St. Paul's Parish will stream Mass for
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 9:15am
Please join us online
simply follow the link at www.stpaulsf.org

A message from our Pastor:
I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support & generosity to St. Paul's Parish through the years. To be sure, your gifts of time, talent, and treasure benefit our parish community, benefit our ministry as a Catholic community, and enhance our ability to respond to the call of Jesus to carry on His work. I look forward to our return as a parish community, and in this difficult time may we keep one another in our collective and personal prayers. May God bless you, keep you safe and healthy. Father Mario

All Mass Intentions, from March 18, 2020 forward, will be rescheduled once our public mass schedule resumes.
Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for:
Hannah Nakagome, Joyce Catania, Gene Crowell, Conrado Benitez, Sally Dollard, David Omran, Travis Griffin, Vickie Mahoric, Carl Helms, Jack Olson, Albert Fernandez, Lloyd Pool, Sr. Jeanenne Weis, Judith Heimer, Annette Schubert, Joan Strahan, Rev. Brian Costello
For those who have died: Elsa Vides, Maria Elena Arellanes

LET US PRAY. FOR A SWIFT END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC THAT AFFLICTS OUR WORLD. THAT OUR GOD AND FATHER WILL HEAL THE SICK, STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, AND HELP US ALL TO PERSEVERE IN FAITH.

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD:
Weekly Collection March 15, 2020 $ 4,113.50
On-line giving February 2020 $ 7,365.00

With so much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, and to remind you that St. Paul's Parish does offer an Online Giving option. Making use of current technology and security standards. Online Giving allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

Online Giving Benefits
• Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office.
• Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
• Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
• Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.
• Remote flexibility. You can give from virtually anywhere anytime.

Start giving online today!
1. Visit www.stpaulsf.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Whichever method you choose, Online Giving or Weekly Offering Envelopes, we are grateful for your continued support and contributions to St. Paul's Parish.
April 5, 2020

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

TODAY’S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7)

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11)

Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

— Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Roman Missal

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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: Chrism 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 55:13 — 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; Is 12:2-6; 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, 4bow, 5-6 or Ps 5:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:33a, 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 Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthrone Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— Philippians 2:9