By 9am Choir 11am † Alberto R. Antonio By Ezelle Family Palm Sunday	Tues Mar 30 † Madeleine Nguyen By Bill & Jeanne Dias	Wed Mar 31 † Lisa Goriya By Anna & Martin Kuhlman
Thu April 1 † Elizabeth Joyner By Wingerter Family <i>Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins</i>	Fri April 2 Good Friday Parishioner of St John <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion;</i>  Day of Abstinence	Sat April 3 RCIA Candidates <i>Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter</i>	Sun April 4 7am: Parishioners of St John 9am † Bill & Bonita Bruce By Bruce Family 11am † Julianne Marie Peterson "Tuttle" By Sandra & John Tuttle

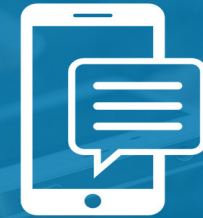


Holy Week



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Loretta Wagner
John Weitort

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Bob Pote
Amor Guzman
Rina Hopkins Glenn
Young
Jim Driscoll
Ron Keese

Mario Amayo
Don Cozine
Ernesto Budang
Aurea Silang
Bernadette Maron
Denise Jones
Daniel Lerin
Christie Lerin
Sandy Barata



Easter Lilies

If you would like to offer Easter Lilies for a loved one, please call the parish office to give us the names of your loved one/s.
\$10 Donation.

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Wednesday Kinder-5th 6:15-7:30pm

April 14, 21 **Mass** 28th

Sunday 6th-Confirmation 6:15-7:30pm

April 11 & 18 **Mass** 25th

Sunday Sacramental prep Retreat April 10 10am-2pm w/parents

We offer classes for Kinder- High School. If you would like to sponsor a child or family donations are always welcome.
Religious Education Director:
Samantha Matthews 246-6014

St John's Young Church

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome.

The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community.

Contact **Paul Trinidad**
(904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm

March 27

RCIA Retreat @ St John's 8am-6pm includes Mass

Arrive by 10:45am @ St John's
The Triduum

April 1

Holy Thursday Mass @7pm

Good Friday April 2

Veneration of the Cross @3pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday April 3

Easter Vigil 7:45pm

April 4 Easter!

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information.

James Ezelle (904) 412-6548
Parish office (904) 246-6014.

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

Ladies meetings Tuesdays
@6:30PM
April 6th

THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

Men's Club meetings
@ 7PM
April 15th

WEEKLY ROSARY:

A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Marian Chapel (If we need to spread out more we move to the main Sanctuary).

This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

CHOIRS:

There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions

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There will be no Penance Service this year. For confession please call the Parish office to make an appointment or Confession is 30 mins. prior to each Mass as well as 1 hour prior to each Stations of the Cross

RESPECT LIFE

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The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Support,
The Respect for Life Committee

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

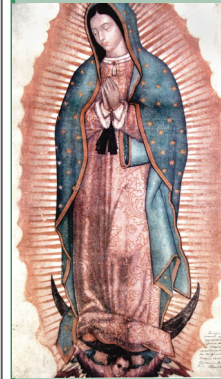
Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

Knights of Columbus

#14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays
@7PM
April 13th & 27th

Mary, Queen of the Knights



Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace even to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight **Jimmy Hundley** at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

St John's EAM

is collecting **UNEXPIRED** canned vegetables & fruit for our food Pantry. Please bring any items to the Parish, during office hours 9am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Any Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated as well.

St John's EAM:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach & surrounding area. New members are always needed and welcomed, call office for more info.

Food distributions:

Every Tue. 3-4pm (setup starts about 2pm in Parish Hall)

1st Sat. of the month 8-10am

3rd Sat. of the month 6-about 9am
This is our big outside drive-thru distribution. Please call the parish office to sign up to volunteer.

Fasting & Abstinence During Lent

The Church's laws for fasting and abstinence during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Catholics between the ages between 18-59 are permitted one full meal and two lesser meals (which together should not equal one full meal) per day, with no eating between meals. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Catholics who are 14 years or older should abstain from meat entirely. Soups and gravies made from meat are permitted.

... AND INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40-41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone. Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Continued - What's Going on at St John's

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome. You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received a week prior to the bulletin date.

You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Interested in exploring ways to get closer to the Lord through prayer, scripture and contemplation? Contact Dennis Stone (dennisistone@comcast.net) or Kathleen Patneau (kpatneau@comcast.net) both are certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. During the pandemic, sessions are conducted in person or virtually.

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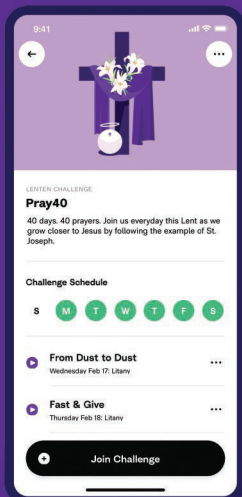
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