

April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



The Glory of the Cross

Today, we remember the shocking event that changed the world. As we read the passion of Christ, we cannot but realize that the cross is a central mystery in our faith. Suffering is part of every person's life, just as it was part of Jesus' life. However, Jesus' suffering led to the resurrection. Through his suffering Jesus redeemed the human race from sin. If we join in his suffering we will also join in his victory over death.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Marvin Fishbeck sponsored by Mary Ann Fishbeck.

The Paschal Triduum of the Death, Rest and Resurrection of the Lord



- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
9:00 a.m. God's Deliverance From The Corona Virus
- Holy Thursday of the Passion of the Lord**
6:30 p.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Holy Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- The Easter Vigil**
6:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners
- Sunday of the Resurrection**
9:00 a.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

The services will be live-streamed from either the Moulton or the Praha Church for viewing on our website www.stjosphesmoulton.org.

Blessed palms will be available for pick up in the church after the Sunday service.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

March 23, 2020

Dear Pastor,

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish's 2019 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton	
Parish Goal	\$17,333
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	60
Total Amount Pledged by Parishioners	\$22,473
Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners	\$22,473

The Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners includes all contributions received through February 29, 2020. In order to meet your 2019 Parish Goal, a total of **-\$5,140** is due and payable to the Diocese of Victoria on or before April 15, 2020.

Last month the 2020 DSA Brochure and Pledge Card were mailed to your Parishioners from Victoria. The 2020 DSA Appeal runs from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Please note that any payments received after February 28, 2020 will automatically be applied to the 2020 Diocesan Services Appeal. For your information, **your Parish's 2020 DSA Goal is \$17,685.00**

Sincerely,

Rene Garcia

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

In Memory of Agnes Jasek

Frank Zaruba - \$50

Betty & Harry Maskey - \$50

Lorrie & Michael Janecek - \$25

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25

In Memory of Leroy Muehlstein

Linda Muehlstein - \$1,000

Through the waters of Baptism

Lainey Jo Muehlstein

child of Lesa & Jacob Muehlstein

Kirbie Grace Segner

child of Katherine & Otto Segner

Harper Marie Wagner

child of Stacy & Dustin Wagner

have begun their journey of faith
in our Christian community.



Pray for the repose of the souls of

Brenda K. Barta Anne Darilek Agnes Jasek
Irene Portales Barbara Ann Supak

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially James Filipp and Joe Nieto, Sr.**

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Merwin Krejci.**

REFLECTION

The Loving Nature of God

As Matthew's version of the passion and death of Jesus is proclaimed (Gospel) every evil tendency of humankind will be revealed. We will be told of Judas' betrayal and of Peter's denial. We will listen to how the disciples are so oblivious to Jesus that they fall asleep when he needs their support. We will hear the lies told about Jesus, as well as the people's mockery of him. We will sense the fierceness of the crowd, the weakness of Pilate and the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders. Then, in the most horrifying but sacred moment when Jesus gives up his spirit on the cross, the evils of humankind, grave through they are, will be eclipsed by a love that is at once intense and pure. It is this great love of God that has seen Jesus through each of his days and nights. This loving nature of God was reflected in Jesus' gentle way with sinners, in his willingness to welcome children, in his outreach to foreigners and outcasts. God's loving nature was evident each time Jesus healed the sick and forgave sinners. This love was revealed most eloquently at the last supper Jesus shared with his friends, when he gave himself as food. After his death and resurrection, the disciples knew him to be present in the breaking of the bread.

As we celebrate these most holy days, let us remember, as we break open the bread of life, that God's nature continues to be revealed to us. May we also live in such a way that God's nature is revealed through us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar. 22 – Greyson Anderle, Julius Kloesel, Mildred Pilat, Tiffany Raab, Hannah Siegel
Mar. 23 – Brian Beran, Moises Manzano
Mar. 24 – James Filipp, John J. Meisetschleager
Mar. 25 – Gloria Manzano, Nallely Martinez
Mar. 26 - Nancy Tomek
Mar. 27 – Seth Beyer
Mar. 31 – Angelica Manzano
Apr. 2 – Betty Roznovsky
Apr. 4 – Troy Barta
Apr. 5 – Julie Fojtik
Apr. 8 – Barbara Filipp, L. A. Simper
Apr. 10 – Erin Blaschke, Margaret Kubicek
Apr. 11 – William Darilek, Karla Kresta,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 28 – Kathy & Marvin Dornak

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Congratulations

Nancy & Cecil Wood, Jr.

On your Golden Wedding Anniversary
April 11, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way to the cross and anticipate his wondrous and glorious resurrection on Easter. On this Palm Sunday, we focus on Matthew's account of the Passion of Christ.

The first thing we notice is how Matthew structures the content of his Passion Narrative. Matthew unfolds the passion narrative in six parts.

- Beginning with a brief prelude about Judas as "selling out" Jesus, the story begins with the Passover supper wherein Jesus institutes the Eucharist (26:17-29).
- The second scene puts Jesus and his disciples at the Mount of Olives, where Peter's denial is foretold and Jesus undergoes a stressful agony in view of his approaching death (26:30-56).
- The third scene is a complicated, so-called trials before the Jewish Sanhedrin (26:57-68).
- The fourth scene moves Jesus to another trial situation before Pilate; Jesus will ultimately be condemned, and Judas commits suicide (27:1-26).
- The fifth scene is the crucifixion itself, where Jesus is mocked and hung on the cross to die (27:27-44).
- In the final scene, Jesus dies and is buried in a tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea (27:45-66).

This narrative highlights three important themes.

- First, Jesus is the Son of God, and he is clearly the master of his own fate. This is shown in all six scenes listed above.
- Second, for Matthew, the Church (now consisting of Jews and gentiles) has inherited the promises of Israel.
- Third, Jesus is the model of righteous behavior throughout every part of the Passion Narrative.

As we retell the story of the passion of our Lord, this is our story as well because the Holy Spirit now dwells with us. As we enter into this week, the holiest week of the entire year, let us pray for the grace to have hearts open to all that the Lord teaches us this week. Let us pray for the grace to resist temptation and to live our lives in a holy way. And let us be ready to greet him when he comes again.

THE CHRISM MASS – APRIL 7



On this day the Bishop will celebrate Mass and bless the Holy Oils: *The Oil of the Catechumens, The Sacred Chrism, The Oil of the Infirm.* The Mass, normally concelebrated with all the priests of the diocese, will be live-streamed on the diocesan website at 10:00 a.m. The priests will not be in attendance. The oils will be distributed to the priests at a later date.