



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

Christ Jesus, humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.— *Philippians 2:8*

## *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus. First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

In Christ,

*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** April 6, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** April 4, 2018  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Wednesday, April 4, at 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Sunday, April 15, 2018, 1:15pm, Price Building  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To be announced  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:** To be announced  
**EMMAUS:** Every Thursday, 7pm, Price Building  
**PRISON MINISTRY:** Every Thursday  
**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** to be announced

### Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
 Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
 Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

### Reconciliation Service:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm or with appointment

**BAPTISMS:** For information contact the Parish office or Sundays after mass.

If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your call as soon as possible.  
 Office #: 336-599-4122 - Rectorv #: 336- 599-6428

To have a loved one remembered at a Mass (Suggested donation is \$10.00). To provide the Sanctuary Lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament (Suggested offering is \$35.00), or to provide the parish with altar bread and wine used at the Mass (Suggested offering is \$55.00). Please call the Parish office 336-599-4122

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Father, in your plan for our salvation you Shepherd for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of continual love. Give us more priests, worthy ministers for your altar and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant us an increase in vocations to the Religious life. May more of your people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity, may they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, your Son, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Marv. Mother of the Church. Pray for us.

### **PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Gary Clements, Linda Toth, Mary Williamson, Gloria Wiener, Scott Varney, Brenda Capps, Bobby Rigsby, Socorro Rigsby, Ken Emser, Paul Cicchetti, Saul Reyes, David Savoxsky, Barbara Bland, Virgilo Baltazar, Julie Marshall, Charles Rigsbee, Donald Wilson, Richard Tofte, David Reedy, Rose Pratico, David Ramsey, Julian Alexander, Bo Currier, John Swanik, Marty Martel, Annie O'Connor, Jorge Gamez Magaña. Glafira Rangel. Don Jennings. Dick Cramer. Neil Clavton.



### SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English – Price Building  
 12pm Mass in Spanish – Price Building  
 5pm Mass – English - (Saturday March 24, Church)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27:

Chrism Mass, 2pm, Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm, Price Building

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30– GOOD FRIDAY:

The Passion of the Lord, 7pm, Price Building

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil, 8pm, Church

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1, EASTER SUNDAY:

10am Mass in English, Price Building  
 12pm Mass in Spanish, Price Building  
 (EASTER EGG HUNTS AFTER EACH MASS)

**MASS INTENTION**  
**+ In memory of Hannah Viall+**  
**Sunday March 25, 10am, requested by Bill and Joan Agro**

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH [www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for March 24 and 25 is for the Catholic Services Collection. The second collection for March 31 and April 1 is for the Maintenance and Repair.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. (Individual and family offerings through Lent) Boxes are at the back of the Church.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphal arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

**CHRISM MASS:** Join us for the Annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 27 at 2:00pm at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Bishop Luis Zarama will preside the Mass, consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens which will be used in the parishes of the Diocese throughout the year. Also at this Mass, the priests gathered will renew their priestly promises.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Thursday, March 29 at 7pm at the Price Building. Mass will be bilingual. "But if I washed your feet...then you must wash each other's feet." (John 13:14). Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when our Lord established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. Christ washed the feet of his Disciples, who would become the first priests.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place on Friday, March 30, at 7pm in the Price Building. The Celebration will be bilingual. Good Friday is the day on which we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, the act that brought salvation to all who believe.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** The Mass of the Easter Vigil will be celebrated Saturday, March 31 at 8pm in the Price building. Mass will be bilingual. Please pray for our RCIA students Isidra Perez, Dennis Perez, Citlalli Martinez, Vanessa Sierra, Samantha Sierra and Bradley James Porrin, they will receive their Sacraments of Initiation. Holy Saturday is the final day of Lent, of Holy Week, and of the Easter Triduum, the three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) immediately preceding Easter, during which we commemorate the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ and prepare for His Resurrection.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** after each Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1. Children under age 4 will hunt for eggs in the front yard and children 5-9 will hunt for eggs in the back yard. Special thanks to Tammy Sanford for her generosity.

**FAITH FORMATION:** There is no class of Faith Formation on Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) and Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday). Students should attend mass and are encouraged to participate in the services of the Holy Week.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** If there is anyone struggling with an illness or know of anyone, please call Joanne Agro at 336-597-3051.

**PARISH LIST:** Please come to the Parish office and update your address and phone number on your registration cards.

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVE DOCUMENT:** In our complex world of advanced medical technology and life-prolonging treatments, we can easily become confused by the many choices presented to us. The Church gives us guidance to navigate these choices, and to choose medical treatments that are morally sound and that respect both the dignity of our humanity and our destiny to live with Jesus Christ forever in heaven. To learn more attend a presentation at the Price Building Sunday, April 15 at 1:30pm or Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm. You will receive a copy of the Advance Directive Document and will learn on how to navigate life issues according to the teaching of our Catholic church. If you are interested please sign the form that is at the back of the Church. For questions contact Pat Erdner 336-597-3457, Mary Collins [mc3526@gmail.com](mailto:mc3526@gmail.com) or Jerri Garretson [rsgarretson@centurylink.net](mailto:rsgarretson@centurylink.net)

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Drew Grissom, winner of the basket with fun games. Thank you for your support.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

(Monthly Budget \$9,500)

Offertory: \$1,431.90  
Maintenance & Repair:  
\$389.43  
Flowers: \$108.00