



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 16th

4:00PM

Dorothy Goudreault *Birthday**Requested by her family***Eugene Morfeld***Requested by Val & Steve Jaskelevicus***Michael Horgan** *requested by Doug &**Maureen Gove***Sunday, April 17th**

8:30AM

Charlotte & Alfred Pasquale *requested by the Pasquale Family*

11:30PM

Margarita Flores y Baltazar Esquibel*pedidos por sus familiares***Juan de Dios Jimenez** *Octavo Ano de**fallecido pedido por familia***En acción de Gracias al Divino Nino***pedido por Dilenia Pena***Maximina Núñez** *1 semana de fallecida**pedida por su familia*

5:30PM

Richard J. Hosford III *1st year**anniversary requested by Family***Monday, April 18th**

5:30PM

Peter Gaff *1st week anniversary**requested by family***Tuesday, April 19th**

5:30PM

Geraldine Verrette Parker *requested**by the members of the Class of 1963 St.**James High School***Thursday, April 21st** *Holy Thursday*

7:30PM

Rest of the Soul of Joseph Nguyen-*Requested by Nguyen Family***Friday, April 22nd** *Good Friday*

3:00PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

Saturday, April 23rd *Easter Vigil*

8:00PM

Joseph Derek Sr.*Request of the Comiskey Family***Pray for the Souls of Nguyen Family**

The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar in memory of **Michael James Dorsey** as a Birthday Remembrance requested by his family.

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Joseph Belanger**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Offertery April 10th: \$5,149.00

THANK YOU!**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Special monthly collection

Next Week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pastor's Notes

This Palm Sunday we are once again invited to walk along with Jesus and remember how he suffered and died for us. We can experience the highest moments of the earthly life of Jesus as we see his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are invited to walk along with him and then experience the deceit and calumny that is also present. It is an honest reflection of what sometimes happens in the world. We take what is so good and tarnish it by our smallness, or pride or our ignorance. But in the midst of our sin, we find a God who is working to shower us and the whole world with abundant grace to cover our many sins. An anonymous writer has penned this thought; "Only God can take a week full of sin, betrayal and violence and convert it into the holiest days of the year". It explains how we can call this week holy even though we celebrate what is known as Passion Sunday, recalling the bloody death of the Savior, Spy Wednesday, i.e. the day in which Judas, having turned completely against Jesus, agrees to sell his master out for thirty pieces of silver. This amount has been disputed, but in the first century economy of Jerusalem, was the price for the accidental death of a slave. The Good Friday experience allows us to recognize the price our Savior paid for our sins and our participation in the passion reading allows us all to enter into the agony and the mystery of God's love for us. The final days of the week with the vigil and Easter Sunday allows us to finally understand that there is no experience, or as St. Paul said, "There is nothing that will separate us from the love of Christ" (Romans 8: 38-39).

In these days we learn the ultimate truth about God. Regardless of our sinfulness, he wishes to be with us even if it means that he must allow the blood of his to be shed for us in order to bring us back to him. In the Exsultet on Saturday night we will hear what is for me one of the greatest lines in all of the Easter Vigil. "... Father how wonderful your care for us, how boundless your merciful love."

Memories I have of this day include my home parish of St. Michael's in Lowell and the seminary where in both place we celebrated with processions and involvement in the passion. I am honored and moved to celebrate and remember these holiest of days whether in English, Vietnamese or Spanish. Each community has a little different way of remembering, and each practice communicates the same truth, i.e. we have a God who is involved with us and walks with us and we are invited to walk with him. I also must add that after just a few short months with the St. John's community, our traditions and practices to remember and prepare reveal a deep love for this time. It is perhaps the poignancy of the situation that has for me, given a depth to this Lenten season I had not anticipated.

These days are the font and source of our faith. As we journey through this week, I hope that all will have the both somber and joyful experience of these deep mysteries of our faith. The somber feeling allows us to remember our brokenness and need for Christ's healing love and the joy comes from recognizing that God loves us with an inexplicable love. Have a transforming, illuminating and blessed holy week.

Peace, *Father Murray*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION!

St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes are excited to announce a **NEW** option for Religious Education classes for children who will be in grades 5 – 8 in the fall! Beginning

Monday, July 11th and ending on July 15th we will offer a ONE WEEK program. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. This week will satisfy the RE requirements for the year and it will be offered for Grades 5 – 8 only! The children will be given time for lunch (provided by the family) and several breaks.

The attendance in these grades tends to fall off due to the child's involvement in many extracurricular activities during the school year, and we want to be certain that this very busy age group receives the religious education they deserve and need. Of course, the parents are the primary educators of their children and we are here to assist in that task.

This program will be offered in addition to a regular year-long program and **is an option**. Your child would attend either the year-long program or the one week program.

This is a joint effort of both parishes and all classes will be held at St. James School on Primrose Street. Catechists from both parishes are invited and encouraged to participate. Perhaps you cannot teach all year but would be willing to teach for just one week! Classes will be comprised of a mix of students from both parishes. Please note that there **must be a minimum of 10 students for each class!** This is an exciting venture and has proven very successful in parishes where this has been implemented.

Tuition will be as follows: \$40 for 1 child, \$45 for two children and \$50 for three or more children from the same family.

If you would like your child to be a part of this program please call the Religious Education Office at 978-372-8537 Ext. 205 or email religious_ed_stjames@hotmail.com to enroll your child/children. Registrations must be completed NO LATER than April 29th in order for us to be thoroughly prepared for this new and exciting program! All registrations will be on a first-come first-served basis! Don't Delay! Enroll your child/children early to be certain that YOUR child has a place!

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SUMMER SESSION IS FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR OF OUR RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

April 29th 7:00pm Easter Concert at St Theresa/Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth Street, Methuen. **St James Adult Choir** will be singing along with several other area choirs. The concert is free and refreshments will follow. Come and be with us, this is a nice way to support our music program. It is nice to see familiar faces when we sing!

Website news. It is now possible to donate your weekly offering on line and a few parishioners have begun. I also am contributing on line and now will stop having envelopes. As the site continues to be built I hope that many will enjoy it and use it for communication. In addition we are also starting to post the schedule for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors on line. I hope this method helps others go to the site and to use the site for information and contact with the parish. *Fr. Murray*



*Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
- Mt 21:5*

Readings for the Week of April 17, 2011

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14---27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

April 16/17 Palm Sunday

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Leo

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Joseph

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh

10:30 AM Fr. Walsh/ Deacon Tom

11:30 AM Fr. Murray/ Deacon Nelson

5:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray

Mass Schedule April 23/24 Easter Sunday,

Sat. Night 8:00 PM Vigil St. John's Fr. Walsh/Deacon Tom

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Easter Sunday

8:30 AM St. Johns Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Walsh

10:00 AM St. James Fr. Leo* This is an added Mass.

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Murray

11:30 AM (Spanish) St. James Fr. Murray

(No 5:00 PM Mass this day)



EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes for donations in memory of loved ones can be found in your packets as well as the back of the Church. They can be placed in any collection. A list of memorials will be prepared for Easter. As always, thank you for your generosity.

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land

APRIL 17, 2011

**HOLY
WEEK**

St. James Parish

Holy Thursday April 21st

Morning Prayer 9AM

Mass 7:30PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Until 11PM (lower church)

Good Friday, April 22nd

Morning Prayer 9AM

Service 3PM with a cappella choir

Spanish Passion Play 7PM

Holy Saturday, April 23rd

Morning Prayer 9AM

Easter Vigil Mass 8PM

(there will be NO 4PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 24th

Mass 8:30AM, 10AM and 11:30AM Spanish

(there will be NO 5PM Mass)

St. John the Baptist

Holy Thursday April 21st

Morning Prayer 9AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM

Good Friday, April 22nd

Morning Prayer 9AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3PM

Youth Group re-enactment of the Lord's Passion 7PM

Holy Saturday, April 23rd

(There will be NO morning prayer)

Easter Vigil Mass 8PM

(there will be NO 4PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 24th

Mass 8:30AM and 10:30AM

St. Vincent DePaul Society- Quarterly Report

January 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011

Number of Families Assisted-45

Expenditures

Rents-\$7,610
Utilities-\$1,510
Mortgage-\$850
Heating oil-\$780
Lodging-\$259
Operation Cost-\$183
Misc \$314
Other-\$674

Total: \$11,506

Receipts

\$3876 St.Vincent Boxes
\$111 Interest
\$2672 Ash Wednesday
\$ 518 Souper Bowl
Total: \$7,177

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place on Sunday, May 1st at St. John the Baptist Church on Lincoln Avenue from 3 – 5 PM. For additional information please contact Gerry or Ann Marie Johnston at 978-372-3824



Please join us today, in the lower church, following the 8:30AM and 11:30AM Masses for coffee, juice and donuts.

Feliz Semana Santa. Estas palabras me parecen un poquito extrañas, sin embargo es bueno para decirlas. Esta semana estamos invitados otra vez a seguir o acompañar a Jesús en las palabras y acciones de esta semana para entrar el misterio de nuestra redención. Para mí, durante muchos años me pregunté porque llamamos a esta semana "santa". Estamos viviendo en un tiempo lleno de mentiras, violencia y muerte; sin embargo es Santo. Para mí es muestra de que nuestro Dios puede hacer algo, aún tomar las intenciones más malas, la intención para destruir a Dios y convertirlas en el tiempo más santo en la historia del mundo. Empezamos con la idea de seguir a Jesús en su entrada triunfante a Jerusalén, su pasión y muerte y continuamos recordando todo lo que paso hasta la resurrección. He pensado frecuentemente que debemos recordar su muerte dos veces porque nuestros pecados eran su propósito en su sufrimiento. A veces repetimos nuestros pecados, entonces, vale la pena para recordar la consecuencia. Pero gracias a Dios, tenemos un Dios que nos ama y nos invita a seguirle aún hacia la resurrección. Espero que todos entren en esta semana con los corazones abiertos a la realidad y al significado de esta semana. Esta es una semana santa porque Cristo era parte de ella, y es santa porque su gente recuerda que fue hecha para nosotros su gente santa. La paz, P. Roberto



Suy Niệm Lời Chúa, CN. Lễ Lá.

Chúng ta nghĩ gì khi nghe bài tường thuật cuộc thương khó của Đức Giêsu? Phải chăng chúng ta xúc động vì một người vô tội mà phải gánh chịu biết bao đau khổ như thế? Phải chăng chúng ta giật mình nhìn lại bản thân để xem coi mình thuộc về loại "cây khô" gồm những kẻ lạnh lùng hành khổ Ngài, hay "cây xanh" đang vui lòng chịu khổ như Ngài?

Nhưng còn một bài học khác đáng chúng ta để ý hơn: Đức Giêsu đã tha thứ cho tất cả những kẻ làm khổ Ngài, những người có mặt hôm đó cũng như những người của các thế hệ về sau, trong đó có chính chúng ta nữa. Bài học Chúa dạy là phải liên kết lại cả 3 yếu tố: đau khổ, tình yêu và tha thứ.

Trong trại tù Auschwitz, một trại tù nổi tiếng của Đức Quốc Xã giam giữ những người Do Thái, người ta đã tìm được một lời cầu nguyện rất cảm động như sau:

Lạy Chúa, xin đừng chỉ nhớ đến những người thiện chí, mà hãy nhớ cả những kẻ ác tâm.

Đừng chỉ nhớ những nỗi khổ đã đổ dồn xuống chúng con, mà cũng hãy nhớ đến những hoa trái mà các đau khổ ấy đã sinh ra cho chúng con: tình bạn chân thành, sự khiêm tốn, lòng can đảm, tính quảng đại và con tim nhân ái.

Khi những người hành hạ chúng con phải ra trước tòa Chúa phán xét, xin cho tất cả những hoa trái ấy thành những lời xin ơn tha thứ cho họ. *Lm Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái*

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