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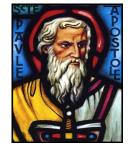
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PALM SUNDAY

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Francis Farrell

Deacon Raymond Frendo Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily morning Mass:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15am (Maltese/English) Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am (English)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30pm (English) Sunday:

9:00am (English) 10:30am (Maltese/English) 12:00pm (English)

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary

Mrs. Rita Apalit OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am

Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course in mandatory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am Saturdays: 3:45pm to 4:15pm Anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left fo the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

April 13, 2025

Gospel Summary

This year we hear Luke's account of Jesus' Passion beginning with the Last Supper which for Luke, shows signs of the heavenly banquet. During the meal, Jesus predicted but did not name his betrayer. Following the meal, all the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray. There Jesus was, indeed, handed over by Judas to the Jewish leaders. In retaliation, a disciple cut off a servant's ear, but Jesus touched the ear and healed him. Jesus went before the high priest in whose courtyard Peter denied Jesus the three times predicted at supper. At daybreak, Jesus went before the Sanhedrin and on to Pilate, to Herod, and back to Pilate who tried to release Jesus to the crowds. Pilate did not find Jesus guilty of anything, but the crowd pressed for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus was led to the cross, helped by Simon, mourned by the women of Jerusalem, and taunted by the Roman soldiers. When at last Jesus died, a man named Joseph gave up his tomb so that Jesus would not be buried in a common grave of criminals.

Reflection for Families

Simon is not one of the most notable figures in the story of Jesus' Passion, but perhaps he is the one with whom we can most identify. Whether we'd rather do something else, are too tired, or just want a break from time to time, we know how Simon felt being pressed into service at a time when he would rather not. But Simon was a responsible citizen, just as we are responsible people. And, whatever our mood or preferences, we do what we must do. In the end, our hearts are glad, just as Simon knew there was something special about his action. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow Jesus in service—even when it is difficult.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

As a family find some time during Holy Week to walk through the Stations of the Cross. (If you don't know of a parish, shrine, or other location that has a way of the cross, your diocesan office will be able to help.) Take a Bible or Stations of the Cross booklet along with you and recall the passion as you move from station to station. Allowing all members of your family to participate may require paraphrasing but let as many as possible be part of the event.

Discussion Starters

- 1. One way I can help someone carry a cross is by . . .
- 2. One way I deny Jesus is when . . .
- 3. One way I live my faith, even though it may be difficult is . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12 4:30pm

+Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, April 13 9:00am

much more.

Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Joseph Farrugia
- +Tony Axiak
- +George Pulo
- +Nenu Dingli
- +Guza & Carmela Vella

12:00 noon

+Frank Cini

Monday, April 14

+Phillip & Maria Massa, Nona & Lawrence Facciol

Tuesday, April 15 **8:45 am**

+Francesca & Antonio Capizzano

Wednesday, April 16 **8:45am**

+Frank & Gustav Grech

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

3:00 pm

From the Pastor...

As we begin the solemn journey of Holy Week, let us contemplate its profound significance in our lives as Catholics. Palm Sunday opens this sacred time with a moment of triumph that reminds us of the fleeting nature of earthly glory. Jesus entered Jerusalem to the joyful cries of "Hosanna," knowing full well that the path ahead would lead to suffering, betrayal, and ultimately, the Cross. This day beckons us to reflect on the paradox of Christ's kingship—a kingship not of domination but of sacrificial love.

Holy Week invites us into rituals that center our hearts on the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are not mere ceremonies; they are opportunities to encounter the transformative power of God's love. From the washing of feet on Holy Thursday to the solemn veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, and finally the glorious celebration of Easter Vigil, each ritual carries the weight of divine grace and beckons us to deepen our faith.

In this week, we are called to unite our own pain and suffering with that of Christ and His Blessed Mother. As Catholics, we believe that suffering is not meaningless; it is a sharing in the redemptive suffering of Jesus. Whether it be physical pain, emotional trials, or spiritual struggles, these burdens can become avenues of grace when we offer them to God. Mary, our Blessed Mother, stands as a poignant witness to this truth. Her heart pierced with sorrow at the foot of the Cross reflects the depth of her love and trust in God's plan. In her, we find the strength to endure our own trials, trusting that God's love will redeem every moment of pain.

This Holy Week, let us attempt to immerse ourselves in the Church's liturgies, to pray deeply, and to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Let us remember the Cross is not the end—it is the bridge to resurrection and eternal life. May we follow Jesus in His humility and love, and may we carry the light of His triumph to a world yearning for hope.

- Fr Roy



The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to

provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to:

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> Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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