



# Church of St. Joseph

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## *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* March 28, 2021

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Seán M. Connolly, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain  
Deacon Richard Trapani  
Deacon Alexander Gapay

### ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

Parish Office: 845-343-6013

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: 5:30  
Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 9:00 (Latin), 11:30  
Sunday afternoon: 1:00 -- en Español

### DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. -- en Español  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 7:00 p.m.  
Other occasions as announced  
Also by appointment

### BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

### PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center  
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

### PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

### LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani  
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy  
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

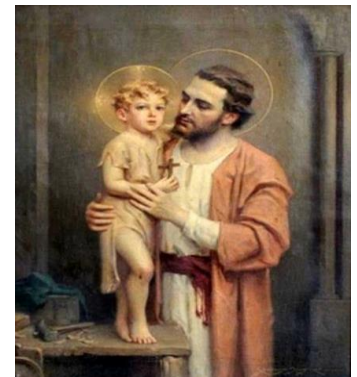
### DEVOTIONS

Adoration in Church: Wednesdays 1:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

### PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: available to all in need by appointment  
Parish Website: [www.SJChurch.com](http://www.SJChurch.com)  
Parish E-Mail: [Parish@SJChurch.com](mailto:Parish@SJChurch.com)  
Youth Group: Schedule published in the bulletin

*Welcome to  
Our Parish*



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**MARCH 28, 2021**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*for the Week of March 28- April 4*

<b>SAT:</b>	5:30pm	Vigil for Palm Sunday
<b>LATIN</b>	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00 am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	11:30am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
<b>MON:</b>	8:00am	Thomas, Catherine, John And James Stanford
<b>TUE:</b>	8:00am	Rita O'Neill
<b>WED:</b>	8:00am	Maryann Skrobanski
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
<b>THU:</b>	7:00pm	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
<b>FRI:</b>	10:00am	<i>Stations, Solemn Liturgy (Spanish)</i>
	3:00pm	<i>Solemn Liturgy (English)</i>
<b>SAT:</b>	8:00am	<b>No Mass</b>
	8:00pm	<i>Easter Vigil Mass</i>
<b>SUN:</b>	7:00am	<i>All Easter Sunday Masses Will Be Offered For All Parishioners Living And Deceased</i>
	9:00am	
	9:00am	
	11:30am	
	1:00pm	
<b>LATIN</b>		

**Note:** All above Masses are being prayed in public with the added intentions remembered by our priests in private Masses that continue.

**+ PRAY FOR +**

**Maria Rotundo, Dorothy Lombardo,  
Robert Garcia, Wendy Ortiz.**

**Mass and devotions are still  
being offered on YouTube.**

**Visit us on YouTube at:**

**SJChurch**

**Or at our website:**

**[www.SJChurch.com](http://www.SJChurch.com)**

**HOLY TRIDUUM SCHEDULE**

**April 1, 2021 Holy Thursday:**

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper

**April 2, 2021 Good Friday:**

10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Spanish Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (*English*)

**April 3, 2021 Holy Saturday:**

8:00 p.m. Bilingual Easter Vigil

(*there is no 5:30 p.m. Mass nor 7:00 p.m. Confession*)

**April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday:**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**GOOD FRIDAY: A DAY OF FAST, ABSTINENCE;  
LENTEN FRIDAYS ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken, during the day, to maintain physical strength, but these two meals, together, should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting is obligatory for all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues until they are 59. Those not specifically obligated to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obligated to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross will be offered in the main Church this Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. Social distancing and the wearing of masks are required and all are asked to remain in their pews.



The Stations will be not be offered on Good Friday.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION



As we read the Gospel accounts of Jesus entering Jerusalem on the Sunday before His Passion, we are shown the Lord riding on a donkey with the people wild with joy. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" – *Mark 9:9*.

They are so excited that they strip the branches from the palm trees and lay them down before the Lord. Others lay their mantles in the road to make the way smooth for Jesus. In *The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations*, **Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich** had a revelation about this scene. Jesus explained to her that "those that strewed branches before Him, would not renounce for Him what they possessed, and would not remain faithful to Him, but they that spread their garments on the way would detach themselves from what they had, would put on the new man, and would remain faithful to Him."

What about us? Are we willing to detach ourselves from the world and our own interests? Can we give just one hour of Adoration each week to this awesome God Who has redeemed us? Although Perpetual Adoration continues to be suspended due to the pandemic, the Main Church is open for Adoration Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. For more information call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510.

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL OPEN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING, 845-956-1455**

*(this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone).*

**YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105**

## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### FIRST READING

*From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is 50:4-7)*

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.  
The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22 (Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24)*

- R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?**  
All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let Him deliver him,  
let Him rescue him, if He loves him."
- R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?**  
Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.
- R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?**  
They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But You, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.
- R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?**  
I will proclaim Your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise You:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise Him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to Him;  
revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!"
- R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?**

### SECOND READING

*From the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11)*

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming 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, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



## VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

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## GOSPEL

*From the Gospel of Mark (Mk 15:1-39)*

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed Him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned Him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused Him of many things. Again Pilate questioned Him, "Have You no answer? See how many things they accuse You of."



Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed.

Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the Man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him."

Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has He done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him."

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed Him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led Him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed Him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on Him. They began to salute Him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking His head with a reed and spitting upon Him.

They knelt before Him in homage. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak, dressed Him in His own clothes, and led Him out to

crucify Him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross.

They brought Him to the place of Golgotha – which is translated Place of the Skull.

They gave Him wine drugged with myrrh, but He did not take it.

Then they crucified Him and divided His garments

by casting lots for them to see what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews."

With Him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.

Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself by coming down from the cross."

Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked Him among themselves and said, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

Those who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated,

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, He is calling Elijah."

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink saying, "Wait, let us



see if Elijah comes to take Him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing Him saw how He breathed His last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

