

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 5, 2020**

God greatly exalted [Christ]  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name.

### **HOSANNA!**

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

**St. John’s will reschedule all Mass intentions when we begin celebrating Masses again.**

We encourage you to visit St. John’s website at [stjohnbaptistfolsom.org](http://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org). It is updated daily with information on St. John’s parish, when Parish School Of Religion will start up again, letters from the Archbishop, information on live streaming masses and much more.

**Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.**

### **PRAYER LIST**

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto

## **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Envelopes	\$ 2,530.00
Loose	\$ 614.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 50.00
Home of Love Donations	\$ 1,250.00

**Thank you to all who continue to send in their contributions at this trying time. This is most needed as we continue to maintain the workings of our Church parish.**

### **HOME OF LOVE**

The project far exceeded \$3,800.00 goal with a total of \$4,995.00. The additional money will be used in coordination with other donations at Food for the Poor to build another home. Your generosity and love is amazing and deeply appreciated. If you have any questions about this project, please call, Chairperson, Sheila Berger at 796-3860. Thank you.

Please pray for *Dennis Richard* who entered peacefully into eternal rest. ***Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]***

## **CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary	Gary Treuil
Blessed Mother	Alexander Bradford
St. Joseph	Todd Milsap
St. Ann	Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

## **RICE BOWL**

PALM SUNDAY: Do This in Memory of Me As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Please continue to participate in the Rice Bowl.  
You will be asked to return the Rice Bowls when we  
return to Church.**

### **Palm Sunday Mass**

Mass for Palm Sunday has been filmed in our church and is accessible as a video. Use this link to view it: <https://vimeo.com/403951025>. The palms that were blessed during that Mass are available for you at church. Please pick one up at your convenience.

**The office is open for normal business Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – noon; closed on Friday. Please do not hesitate to call 796-3806 if Joy can be of any assistance to you. Even though the office is open part time, she is still checking messages. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed for anointing and confessions. His emergency contact number is 985-474-9898.**

## **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS**

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

**LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY: Canceled by Lifetouch until further notice.**

**Our Lenten Food Drive has been postponed until further notice.**

**CORONAVIRUS** Here, in a you tube video, is excellent advice from Fr. Mike Schmitz on “How Should Catholics Respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTP5P9PtYwA&t=2s>

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

### **BLANKET MINISTRY**

**St. John’s Blanket Ministry has offered to sew face mask to give to parishioners who are elderly with underlying health issues. For more information please call Linda Carlin at 985-302-2009.**