

March 24, 2024



Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.

—*Matthew 21:9*

Holy Week is here!

With our Palm Sunday mass this weekend we enter into the holiest time of the year with **Holy Week**. Our lives are centered on the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a special time to enter into these mysteries. How will you make this week different than the others? Let us ask ourselves how to best enter into the spirit of Jesus as he suffered His terrible Passion that led to His glorious Resurrection. Can we commit to spending some extra time in prayer this week? This might take the form of reading from the Gospels in the quiet of our homes or making an extra visit to the church. Perhaps it would be in taking part in the liturgies. Perhaps taking some time each day to meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary as a family. Can we cut back on the amount of entertainment we take part in this week? Will what I watch bring me closer to the spirit of Christ this week? Perhaps our entertainment can remain silent this week as we make a quiet space for the Lord. Perhaps I can watch a spiritual movie that depicts the life of Christ and watch this as a family this week.

During the week of His Passion, many of the crowd who shouted "**Hosanna**" on his entrance into Jerusalem. Others would shout "**Crucify Him!**" on Good Friday. Who will continue to walk with Jesus throughout these days? An old spiritual hymn asks the question, "**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**" Let us answer in the affirmative. Yes, I was there when they crucified my Lord. I walked with Him on His path to Calvary as He willingly gave Himself up for me. May these coming days be for us and our families truly a holy time. Here are some events of this week:

Holy Thursday March 28-*At this mass we commemorate the establishing of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist as Jesus tells the Apostles, "Do this in memory of me." After the Last Supper Jesus would have went into Gethsemane- the olive garden. We spend quiet time with Our Lord in adoration. 7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** with Washing of Feet. After Mass there will be a procession to Xavier Hall. Adoration will continue until **11:00 pm** in Xavier Hall.*

Good Friday March 29- This is the day Jesus died to show His love for us and opened heaven's gates. We will have several opportunities to pray on this day:

Noon – Stations of the Cross (English). *Here we remember the last 14 moments in the life of Our Lord as He goes to Calvary.*

3:00 pm – Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ (English). *Here our deacons and priests will share some meditations on the last words of Jesus at the very hour he laid down his life for us.*

5:00 pm – Living Stations of the Cross (in Spanish) in Hanover Square. Put on by our Youth Group and narrated in Spanish.

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service (bi-lingual) (Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion). *Here we will read the Passion of St. John, we will kiss the Cross on which Our Savior hung and have the chance to receive Holy Communion. Service in English and Spanish*

Easter Vigil March 30

(Note there is **NO 5:00 pm Mass** this day as the vigil may not begin until Sunset. -Note there is **NO Mass** on Jekyll on Sat. March 30. Instead, the Easter Mass will take place at the Morgan Center at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. The Morgan Center is part of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel complex.)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil SFX– *This beautiful two- and one-half hour bi-lingual Mass will feature the readings of our salvation and will celebrate Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation of those entering the Church. Reception to follow in Xavier Hall.*

Easter Sunday March 31

8:00 a.m. Jekyll Island Mass (Morgan Center)

8:30 a.m. **Easter Mass SFX**

11:00 a.m. **Easter Mass SFX**

6:00 p.m. **Spanish Easter Mass SFX**

May this truly be a Holy Week for you and your families!

On Tuesday March 26 at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Parkes will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in **Savannah**. At this Mass the priests will renew their promises and the Holy Oils for the Church year will be blessed. All are welcome to attend this beautiful Mass during Holy Week!

Holy Week

Holy Thursday:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm – bilingual Mass

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Noon – Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm – Seven Last Words
5:00 pm – Living Stations in Hanover Park (Spanish)
7:00 pm – Good Friday Service (bilingual)

Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm –
Easter Vigil Mass at SFX

Easter Sunday

8:00 am – Mass at the Morgan Center (Jekyll Island)
8:30 am – Mass at SFX
11:00 am – Mass at SFX
6:00 pm – Spanish Mass at SFX

No RCIA class on
Monday, March 25.

Adult Bible Study Sundays in the St. Anne Room Meets between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please come join us!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2 % of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the people of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.cutodia.org

Would you prefer to receive your bulletin each week via email? Go to www.DM.CHURCH/4324 or you can scan the code on the back of the bulletin.

If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

Do you pay most of your bills on-line? You can donate to SFX on-line through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) on our website.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

Baked Beans, Cereal, Spaghetti

Hunts Spaghetti Sauce

The SFX Community extends their **prayers and condolences** to the family and friends of **Sharon Martin**. May she rest forever in the peace of Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

March 23 - 31

Saturday, March 23

5:00 p.m. † Kem Putney

7:00 p.m. † Bill & Joe Coddington

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. † Irene Sloan

11:00 a.m. † Elizabeth L. Walz

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) † Virginia & Deofilo
Pacheco

Monday, March 25

Noon † Carlos Pacheco

Tuesday, March 26 (Communion Serv.)

Noon † Renata Silvia Simone

Wednesday, March 27

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday, March 28

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, March 29

Noon Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. Seven Last Words

7 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

8:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 31

8 a.m. *Our Parish Family (J.I. Club Hotel)*

8:30 a.m. † Manuel & Manuela Rocha

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) † Maria Mendez,
† Rafael & Rafael Rojas

Second Collections

March 29 Holy Land

**March 31 Priests
Retirement**

**Operation Rice Bowls -
when returning, please
either convert change into
bills or write a check
please. Bowls need to be
returned the weekend after
Easter.**

Normally the **Solemnity of
the Annunciation** is
celebrated on March 25.
Because that falls during
Holy Week this year the
celebration will be transferred
to Monday April 8th.

The **2024 Annual Catholic
Appeal: Faith, Hope, Charity**
Our parish goal is \$67,829. So
far we have raised \$40,225. Your
sacrificial gift and prayers will
help make this year's appeal a
success. We can do this if, after
thoughtful consideration and
prayer, everyone participates
according to their own ability.

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TO SIGN UP, TEXT

SFX150 TO 84576

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Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle: The 2023-2024 Charity Raffle to benefit both statewide and local charities is now being held through the end of April. **Up to 70% of the proceeds from local ticket sales will be used to fund improvements to the parking area between SFX church and the school.** The prizes are: 1st Place \$5,000; 2nd Place \$2,500; 3rd Place \$1,000. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Knights of Columbus – 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets will be available after most weekend masses. Winners will be drawn on May 18th at the Georgia Knights of Columbus Convention. For tickets or more information, call Don Heinecke at 912-577-8722.

The Council of Catholic Women would like to recognize the faith and works of young Catholic women and to encourage the sustainment of their faith. CCW is now taking applications for **The Golden Rose Award Scholarship**. Young women, ages 14-21, are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is March 28.

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