

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

St. John Fisher Parish

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As we prepare for Holy Week, we first must pass through Palm Sunday, which previews for us what is to happen in the coming week. It has always been an emotional day for me. As a young person, I really focused on the (long) Passion read at the Gospel. I would think "Who would do this to Jesus?" and feel terrible as we would say "Crucify Him!" As I got older, I began to think about the opening Gospel before the blessing of the palms, where Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem. Who doesn't like a good story? It actually explained why we had those palms: to lay them before Jesus as he entered the city among cries of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" As I matured, I began to see that the opening Gospel and the Passion were one continuous motion, a movement from triumph to tragedy.

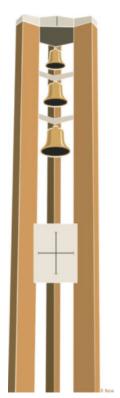
The Gospel of Mark, from which our opening gospel and the Passion are taken, was the first Gospel, written around 70 AD. It is the shortest of the Gospels. It was written, partly, in order that the people who actually witnessed the events in Jesus' life could have their stories and memories recorded before they died. It is written as a narrative -people relating the things in the manner of "...then this happened, and that happened next." There is very little embellishment or commentary. It was meant to record just the facts. Interestingly, Mark's Gospel does not include the birth of Jesus.

The Gospel of Mark gives us the perspective of being eyewitnesses to the events going on. As Jesus enters into Jerusalem we can envision the crowds welcoming and praising him, waving palm branches. There is a feeling that something great is going to happen. We are given hope. As we reach the Passion, hope seems to disappear. The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. We are there at the First Eucharist -the Last Supper. We accompany Jesus as he and his apostles pray, and Jesus agonizes over what he will have to go through. We are there as Jesus is betrayed by Judas. We witness Jesus before Pontius Pilate, who does not want to execute Jesus, asking the crowd what he should do with Jesus. They shout, "Crucify him!" And we know the rest of the story.

We can easily say that all of those events happened in the past, and that we are reading them

as history. But I always try to put myself as being there in person, as one of the crowd shouting, "Hosanna to our King!" And as part of that same crowd who is shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Because you see, we are capable of both actions, and many times in our life we can find ourselves praising God one moment and denying him in the next. We humans are a fickle race. Fortunately, we have a loving and forgiving God who sent his only Son to save us by his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

This coming week, Holy Week, take some time to pray about the events leading up to Easter. Take time as we begin the Triduum -the three days leading



up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Each of those days has its own distinct liturgy but is seen as one continuous Liturgy by the Church. We will witness the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, accompany Jesus during his passion, death, and burial on Good Friday, and await his resurrection at the Holy Saturday Vigil. This is the holiest time in the faith life of our Catholic Church. Don't leave Jesus standing alone.

Fr. Ken



Blessing of Easter Baskets

You are invited to bring baskets filled with the food for the first meal of Easter to be blessed on Holy Saturday,

March 30, at 1:00 p.m. in Kane Hall.

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed for Good Friday, March 29, and Easter Monday, April 1. There will be no daily Masses April 1–5.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 17, 2024 \$5,593.00

Thank you for your stewardship in support of St. John Fisher Parish!

Pro Labore Dei News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the PRO LABORE DEI Easter basket collection. The response was truly amazing.

The next lunch making session is Saturday, April 6, at 9:15 a.m.

Our current needs are several large jars of mayo and volunteers. Food collection continues every Saturday mornings from 9:30–10:00 a.m. in the SJF parking lot (even on Holy Saturday).

The ITEM OF THE MONTH for March is <u>BEANS</u> of any kind.

Other foods and diapers size 4, 5, and 6 are also appreciated to bolster our pantry.

As always, thanks for everything.

Please call Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881 with any questions.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing

We hope that you participate in the Triduum liturgies. On Holy Thursday, March 28, we celebrate the establishment of the Eucharist and priesthood. The Washing of Feet, or Mandatum, Offers a powerful symbol of our universal call to discipleship and service. We call twelve of our parishioners to volunteer to allow the presider to wash one foot. Please signup at the back of church or you can drop this form in the collection.

I volunteer for the March 28 Foot Washing.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Chrism Mass

Cardinal Cupich will bless the Holy Oils for the sacraments at the Chrism Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on Tuesday, March 26, at 2:30 p.m. If you can represent St. John Fisher and pick up the oils, please call the parish office at (773) 445-6565.

Rectory: 10234 S. Washtenaw Avenue Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: (773) 445-6565 Fax: (773) 445-1644

SJF Parish Website:

www.stjohnfisherparish.net

Weekend Liturgies:

 Saturday
 4:00 p.m.

 Sunday
 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

School: 10200 S. Washtenaw Avenue Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: (773) 445-4737

Fax: (773) 233-3012

SJF School Website:

www.sjfschool.net

Office of Religious Education

Phone: (773) 238-1851

Weekday Morning Liturgies: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 a.m.

St. John Fisher Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

Taller de José (St. Joseph's Workshop)

This Lent, we have reflected on our values as Christians and how we live them. In this time of fasting and praying, we also commit to "give alms," to share our resources with our neighbors who are in need. This year, we invite the St. John Fisher community to share its resources with neighbors served by Taller de José

Taller de José is a community resource center, located in Chicago's Little Village, which offers accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus, "that all may be one."

Accompaniment is a unique service in a city abounding with government agencies and resources. The staff of Taller de José offers companionship and personal attention to underserved people to help them to navigate the social service system and connect them to the resources they need. While accompanying a client, the staff is a supportive presence, at times offering information, translation, direction, emotional support, and advocacy for the client. Staff members also accompany clients by physically walking with them to appointments and throughout services Chicago via public transportation.

Won't you join Taller de José in providing accompaniment to those in need? On Holy Thursday, please consider making a donation to the collection.

All donations received on Holy Thursday will help to provide our sisters and brothers in need with the support and guidance offered to all, free of charge, at Taller de José.

You can also donate at www.tallerdejose.org.

We invite you to journey with us and our clients this Lenten season by reading the bulletin every week to hear the stories of our brothers and sisters served at Taller de José.





75th Anniversary Raffle

Tickets: \$100 each

Credit card, check, or cash payments are accepted.

Tickets are still available. The drawing will be held at a later date,

Tickets can be purchased:

✦ Online...

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at: https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net
- Click on wording in the center that states "75th Anniversary RAFFLE" under "Weekly Announcements."
- Click on "ORDER NOW."
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If more than one (1) person is buying the ticket, please list the names under special instructions.

After all the weekend masses at a table in the back of church

At the rectory during regular hours

 After the school sports games in the gymnasium

> Raffle tickets make great gifts too. They also provide financial support to our parish.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and participation.

<u>Strengthening</u> Our <u>Joyous</u> <u>F</u>uture

St. John Fisher
 Parish
 75th Anniversary
 1948–2023

First Prize. \$20,000 Second Prize . . . \$1,000 Third Prize \$500



Winners will be drawn on Sunday, April 14 2024, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Winner need not be present.

Name		
Phone		
E-mail		
Parishioner?	Yes	🗋 No
Seller		

Pilgrims, Palms, Processions

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we will meet outside of our normal place of worship to hear about how Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph before his passion, death and resurrection. Then we will bless palm branches—branches carried by us as pilgrims. And like the children of Jerusalem we will walk and sing in procession. The gospel that we have been listening to all year long now has been leading us to this journey to Jerusalem, this procession to the supper table, the cross and the tomb.

When we accept the palm branches next week, we promise to live as pilgrims, to move through this life with and to Jesus. Like the Israelites in the desert, we are only passing through. Like Christ himself, we go about carrying good news, even when we walk the way of tears. Come prepared next week to walk and sing together as fellow travelers. We will walk behind our cross to our holy table— Jerusalem, in our own neighborhood. And this procession will be practice for an even more awesome journey that we will make in two weeks the Easter Vigil's procession to the font of baptism—that place where we die to sin and rise in love to life everlasting.

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Will You Join Us?

You know Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, but many people haven't yet received this gift of faith. And even more don't realize how central this sacrament is to our salvation itself. So, let's show them!

This summer, the Eucharist will take center stage in a major U.S. stadium. Catholics from all over the United States will gather at the feet of Jesus Christ to worship him in a way this generation has never seen.

It's time to remind the world Jesus is still with us—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Your presence at the National Eucharistic Congress is a public witness that Jesus is powerfully present and active in our midst. Learn more at EucharisticCongress.org.

What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress **When:** July 17–21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House



My name is Maeve Malloy and I am an 8th grader at St. John Fisher. I am collecting pop tabs for our Ronald McDonald House. Please help by bringing your pop tabs to



bringing your pop tabs to church. There is a box in the back of church to drop them off. Collection will end on April 14. Thank you on behalf of Ronald McDonald House.

Amy & Phil Switalski's St. Christopher Tours

Did you know your St. John Fisher Music Directors have been hosting single-day and multi-day luxury



motorcoach bus tours for over 30 years? Family owned & operated, faith-based and named after the patron saint of travelers, Phil & Amy's St. Christopher Tours have been known for providing carefree travel opportunities to enjoy dinner/theatre events, single-day events and overnight tours. If you would like to view a list of the many travel destinations, or be included on their private mailing list and/or email list simply check out their website www.philnamymusic.com or call (708) 687-3302 for the latest information, tour pick-up and drop-off locations and many travel deal specials. (Or, just stop by the piano for a postcard.) Funfilled trips have always been designed to appeal to all ages, families, small groups and group leaders, from the young to young at heart. Hope you can be on board for an upcoming event or Tour!



Which Three Days Are *The* Three Days?

There's a lot of talk in church now about "the Three Days," or in Latin, the "Triduum." These are our most holy of days. They make up our most important single celebration of the year: Easter. But exactly *which* three days make up the Triduum?

At first this sounds like a stupid question such as, "What color was Napoleon's white horse?" or "Who's buried in Grant's tomb?" Actually, it's a trick question. Most would say that the Three Days are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. And that's wrong! (How could Easter Sunday *not* be one of the Three Days?!)

The three days of the Triduum are counted using the Jewish way of keeping time: from sunset to sunset. So the first day of the Triduum is from sunset on Holy Thursday until sunset on Good Friday. The second day is from sunset on Good Friday until sunset on Holy Saturday. The third day is from sunset Holy Saturday (the great Easter Vigil) to sunset Easter Sunday (Paschal Vespers).

Does this make any difference-or is it only good Catholic trivia? Here's the differ-ence that it makes. We tend to think of the Three Days as commemorating separate, distinct events: On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, on Good Friday we recall the passion and on Holy Saturday the resurrection. But in our liturgy, the church thinks about the Last Supper not as the last thing that happened on Holy Thursday, but as the *first* thing to happen on Good Friday. What new insights into the eucharist do you have when you think of it as the first act of Christ's passion? What new understanding of Sabbath-the day of rest-do you have when you reflect on the fact that Jesus slept in death from sunset Friday and all through the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday? And how might we spend our Saturday nights if we understood them to truly be the beginning of Sunday-not just during the Triduum, but year round? What does it mean when the deacon or cantor sings at the Vigil that because of the resurrection, this night is brighter than any day?

These Three Days are a single moment. We walk (or crawl) into this moment on Thursday night and walk (or dance) out on Easter day. In between, there's a flood of stories and songs, rites and rest, fasting and feasting. The Three Days are time out of time, the center of our year and of our life.

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> You could win \$20,000!

We will draw the winning tickets on Sunday, April 14, after 11:00 a.m. Mass.



Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival

God is doing something new and he is calling **you** to be a part of it!

Travel with Jesus and the Eucharist this Lent to Easter. Come to one or all sessions.

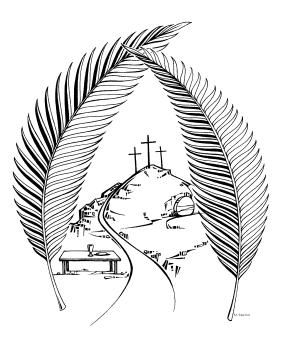
March 26 and April 2 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. St Cajetan's Parish Center Dominick Room (basement)

2445 W. 112th Street, Chicago

Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Fr. Daniel Fallon Jim Tunney Robert F. Hyland Susanne O'Malley Dorothy Nachel Rosemary Hyland Jacqueline Ward Collette Kramer James O'Donnell Rose Salinas Robert J. Burns, Jr. Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East



Prayer Support for Our Military Personnel

We keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially: MSG Kevin Daley; CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; Lt. Col. Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt. Brad Brunaugh; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; PFC Steven Folliard; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; Sgt. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Cmdr. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; Captain Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA; Timothy Kelly, USN; Ensign Peter Smagur USN; 2 Lt. Bridget Bentley, USA; Matthew C. Adas, USN; Airman William L. Murray; Andrew Mitchell Cullen, USMC; Major Andrew C. Piech, USMC; Lance Cpl. Joseph Killeen, USMC.

Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Lenten Regulations

The Lenten regulations are as follows:

- 1. Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

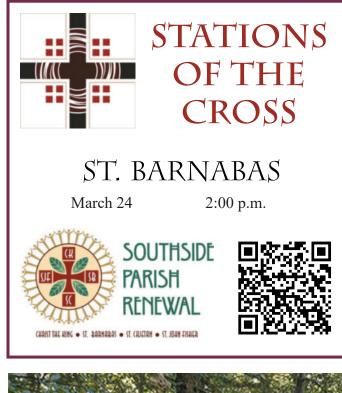
Bulletin Deadlines

We strive to communicate what is happening at St. John Fisher and surroundings. Items are due at the office by Friday at 2:00 p.m., nine days before the target bulletin (note earlier deadlines near holidays). Digital formats of **Word**, **JPEG**, or even email if **simple text** work best. Full-pages limit flexibility, so including half-page and quarter page options make it more likely to run. Submit articles to:

sjfparishchicago@gmail.com

We reserve the right to edit all submissions.



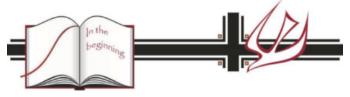




Outdoor Stations of the Cross Palm Sunday March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Retreat House 14230 Main St., Lemont, Illinois

Contact Deacon Andy Neu at (773) 807-2231 or aneu@stbarnabasparish.org



Readings for the Week

- Sunday: Mk 11:1–10/Jn 12:12–16 /Is 50:4–7 / Ps 22:8–9, 17–20, 23–24 / Phil 2:6–11 / Mk 14:1–15:47
- Monday: Is 42:1–7 / Ps 27:1–3, 13–14 / Jn 12:1–11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Ps 71:1–6, 15, 17 /

- Wednesday: Is 50:4–9a / Ps 69:8–10,21–22,31,33–34/ Mt 26:14–25
- Thursday—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 / Ps 116:12–13, 15–18 / 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: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1–2:2 / Gn 22:1–18 / Ex 14:15–15:1 / Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11 / Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 / Rom 6:3–11 / Ps 118: 1–2, 16–17, 22–23 / Mk 16:1–7
- Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34, 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

Masses and Intentions

There is no 8:15 a.m. Mass on Good Friday, March 29.

Monday, March 25

8:15 a.m. Mary Duffy – *Family* Frances Broad – *Mary & Jim Broad*

Tuesday, March 26 No Mass

Wednesday, March 27

8:15 a.m. Martin Hayes – *Family* Joseph Kearns – *A Friend*

Thursday, March 28**Holy Thurday** 7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

For the People of St. John Fisher Parish

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Fisher Parish 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Fisher Parish



	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presiders
March 30 7:00 p.m.	Patrick Brandt Laura Shallow	Dan McHugh Mary Margaret Redmond Mary Jo Ochs	Fr. Ken Budzikowski
March 31	Thomas Broderick	Jean Cusack	Fr. Leo Glueckert, O.Carm.
8:00 a.m.	Daniel Mueller	Michael Berger	
March 31	Rebecca Dowling	Max Miller	Fr. Marty Marren
11:00 a.m.	Kathy Murray	Kevin Sullivan	

If you wish to generously remember St. John Fisher Parish/School in your will, ensuring its growth and vitality for years to come, you may include the following general statement:

I give (the sum of \$_____)* to St. John Fisher Parish/School, located in Chicago, Illinois. Please contact pastor Fr. Ken Budzikowski at (773) 445-6565 or Brendan Keating, Sr. Director of Planned Giving at (312) 534-5271 or bkeating@archchicago.org for more information.

*You may also give a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

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Rev. Martin Marren	Associate Pastor

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Parish Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am–7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am–12:00 noon

Baptisms: A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese. Contact the rectory for more information and dates and times the classes will be held.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. The Archdiocese requires a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

Communion for Homebound Parishioners: Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office. **Parishioners**—**Please keep** your contact information updated.



