Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday ~ in English 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ en Español 12:15 pm
Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Celebrated at 9:15 am Family Mass
welcoming all children age Kindergarten to Third grade, no registration required

Holy Day of Obligation 8:30 am -or- 6:00 pm

Daily Mass and Devotions
Monday ~ Saturday, 8:30 am in the Chapel
Rosary in English ~ daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm -or- by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ first Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ~ September to May, please call the Rectory for information
MARRIAGE PREPARATION ~ contact Rev. Mario Farana at least six (6) months prior to your desired ceremony date

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March 25th Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

PASSION

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the Via Dolorosa, the “Road of Sorrows,” in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today’s usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion’s Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It’s less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food stalls. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim’s unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye. y con los pobres.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Chri sm 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; Ps 12:6;
  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
Calendar of the Week

Monday: March 26th.
Tuesday: March 27th. NO RCIA Confirmation Class Cancelled
Wednesday: March 28th.
Thursday: March 29th.
Friday: March 30th.
Good Friday Services 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Saturday: March 31st.
9am RCIA Rehearsal
10:15am Church Decorating and Cleaning
Easter Vigil 7:30pm
Easter Sunday

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection March 18, 2018 $ 5,599.82
E-Contributions February 2018 $ 4,787.12
AAA 2018 Goal $ 86,148.00
Collected As of March 6, 2018 $ 10,983.00
Balance Due $ 75,165.00

Lenten Outreach Program
Thank you everyone who made this year’s Community Outreach Lenten Gift program a great success. Your generosity and support is always appreciated.

Second Collection
Next Weekend March 31st/April 1st, there will be a Second Collection for the Preservation Fund. This collection helps in preserving our beautiful Church. As always, your generosity, prayers and support are always appreciated.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE
St Paul’s Community Outreach Program will be collecting Brown Bag Lunches after all the Masses the Weekend of April 7th/8th. Your generosity and support are always appreciated!

The Auction Dinner Dance Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 4th at 6:30pm in the Rectory. If you are interested in joining the Committee and sharing your time and talents, we’d love to have you join us.
This is our biggest fundraiser for the Church and School during the year.
Please come to the meeting with all your wonderful ideas.
Thank you, Father Mario.

Please note Mass time changes for Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday Mass times will be
8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm
And Easter Sunday.
Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Hope Eisenberg, Michael Lazzarini, Debbie Ferranti, Avo Heeguard, Yvonne Pastor, Olive Jean Yannes, Buzzy Kirkham, Wayne Schaffnit Levi Langevin, Mary Jane Papesh, Alicia Herrera, Pauline Trinque, Christopher Trott, Laure Winch

For those who have died: Joel Pera, Julio Antonio Mendoza III, Jacob Jaber
25 de marzo Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión del Señor

LA PASIÓN
El contraste entre la lectura procesional de la liturgia de hoy y la proclamación de la Pasión es asombroso. Vislumbramos cuán profundamente la Palabra de Dios se cumple en Jesús.

Primero Jesús debe ser acogido como el Mesías, el que viene en nombre del Señor. Debe ser reconocido por todos, aunque no sepan lo que están diciendo. Todos piensan que es el rey prometido; un rey terrenal de los judíos que los librará de la ocupación romana. No comprenden todavía, ni siquiera los discípulos, exactamente a dónde se dirige su procesión triunfal. Nosotros tampoco sabemos a dónde estamos yendo en nuestra vida. En la fe podemos seguir a Cristo dondequiera que nos guíe, porque estamos seguros de que la muerte no es el final y el mal no será el vencedor.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta es Semana Santa, semana en la cual los cristianos conmemoramos con palmas, y ramos los eventos centrales de nuestra fe; eventos que alimentan nuestro espíritu con el pan y el vino del amor divino; eventos que se clavan en nuestras almas como Cristo en su cruz; eventos que nos hacen resucitar de nuestros problemas con la esperanza pascual de la liberación de todo aquello que nos perjudica, que nos agobia, que nos opreme y nos deprime.

Estaremos aquí con nuestros parientes y con gente que no conocemos pero que son nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo gracias a los eventos de la semana en que Jesús entró glorioso a Jerusalén, partió el pan, falleció en el árbol de la cruz y fue sepultado. Esta Semana nos une al misterio pascual de Jesús. Celebrando estos ritos antiguos y variados por todo el mundo. Durante esta semana el tiempo y el espacio se cancelan para unirnos a los misterios que celebramos, a nuestras familias, a los cristianos por todo el mundo y a través de los siglos.

LETRAS DEL DOMINGO DE RAMOS

 Que Cristo nos dé la gracia de amar el sacrificio personal, mientras atesoramos la vida de todas las personas; roguemos al Señor:

Bendito el que viene en nombre del SEÑOR

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Limpieza y decoración de la parroquia
Sábado 31 de Marzo de 2018 de 10:15 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. necesitamos voluntarios para limpiar la parroquia y decorarla para los servicios del Domingo de Resurrección, almuerzo se les servirá a los trabajadores, cualquier ayuda se les agradecería.

Se necesitan Calla Lilies para la celebración del Jueves Santo y Eastar Lilies y plantas en macetas para los servicios del Sábado Santo y Domingo de Resurrección favor de traer las donaciones el sábado Marzo 31 a la parroquia.

Recordemos el cambio de hora en las misas del Domingo de Palmas y el Domingo de Resurrección, en vez de 12:15 sera las 12:30 del medio día

Misa de la Última Cena, Marzo 29 a las 6:30 P.M.

Viernes Santo, Confesiones de 11:00 a.m. a 12:00 del medio día. Servicios del Viernes Santo de 12:00 del medio día a 3:00 p.m.

Sábado Santo Marzo 31 Confesiones a las 3:30 a las 4:30 p.m. Misa de la vispera del Domingo de Resurrección a las 7:30 p.m.

Primero de Abril Domingo de resurrección misas: 8:00 , 9:30 ,11:15 a.m. 12:30 misa en Español no misa de 5:00 p.m.

Recordemos que el Domingo de Resurrección no hay café dominical único día que cierra el Club Latino.

Sacramento del Bautismo : Bautismos y clases son realizados por citas solamente Las clases son el primer Miercoles de cada mes en la Rectoria a las 7:00 p.m. Los Bautizos son los Domingos a la 1:30

R.C.I.A. Rito Católico Cristiano de Iniciación para Adultos, es un proceso por el cual adultos se preparan para entrar en nuestra comunidad de fe, a través del Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación. Las Clases son los Martes de 7:00 a 9:00p.m.en la Rectoría. Para información llamar a Terri Brady o Bill McLoughlin

Sacramento del Matrimonio: Arreglos deben hacerse con el padre o diácono, almenos con seis meses de anticipación. Para mayor información llamar a la Rectoria 415-648-7538

Sacramento de Confirmación : Todos los estudiantes de Escuela Secundaria que no hayan sido Confirmados están invitados a participar en este programa Sacramental de la parroquia. Es un largo programa de un año, clases comienzan a fines del mes de Septiembre y concluyen a finales de Mayo del año siguiente, con la Confirmación en Junio. Para mayor información llamar a Dorothy Vigna a la Rectoría 415-648-7538
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

EASTER VIGIL MASS

MARCH 31 2018, 7:30 P.M.

WHEN THE PARISH OF ST. PAUL WELCOMES

Shahin Garibaldi
Kathy Prestigiacomo
Pamela Graham
Kristen Hutchison
Mariana Dominguez
Dennis Garcia
Mark Sebastian

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND COME INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. LET US CELEBRATE!!!

Christ is Risen!
## HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

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### He is risen...
CHURCH CLEAN-UP AND DECORATING

SATURDAY March 31, 2018
10:15 AM – 2PM

We need help with cleaning and decorating the Church for our Easter Services.

We need help with dusting, vacuuming, cleaning and decorating.

Lunch will be provided for the workers.

Any help would be appreciated.
Calla Lilies/Plants Needed

We need Calla Lilies and Plants to decorate the Church for Holy Week / Easter Services.

We need Calla Lilies for our **Holy Thursday Service**. Please bring your donations Tuesday or Wednesday, March 27th / 28th. 2018.

We also need Easter Lilies and Potted Spring flowers and Easter Lilies for our Easter Services. Please bring your donations to the Church by Saturday March 31, 2018.
Raising good decision makers

At the root of every sin is a bad decision. Children’s inexperience and lack of perspective often leads to bad choices that get them into trouble. A well-formed conscience, accountability, and learning to make good choices are powerful ways to raise happy, healthy and holy decision makers.

**Conscience** is the ability to decide what is right or wrong. Basic ways to form a Catholic conscience include taking families to weekly Mass, regular Confession to a priest, making parish religious education classes a priority, and expecting and modeling Gospel-centered behavior at home.

**Accountability** is loving parents holding children responsible for their own decisions. When confronted by their bad behavior, youngsters may try to shift blame, refuse to acknowledge or follow rules, or attempt to avoid consequences. Set standards, give consequences, and follow through.

Good decision-making begins in childhood. The first step is to encourage children to stop and think before acting. A moment or two of hesitation can prevent sin. Next, teach them to ask “why am I about to make this choice?” Sin is a deliberate choice to disobey God. Choosing right takes practice and awareness.

Finally, asking “If I do this, what will happen?” can be a deterrent to sin. Even simpler, “Will this get me into trouble?” If the answer is “yes,” or even “maybe,” don’t do it.

**Why Do Catholics Do That?**

Why do Catholics celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday?

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, a simple Polish nun, with his hand raised in blessing and two rays of light radiating from his heart – a red and a pale one. He told her to paint the vision with the words, “Jesus, I trust in you.” He also asked that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of Mercy,” and promised that anyone who approaches him as the King of Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.
Making chores into holy work

Giving children chores helps them to contribute to the family and become good stewards over what God gives us. "The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (Genesis 2:15). When they contribute to the household by doing chores, they are contributing in an important way to the family.

Make it a family affair. Assign chores to everyone in the family. Let them see that parents have chores, too.

Give choices. Children can help with laundry, meal preparation, caring for pets, yard work, or house cleaning. Identify a few jobs to be done and let each person pick which one he or she wants to do.

Connect chores with privileges. "For each will bear his own load" (Galatians 6:5). Set deadlines and offer rewards if chores are done or consequences if they aren’t. Playtime can only happen if chores are done well, for example.

Show appreciation. Earning compliments for a job well done is a great self-esteem builder.

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Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8, Remain in Christ’s love

This Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples — and us — that without him, we can do nothing. He compared our relationship to him to the branches on a grapevine. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We first received this spiritual life in Baptism. We preserve this life by staying close to Jesus and listening to his words. If we remain with Jesus, we will experience peace, joy, and hope. More importantly, we will be able to fulfill our mission. Our goal is to remain in God’s love and to share that love with others. We can only do this with Jesus’ help.

What should a parent do? Jesus told all his disciples that without his help, they could do nothing. Remind children that when it’s difficult to make the right decisions to ask God for help. With Jesus, we have everything we need to become the saints we’re called to be.

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Feasts & Celebrations

April 5 — St. Vincent Ferrer (1419).
Against his parents’ wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Order of St. Dominic. He became a famous preacher around Europe and aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment. During the “Great Western Schism,” three men claimed to be pope. St. Vincent's efforts at unity caused the most stubborn candidate to be dethroned, ending the schism.

April 7 — St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719). St. John was born at Rheims, France, to a noble family, and was ordained a priest in 1678. St. John taught groups of poor children together, which was very unusual for his time. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators.

April 9 — Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (1st Century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God’s grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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Parent Talk

My son’s teacher suggested that we make Easter baskets for nursing home residents who had no one to visit them. At first, neither of my kids liked the idea. Abby was wondering how she would talk to people with memory problems, and Dakota was worried he would catch their illnesses. I reminded them that Jesus said when we show compassion to the sick, lonely, or the forgotten, we serve him.

We made up ten Easter baskets, each filled with a prayer card, a stuffed animal, and some candy, and brought them to the local nursing home. After checking with the nurse, we handed out the baskets. The kids were shy at first, but that changed when they saw the residents’ faces light up with joy. We visited with the residents for an hour and the children were reluctant to leave. I promised them we would come back to visit again.

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