

Palm Sunday



St. Mark's story of the passion opens with a woman pouring expensive oil on Jesus' head. Some disciples react in anger to her gesture of love, but Jesus affirms her, saying that wherever the good news is spread throughout the whole world, she will be remembered.

How do we want to be remembered?

New York Times columnist David Brooks writes of "two sets of virtues, the resume virtues and the eulogy virtues. The resume virtues are the

skills you bring to the marketplace. The eulogy virtues are the ones that are talked about at your funeral - - whether you were kind, brave, honest, or faithful. Were you capable of deep love? Have we loved one another well? Have we loved our neighbors? Have we been kind and courageous and truthful? If we answer honestly, whose Holy Week story do our lives most resemble? How will we be remembered?

Sharing the Bread of God's Love, Claire Noonan



OperationRice Bowl Reflection: *Hungering for Seeds of Home*

This week our Lenten journey follows Jesus into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Let your children know giving to the Rice Bowl supports programs that help the poor – including children - in your own community as well as in communities around the world.

~ *Have the children return their Rice Bowls this week to the box at the back of the church.* Remember to have them put their names on the boxes. **Thanks to all the children who collected their monies for this children's participation and support of the Bishop's Appeal.**

All Holy Thursday contributions stay here at St. Joseph Parish.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND -

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care, and service. Pope Francis has asked parishes in America to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection you answer Pope Francis's request. PLEASE BE GENEROUS in support of the Holy Land. This year more than ever we ask that you pledge your assistance to the people living there and those ministering in the land that Jesus made holy. There are envelopes in your packet for this collection. To learn more visit myfranciscan.org.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

Last Year's pontifical Good Friday Collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students – funded university scholarships for 295 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priest's or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christians
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 74 sanctuaries and shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets



Easter Triduum

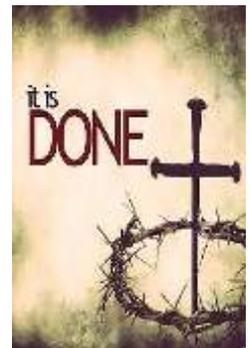


On **Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM** we celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** with the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood. The Mass will begin with the reception of the Holy Oils.

We will have *Stations of the Cross* at 3:00 PM, the hour of our Lord's death, on Good Friday.

We enter more fully into the Lord's Passion with the **Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 PM.**

This liturgy includes the *Proclamation of the Passion*, special general intercessions, the *Veneration of the Cross* and the reception of Holy Communion.



The **Easter Vigil Liturgy** is the highlight of all liturgies. Our service will begin at **8:00 PM Saturday, March 31st** where we will gather outside the front doors of church for the blessing of the Easter fire. In the liturgy we will hear events of salvation history proclaimed.

The ***Resurrection of the Lord Jesus*** will be celebrated ***Easter Sunday***, April 1st, at the normal Mass times of **8:00 & 10:30 AM.**

