

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 29th	Palm Sunday, I Class
8:00 a.m.	Katherine Schwartztrauber - Her Parents
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Mar. 30th	Monday of Holy Week, I Class
7:45 a.m.	† Gabriel Testo - Jerome Lackner
Tues. Mar. 31st	Tuesday of Holy Week, I Class
7:45 a.m.	† Samuel Aronica - Mary Finelli
Wed. Apr. 1st	Wednesday of Holy Week, I Class
7:45 a.m.	All Catholics Suffering Persecution - Seeley Family
Thu. Apr. 2nd	Holy Thursday, I Class
7:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Fri. Apr. 3rd	Good Friday, I Class
2:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy
Sat. Apr. 4th	Holy Saturday, I Class
10:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sun. Apr. 5th	Easter Sunday, I Class
10:15 a.m.	Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - Pheasant Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Palm Sunday

INTROIT

Ps. 21:20, 22

O Lord, remove not Thy help to a distance from me, look toward my defense; deliver me from the lion's mouth, and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. *Ps. 21:2.* My God, my God, look upon me, why have You forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. O Lord.

COLLECT

Almighty, eternal God, Who, in order to give mankind an example of humility, didst will that our Saviour should assume our flesh and suffer on the Cross; grant in Thy mercy that we be found worthy of the heritage of His patience and the fellowship of His Resurrection. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPISTLE

Phil. 2:5-11

Brethren: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself as nothing, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, For which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given Him a Name which is above all names (*here all kneel*): that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL

Ps. 72:24, 1-3

Thou hast held me in Thy right hand, and by Thy will Thou hast conducted me; and with glory Thou hast assumed me. *V.* How good is God to Israel, to them that are of a right heart! But my feet were almost moved, my steps had well nigh slipped; because I had a zeal on occasion of sinners, seeing the peace of sinners.

TRACT

Ps. 21:2-9, 18, 19, 22, 24, 32

O God, my God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken Me? *V.* Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. *V.* O my God, I shall cry by day, and Thou wilt not hear: and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me. *V.* But Thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israel. *V.* In Thee have our fathers hoped: they have hoped, and Thou hast delivered them. *V.*

They cried to Thee, and they were saved: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. *V.* But I am a worm and no man: the reproach of men, and the outcast of the people. *V.* All they that saw me have laughed Me to scorn: they have spoken with the lips, and wagged the head. *V.* He hoped in the Lord, let Him deliver Him: let Him save Him, seeing He delighteth in Him. *V.* But they have looked and stared upon Me: they parted My garments amongst them, and upon my vesture they cast lots. *V.* Deliver me from the lion's mouth: and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. *V.* Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him. *V.* There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come: and the heavens shall show forth His justice. *V.* To a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

GOSPEL

Matt. 26:36-75; 1-60

See Holy Week Booklet

OFFERTORY

Ps. 68:21-22

My heart hath expected reproach and misery; and I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, and there was none: I sought for one to comfort Me, and I found none; and they gave me gall for My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the gift presented to the eyes of Thy majesty may both obtain for us the grace of devotion and acquire for us the effect of a blessed immortality. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Matt. 26:42

Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done.

POSTCOMMUNION

By the operation of this mystery, O Lord, may our vices be purged away, and our righteous desires have fulfillment. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

O Jesus, I want to follow You in Your triumph, so that I may follow You later to Calvary.

Holy Week begins with the description of the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before His Passion. Jesus, who had always been opposed to any public manifestation and who had fled when the people wanted to make Him their king, allows Himself to be borne 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, prepared to share in it by stirring up in ourselves, according to St. Paul's exhortation, His sentiments of humility and total immolation, which will bring us, like Him and with Him, "unto death, even to the death of the Cross." The palms which the priest blesses today have not only a festive significance; they also "represent the victory which Jesus is about to win over the prince of death." For us too, they must be symbols of triumph, indicative of the victory to be won in our battle against the evil in ourselves and against the evil which roams about us. 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.

Jesus submits to being borne in triumph, but with what meekness and humility! He knows that His enemies are hiding among the people who are singing the hosanna, and that they will succeed in changing that hosanna into *crucify Him!* He knows it, and He could impose

Himself upon them in all the power of His divinity; He could unmask them publicly and disclose their plans. However, Jesus does not wish to conquer or to rule by force; His kingdom is founded on love and meekness. The Evangelist says this very aptly: "Tell ye the daughter of Sion: Behold, thy King cometh to thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass." With the same meekness, He, the Innocent One, the only true King and Conqueror, will consent to appear as a criminal, a condemned and conquered man, a mock king. In this way, however, from the throne of the Cross He will draw all things to Himself.

As the joyful procession advances, Jesus sees the panorama of Jerusalem spread out at His feet. St. Luke says: "When He drew near, seeing the city, He wept over it, saying, 'If thou also hadst known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace!... Thy enemies... shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation.'"

Jesus weeps at the obstinacy of the holy city which, because it has not recognized Him as the Messiah and has not accepted His Gospel, will be destroyed to its foundations. Jesus, true God, is also true man, and as man He is moved with compassion because of the sad fate which Jerusalem has prepared for itself by its obstinate resistance to grace. He goes to His Passion and will even die for the salvation of Jerusalem, but the holy city will not be saved because it has not wished to be, "because it did not know the time of its visitation." This is the story of so many souls who resist grace; it is the cause of the most profound and intimate suffering of the benevolent heart of Jesus. Let us give Our Lord the joy of seeing us profit to the full by the merits of His sorrowful Passion, by all the Blood which He has shed. When we resist the invitations of grace, we are resisting the Passion of Jesus and preventing it from being applied to us in its plenitude.

PALMS will be blessed at the High Mass today. Extra palms will be kept in the vestibule of the church. You may pick them up during Holy Week.

CHRISM MASS at the Cathedral of St. Peter will be on Tuesday, March 31, at 4:00 PM. All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: There will be a collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity. May God reward your charity!

YOUTH FOR LIFE ART AND ESSAY: Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter, is having their 2015 essay and art contest. Students from grades 7-12 may enter. Several prizes will be awarded. Contest deadline is May 13, forms are available in the vestibule.

COLLECTION: March 22nd - \$2516.00

EASTER BASKETS will be blessed after the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday** - Low Mass 8:00 a.m.
- High Mass 10:15 p.m.
- Holy Thursday** - Solemn High Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross 2:15 p.m.
- Solemn Liturgy 3:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil** - Solemn Liturgy 10:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday** - Sung Mass 10:15 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday (a.k.a. Low Sunday) is Sunday, April 12. If you would like to do a novena in honor of the Divine Mercy (i.e. reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy), it should begin on Good Friday.

Altar Boys

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2nd
7:00 p.m. Mass

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Dominic Gardner
TH2 Francis LaFata
AC1 Joshua Sica
AC2 Patrick Schneider
C Patrick Seeley
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Ian McQuirk

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd
3:00 p.m.

MC Robert Seeley
AC1 Anthony Mitchell
AC2 John Gillenkirk
AC3 Timothy Emig
AC4 Joseph McWhirter

EASTER VIGIL

10:00 p.m.

MC John Gillenkirk
TH Anthony Mitchell
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Dominic Gardner
C
S1 Patrick Seeley
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Timothy Emig

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th
10:15 a.m. Mass

MC Justin LaFata
TH Francis LaFata
AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider
C Stephen LaFata
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Colin Chidester