

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! We have come to perhaps the most poignant part of the Church's year, in which she presents to us Our Lord's triumphant entry to Jerusalem, followed within the week by His passion and death.

"Jesus, who had always been opposed to any public manifestation and who had fled when the people wanted to make Him their king (cf. Jn 6:15), allows Himself to be born in triumph today. Not until now, when He is about to die, does He submit to being publicly acclaimed as the Messiah, because by dying on the Cross, He will be in the most complete manner Messiah, Redeemer, King, and Victor. He allows Himself to be recognized as King, but a King who will reign from the Cross, who will triumph and conquer by dying on the Cross. The same exultant crowd that acclaims Him today will curse Him in a few days and lead Him to Calvary; today's triumph will be the vivid prelude to tomorrow's Passion.

"Jesus enters the holy city in triumph, but only in order to suffer and die there. Hence, the twofold meaning of the Procession of the Palms: it is not enough to accompany Jesus in His triumph; we must follow Him in His Passion.... As we receive the blessed palm, let us renew our pledge to conquer with Jesus, but let us not forget that it was on the Cross that He conquered." (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 392-393.)

As we enter this last, somber week of Lenten preparation, let us remember that by following Our Lord in this way, we follow Him also to His victory over sin and death. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 20-26, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 20, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Richard H. Slattery+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 21, Monday of Holy Week

7 am Rex Mulholland
8 am *(No confessions beforehand)* Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 22, Tuesday of Holy Week

7 am Dorothy F. Knoll+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 23, Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

7 am David LaPlante Family
8 am *(No confessions beforehand)* Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, March 24, Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

7 pm Celebrant's Intention

N.B. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

FRIDAY, March 25, Good Friday

12 noon *Stations of the Cross*
3 pm *Good Friday Liturgy*

SATURDAY, March 26, Holy Saturday

10 pm *Solemn Easter Vigil* Celebrant's Intention

SUNDAY March 27, Easter Sunday

8:30 am Souls of Clovis & Mary LaPlante+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Holy Week Schedule of Liturgies:: See above.

Stations of the Cross : Good Friday, 3 pm

Confessions 5-6 pm Holy Thursday, and 11 am – 12 pm Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Confessions will not be heard before Mass on Holy Thursday, nor prior to the Easter Vigil. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Holy Thursday, from after Mass until Midnight.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not organized for this year.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome, Visitors to St. Francis Church!

There will be no Coffee Social after Mass on Easter.

Holy Triduum Confession Times: Confessions will be heard from 5-6 pm Holy Thursday, and 11 am – 12 pm Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Confessions will not be heard before Mass on Holy Thursday, nor prior to the Easter Vigil.

Divine Mercy Novena: Please remember that the Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, and ends Easter Saturday, the day before Low Sunday, which is the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Tenebrae: For the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday, the liturgical hours of Matins and Lauds are sung together, and are called "Tenebrae," meaning "darkness." Tenebrae will be sung at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary at 7:30 am on each of those days, and the faithful are welcome to assist.

There Will Be No Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

Annual Collection for the Holy Land: The annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken on Good Friday. This collection funds the work of the Franciscan Commissariat of the Holy Land, and especially to keep a Catholic presence there. This work is most worthy of our support, to oppose the attempt to drive Christians and Christianity from the Holy Land; please be as generous as you are able, and may God bless you!

Easter Flower Donations: For those wishing to donate for flowers for the Altar of Repose, and for the altars for Easter, envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you; God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held on Friday, April 1, 2016. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Please Pray for the Sick: George Pickard, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, and for all the sick of our congregation.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Bernadette Way (mother of Frank Way), Charles Koleczek (dear friend of Fr. McCambridge).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 13:	\$2508.75
Collection counters March 20:	John Pepino and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters March 27:	Volunteers Requested

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.