Mass Schedule
Saturday
4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday
8:00 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am en Español,
12:15 pm, and 5:00 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:15 Mass welcomes all children age K to 4th grade

Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

Holy Days of Obligation
8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Daily Mass
Monday ~ Saturday 8:30 am in the Chapel

Devotions
Rosary ~ daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

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

Music Ministry
Saturday Vigil ~ David Simi, Luke Mayernik,
Judith Reuter, & Patty Lazzaretto
Sunday ~ Diane Costa, Joseph Duggan,
Margaret Ann Kerns, & Guillermo Morales en Español

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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
Baptism Preparation ~ first Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm
Weekly Calendar

Monday: April 10th.
Tuesday: April 11th.
Wednesday: April 12th.
Thursday: April 13th.
Friday: April 14th.
Saturday: April 15th.
Sunday: April 16th.

Holy Thursday Mass 6:30 pm
Good Friday Services 12 noon to 3 pm
No CCD

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection April 2, 2017: $ 6,614.00
Second Collection April 2, 2017 – Preservation Fund: $ 3,395.10
E-Contributions March 2017: $ 5,544.42
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment: $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 4/2/17: $ 25,978.00
Remaining Balance 2017: $ 66,141.00

Please note Mass time changes
For Easter Sunday,
Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm

Please pray for the following:
Sr. Ann Kendall, BVM, Vincent Wall, Tom Williams, Barbara Mallet, Marion Hover, Antonio Galan Zamorano, Bruce Knight
We pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially the following:
Estrella Wall, Donna Ahlstrand, Carol Brown

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. 10-day pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. The all land inclusive cost is $2,149.00 for twin accommodation with single accommodation also available. Call today for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem Portugal, Lourdes France and Barcelona Spain. For more information please call Mr. James Adair at 1(855)564-1008 toll free or simply email jmadair@thecatholictour.com.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish | family, please complete the form below and drop it either in the collection basket, in the mail, or at the Rectory. Or just call the Rectory 648-7538. We will mail a Registration Form to you.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email address: ____________________________

Breaking Bread Books are at the entrances to the Church. They are no longer in the pews. Please pick one up on your way into Mass and return it to the shelves when Mass is over. Thank you.
SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY
We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not clearly see the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul’s letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation with humility. Isaiah and Paul help us “behold the Lamb of God” before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week’s journey of faith “The Three Days of Easter.” The origins of many of our observances, including today’s blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, hearken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ’s passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today’s joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

April 9th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
For those who help women facing unexpected pregnancies: May God’s grace enable them to bring hope & help to the women they serve; We pray to the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:**
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**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:**
- ** Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;
  - Ps 89:1-22, 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, 15-16, 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,
  - 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; Is 12:2-3;
- **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, 4bc, 6-7; or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
- **h)** Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday:**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6a-b; Jn 20:1-9
or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35
PARA VER A CRISTO CLARAMENTE
Hoy comenzamos viendo a través de las puertas de Jerusalén, vemos a la multitud, aclamando y agitando ramos de olivo en el aire. Es una atmósfera de júbilo, triunfo y celebración. Podemos distraernos o embelesarnos con la escena y no ver claramente las características de Jesús cuando entra. Pero nuestras lecturas de Isaías y la carta de Pablo a los filipenses aclaran estas características. Él es el Siervo que Sufre, manso y callado ante sus captores y perseguidores; es la misma imagen del Dios invisible, sin embargo, no se aferrará a la igualdad con Dios antes de sufrir su enfrentamiento final en humildad. Isaías y Pablo nos ayudan a "ver al Cordero de Dios" antes de oír el relato de su mayor y último enfrentamiento. Es importante que veamos a Cristo claramente antes de oír el relato de su Pasión, porque nosotros —su Cuerpo por medio del Bautismo, la Iglesia— somos su rostro. Debemos, junto con él, pasar por este tiempo de sufrimiento para que podamos, también junto con él, pasar por su triunfo final.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Via crucis en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción también se conoce como el Sermón de las tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesús Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efígie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo a sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados.

9 de abril Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión del Señor
Por quienes ayudan a las mujeres que enfrentan embarazos inesperados: para que la gracia de Dios les permita llevar esperanza y ayuda a las mujeres ellos sirven; rogues al Señor.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves: Misa del crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21
FR. MARIO CORDIALLY INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, CHOIR, THE STAFFS OF: ST. PAUL'S LITTLEST ANGEL PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL OF RELIGION, CONFIRMATION, ST. PAUL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RCIA PROGRAM, CLUB LATINO, CHILDREN'S LITURGY, AND BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS TO COME AND RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT OF SERVICE TO THE PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S, ALONG WITH FR. MARIO, FR. RAY, AND FR. RAUL, RENEWING THEIR VOWS TAKEN AT ORDINATION AND AS OUR CELEBRANTS. THIS CELEBRATION WILL BE IN ENGLISH AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2017 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 6:30 P.M.
St. Paul Catholic Church  2017 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 8, 2017 ~ 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 9, 2017 ~ 8:00 am in English; 9:30 am in English
11:00 am in Español; 12:30 pm in English; 5:00 pm in English

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017
6:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 14, 2017
11:00 am ~ Noon Sacrament of Reconciliation
Noon ~ 3:00 pm Good Friday Services
3:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017
3:30 pm ~ 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
Mass Schedule
8:00 am in English
9:30 am in English
11:00 am in Español
12:30 pm in English
no 5:00 pm Mass Easter Sunday
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, April 11th & 12th 2017

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 April 15, 2017
CHURCH CLEAN-UP AND DECORATING

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2017
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.
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
APRIL 9, 2017

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Fairytales include three bears, three little pigs, and three witches. The third time is a charm, we say. The life cycle is birth, life, and death. The magi brought three gifts to the infant Jesus. Time is divided into past, present, and future. Hegel taught about thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. And we could go on and on and on. Threes are all around us. Threes abound in Matthew’s account of Jesus’ passion as well. Judas is paid in thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus (three times ten). Jesus takes his three favorite apostles Peter and “the two sons of Zebedee” as he goes off to pray. Three times Jesus finds Peter asleep after he asks him to “keep watch with me.” One of the accusations against Jesus before the “chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin” is that he said he could rebuild the temple in three days. Peter denies three times that he knows Jesus. Jesus and two others were crucified on the first Good Friday. Jesus died at three in the afternoon. Pilate gave orders that “the grave be secured until he third day.” But no one was prepared for what would happen on that third day! It is easy to hear only the negatives in the passion accounts: Jesus is denied, betrayed, unjustly judged. He is scourged, mocked crucified. He suffers, dies, and is buried. Yet all through the passion accounts, there are signs of life, promise, and hope. The night before he was betrayed Jesus gave his disciples a continuing memorial of his self-giving, his very Body and Blood for our nourishment as the sacrament of Life. He promised that he could rebuild the temple in three days, speaking of course about the
temple of his own Body. He gave us everlasting hope that by not saving himself, he saved us.

This day, - Palm Sunday - when we sing our hosannas and bow our heads in sorrow as we hear the passion account for the first time this year, we begin the holiest week of our Christian year. It is no ordinary week, for we celebrate Jesus' unreserved self-giving. Holy Week brings before us the demands of self-giving. All of our daily living throughout the year reminds us that, ultimately, like Jesus we must give ourselves over to God so that God might give us divine Life.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

We cry this day “Hosanna!” but, unlike the people of the city of Jerusalem long ago, we need not ask “Who is this?” This is the one who models for us the mystery of life: die to self so that we might be exalted, raised to new life. This week we celebrate in pointed liturgies the meaning of our whole Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up, too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside a time to participate in all the Triduum (meaning “three days”) liturgies or as demanding as entering into the depths of the paschal mystery in our own self-giving.

Perhaps this week we need to stop thinking of ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others. Perhaps we must make Jesus the center of our lives instead of making ourselves the center of attention. Perhaps we need to calm down the frenetic pace of our own lives and cut some things out so we can concentrate on our loved ones more, or help out those in need more. In these three examples what we give up leads to a new lease on life. Most importantly, it leads to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences. This is all new Life for us. This is what this week and the three days of the Triduum are all about.
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

FOR COMMUNITY AND RENEW GROUPS
+ I betray Jesus when...
+ I am most faithful when...
+ I am able to stay awake and pray with Jesus when... for...
+ This Holy Week, three things I can do to prepare myself for Easter Sunday are...

FOR OUR PRESIDENTS
+ Ways my ministry and living guide others through the path of dying to self to exaltation (rising to new Life) are...

FOR DEACONS
+ Three fruits of my service ministry that I have received are...

FOR HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
+ My hospitality ministry helps to build up the temple of the Body of Christ gathering for liturgy when I...

FOR MUSIC MINISTERS
+ When I take time to pray with Jesus about my music ministry, the difference in my music making is...

FOR ALTAR SERVERS
+ My preparing and serving for Mass opens me to what happened on the third day after Jesus' death in that...

FOR LECTORS
+ When I consciously choose to stand by Jesus by the goodness of my daily living, my proclamation sounds like...

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
+ My distributing Holy Communion is a way I keep watch with Jesus in prayer when I...

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