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St. John Vianney Catholic Church

*"I will show you the way to heaven."
– St. John Vianney*



April 5, 2020

SJV Newsletter – Palm Sunday

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Welcome to Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week! There are plenty of things to reflect upon during this Holy Week. Even though you aren't able to come inside the church building for Mass at this time, don't let that keep you from loving God. Pray the rosary, read the scriptures, watch the Passion of Christ, take some devoted time to allow God to enlighten your mind and stir your heart.

Currently there are no new directives from Bishop Doherty. His March 27 letter is the latest update which can be read at <https://www.dol-in.org/covid-19-updates>. A reminder that Bishop Doherty has mandated the suspension of all public celebrations of the Mass, other liturgical services and gatherings of the faithful effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 13, 2020 continues until further notice. It is not a permanent dispensation.

This Tuesday, the Chrism Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Facebook page via FacebookLive at <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarycathedral/>. The Chrism Mass will be at 11:00 AM EDT on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. You are invited to join the Bishop and several priests from the diocese in prayer.

We want to remember to pray for those who are first responders and health workers that are placing themselves at risk for the common good. Thus, I have a twofold request in seeking to offer them a spiritual bouquet.

1) Do you know of a parishioner or family member who is a first responder or health worker? We would like to send a spiritual bouquet to them to show them our support. If you know of someone, would you please email Christine Vincent-Rodas at cvincent-rodas@sjvfishers.com and share their name.

2) Would you offer some prayers for those who are first responders and health workers? I hope you say yes! Please share those prayers by emailing Christine Vincent-Rodas at cvincent-rodas@sjvfishers.com. It can be a rosary, a chaplet, time in prayer, stations of the cross, masses prayed, etc. We will compile prayers and send them to parishioners and family members of parishioners who are first responders and health workers. Please submit them by noon, Wednesday, April 8. Thanks for contributing!

Know that I am praying for you as we are in this together and will get through this together! St. John Vianney...pray for us!

In Christ,
Fr. Tony Rowland