

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Extreme Life

On Palm Sunday we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion.

On Palm Sunday, near the end of Lent, we have come in touch with the greatness and poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God's grace in communion, community and scripture.

On Palm Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus, Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness as God, but he did not cling to it.

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians says, "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience – even death. "Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Sometimes in a single day we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbor. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All, all of human life he redeems and makes his own. ©Resource Pub. Paul Turner



Worship at St. Francis

Regular Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun:

4:30 p / 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Sp.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30-4:15 or
by appointment

Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza

Priest in Residence: Fr. Wise

Deacons:

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Dcn. Paul Dietz

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The Triduum

Mar 29- Apr 1, 2018

Holy Thursday 3/29

Mass of Lord's Supper 6 pm

Good Friday 3/30

Church open 12-3 for visits.

Stations of the Cross 6 pm

Passion of the Lord 7 pm

Easter Vigil 3/31

Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm

Easter Masses 4/1

8:30, 11:00, 1pm Spanish

The Triduum is one feast celebrated over three days. It is somewhat like a prayer marathon – the holiest days in the Church. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. New Catholics received. The ritual and symbolism in this Paschal Mystery are rich and soul-stopping.

Pope Francis on the lighting of the candles at the Easter Vigil: "At times the darkness of the night seems to penetrate into our souls ... [and] we think 'there is nothing left to do,' and our heart seems to have lost the strength to love," then "Christ lights up the fire of God's love: a flash of light breaks the darkness and announces a new beginning." "Our life does not end before a tombstone; our life continues with the hope of Christ who arose from the tomb."

MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Week

(Mar 25 - Mar 31, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	Johann Greunsteidl <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Irene Rubino <i>by Nancy/Grant Toman</i>
Sun	11:00 a		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	Roseanne Denchy <i>by Rita Whittier</i>
9a	Mon	†	Simone Nicholson <i>by Pat Nicholson</i>
9a	Tue	†	Mary Maley <i>by Carol Gibson</i>
9a	Wed	L	George Ramsey <i>by Michael/Maria Berlin</i>
6p	Holy Thu		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
7p	Good Fri		No Intention
8p	Easter Vigil		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>



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Thank you!

First Collection

\$7725.30

Second Collection

\$1263.00

Catholic Relief Service

Next Week Second Collection:

Seminarians of Archdiocese of Atlanta

Help support our seminarians who study for priesthood in seminaries across the United States and in Rome.

Our New Auxiliary Bishop-Elect

Joel Konzen, S.M.

Episcopal Ordination April 3 @ 2p



Bishop-Elect Fr. Joel Konzen

It seems that we are taking down our bishop pictures in the church vestibule and putting up new ones on a regular basis. For good reason. Our last two auxiliary bishops, Bishop

Talley and Bishop Zarama both are now shepherding their own dioceses. We miss them. We were given Bishop Ned from Raleigh last year. His picture is up. And now Fr. Joel Konzen, former principal at Marist School in Atlanta, will be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta on April 3, 2018 at 2pm. We are blessed as an archdiocese, for sure! The ordination can be viewed on computers, etc. We will send a link for the viewing on flocknote. Up goes a new face on the wall very soon. Very soon.

Seminarian to spend Holy Week at

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



What better way to spend a week off from seminary classes than to celebrate Holy Week at St. Francis? None? Please welcome seminarian Miguel Herazo, to the parish this week.

Below is his welcome to us.

My name is Miguel Antonio Herazo Alvarez, I am from Colombia, San Onofre, Sucre. I am a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Atlanta since 2015. I am in first Theology in Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. I want to live this Easter season with Saint Francis of Assisi parishioners.

Parish News and Events

EASTER EGG HUNT – 10 AM IN MARIAN HALL, EASTER SUNDAY



Let the race begin! Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners, our EASTER EGG HUNT will take place on Easter Sunday at 10 am in Marian Hall. Bring a basket, a laundry basket, a camera and...don't forget the kids!

DIVINE MERCIES NOVENA STARTS GOOD FRIDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Christ Himself revealed the Divine Mercy Novena to Saint Faustina in 1937 and dictated to her the prayers that make up the novena. The Divine Mercy Novena is often combined with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which is also commonly prayed on Divine Mercy Sunday. The chaplet will be sung after every Mass on April 8th. Plenary Indulgence is available. See material available on the Information Table.

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Jack Yost
- Tom Nay
- Dagny Kolomazi
- Joey Bartlett
- Jo Schilling
- Dell O'Neill
- Your Spiritually Adopted Baby
- Lynda Bernhardt
- Wayne Weible
- Luke Porter
- Tarah Burrell
- Joan Tufford
- Afra Beggy

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

Wisdom Bible Study on Monday 10 am & 7 pm

Holy Listening on Tuesday 10 am

Prayer Group on Wednesday 10 am

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE WED MAR 28 @ 2PM. IT WILL REOPEN ON TUES, APRIL 3, 2018 AT 10 AM. EMAIL AND PHONE MESSAGES WILL BE CHECKED THROUGHOUT.

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

UNCIÓN PROFÉTICA

La solemnidad de las lecturas de hoy nos invita a una contemplación silenciosa del misterio de nuestra redención. Hay tantas maneras de comprender los sucesos de la Pasión. La mujer que unge a Jesús se comporta proféticamente y de un modo que los otros discípulos aún no comprenden. La unción es para los sacerdotes, los profetas y los reyes, y también para la preparación de los muertos. Es para la sanación y la santidad. Su acción reconoce los sucesos de la pasión y la muerte del Señor que se acercan, y señala hacia la resurrección y el triunfo sobre el mal y la muerte. Jesús es sacerdote y víctima, profeta y Dios, Rey y Señor. Todas estas cosas se hacen explícitas en su unción profética. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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Jesús no vino a eliminar el sufrimiento, sino a sufrir con nosotros. El hombre que sufre no es inútil ni inactivo.

—Paul Claudel



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