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**THE PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 28, 2021: YEAR B**



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Weekly bulletin articles must be submitted to Mrs. Helen Griffin before 9am on Wednesdays, 10 days prior to publication.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil-5pm: Sunday-8am & 11am
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday-12:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday: 11am-12pm
Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm
Holy Days of Obligation: 12:15pm & 6:30pm
(Exceptions: Thanksgiving Day, December 25 & January 1 Mass at 10AM)
Adoration: First Friday 1:00pm with Benediction at 3:00pm
Join our parish in prayer:
The Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Monday-Friday 11:30am

Baptisms by Appointment
Marriages: Inquire a minimum of FOUR months prior to setting wedding date

“A Call Away From Indifference”

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**He emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

—**Philippians 2:7-8**

Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Nobel prize-winning peace activist, wrote that, “The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it’s indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference.” Indifference, a lack of concern or a refusal to act in the face of injustice, is at the heart of human suffering. With this in mind, Saint Maximilian Kolbe (who was executed by the Nazis on August 14, 1941, after having offered his own life to save a condemned Jewish prisoner) described indifference as “the most deadly poison of our times.”

In most cases, our indifference is born of comfort or complacency and a sense that “I shouldn’t get involved” or “it isn’t my business.” Sadly, we can all-too-easily recognize how these attitudes allow injustice, abuse, and neglect to continue and increase in too many places in the world today.

However tempting it might be to pretend otherwise, there are things worth living for, suffering for, and even dying for. This is why the question of Cuban poet José Martí — “When others are weeping blood, what right do I have to weep tears?” — calls us to an even more essential question: “What is the value of a life that is lived without anything worth dying for?”

The inconvenience, discomfort, sadness, and pain we may feel if we open our hearts and pay attention to what is happening in and to the world around us are the only real antidote to indifference, because those feelings should call us to action. Palm Sunday and Holy Week reveal for us a God who, in Jesus, was anything but indifferent: “He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave … he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:7a, 8).

Although Palm Sunday’s ability to confront and confound our indifference can be startling and even frightening, the real grace of this celebration is in the opportunity it provides for us to renew our commitment to life in Christ. The days of Holy Week challenge us to envision a life in which — rather than simply limping along from “mistake” to “mistake” — we take responsibility for our indifference, our self-preference, and our sins to become free to grow in love and our care about what we do to others, to creation, and to our own bodies, psyches, and souls.

In the end, living the mystery of the Cross leaves no room for indifference because, as Saint Cyril of Alexandria observed, “Christ’s example of courage in God’s service will be of great profit for us, for only by putting the love of God before our earthly life and being prepared when occasion demands to fight zealously for the truth, can we attain the supreme blessing of perfect union with God” (*Commentary on John*, 12.19).

Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS

We extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors to our BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY which was founded in 1810 and is the oldest Catholic Church in the State of Georgia. We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us. Additional information about our historic church can be found on www.themostholytrinity.org. Please come again!



Saturday, March 27th

5:00pm, Edna Sumner Wright †

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28th

8:00am, Missa Pro Populo

11:00am, Paul Gentles †

Holy Monday, March 29th

12:15pm, NO Communion Service

Holy Tuesday, March 30th

12:15pm, Reyes-Lopez Family (L)

Holy Wednesday, March 31st

12:15pm, Larry Ross †

Holy Thursday, April 1st

6:30pm, Fr. Jacek Szuster †

Good Friday Passion of the Lord: April 2nd

3:00pm-Stations of the Cross

6:30pm-Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

8:00pm, George Thaler †

Readings for the Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28th

**Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—
15:47**

Monday, March 29th

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

Tuesday, March 30th

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

Wednesday, March 31st

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

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14//1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 2nd

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

Holy Saturday, April 3rd: Blessed Virgin

**Mary: Gn 1:1-2:2, Gn 22:1:18, Ex 14:15-15:1,
Is 54:5-14, 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4,
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11, Lk 24:1-12**

**Easter Sunday, April 4th; the Resurrection of
our Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9



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in your prayers**

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If you are hospitalized, homebound, or in a care facility, call the parish office at 706-722-4944. For Intercessory Prayer Line requests call Diana Plowman 706-228-4271 or 706-414-1611. **Call the office for your name or family member's name to be removed from the bulletin list; however, we will continue to pray for your or their intentions.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

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Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

3:30 pm.

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The admission is free and open to the public.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:30pm-Stations of the Cross

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. **The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.**

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

Similarly, the 150 Hail Mary's that were recited for the rosary were an adaptation of the medieval monastic practice of reciting the 150 psalms in the Psalter.

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

6:30pm; Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm

Veneration of the Cross: 6:30pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 3rd: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Masses: 8:00am: 11:00am

"How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (Gen. 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor?

Let us not look the other way."

~Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*



Words cannot express my appreciation for all the affirmation that I received from parishioner's notes, gifts and spoken acknowledgments. Joining the Most Holy Trinity Staff in 1999 was a door that God opened for me and honored me with some of the best years of my life and without a doubt the best working experience I have ever had. Without the support of parishioners and their prayers, I could never have met the challenges of the various ministries I was involved with during my tenure. And what a birthday party – it made reaching 80 worth the trip. So, with much joy I say with all my heart: Thank You.
William "Mr. Bill" Harper

Stewardship of Treasure

The amount collected for the offertory the weekend of March 20/21 will be in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and your love for Jesus' Church!



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As of the last report we received, **16.83%** of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received.

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for weddings, to be Godparents, sponsors for Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy other services offered here at Most Holy Trinity. To verify if you are registered parishioners, call the parish office at 706-722-4944.

An active member is one who:

- Attends Sunday Masses and Holy Days
 - Is registered in the parish rolls (census)
 - Participates in parish activities often
 - Uses the envelope system or donates online
- Individual assessments will be made; however, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination. **To register go to the parish website www.themostholytrinity.org click on links or call the office.**

IF YOU DO NOT GET ENVELOPES OR IS NOT ENROLLED IN ONLINE GIVING, YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER.

Spring Marriage Prep Class

All engaged couples who plan to receive the sacrament of Matrimony in the coming months are required by the Diocese of Savannah to attend an approved Marriage Preparation Retreat. You will receive presentations by specially selected clergy. The presentations are intended to give your marriage a head-start on matters of scripture-based spirituality, communication, finances, commitment and family planning. The next retreat is scheduled in the St. Teresa Parish Life Center (4921 Columbia Rd, Grovetown), on the **weekend of May 21-22**. Lunch and snacks are provided. Please register as early as possible to facilitate planning for space, meals, and supplies. You can register online at st-teresa.com/matrimony or by calling the parish office 706-863-4956. For everyone's safety we ask you to please wear a mask and social distance.

Marriage Banns

The following couples will soon be married at Most Holy Trinity! May God bless them in their new vocation as they strive to live out the challenging, yet beautiful, plan of Jesus for Holy Marriage.

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| James H. Yeates, II & Kelli Pitts | Augusta, GA |
| Stewart Lord & Rhea Obermeyer | Augusta, GA |
| John McInnis & Kathleen May | Savannah, GA |
| Jacob Cliatt & Trish Worley | Augusta, GA |
| Zachary Jost & Elizabeth Brady | Augusta, GA |

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass or Masses said for someone living or deceased, come to the parish office in St. Francis Hall during business hours. Masses can longer be accepted over the phone or via email.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

“Walk Every Step with Christ”

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

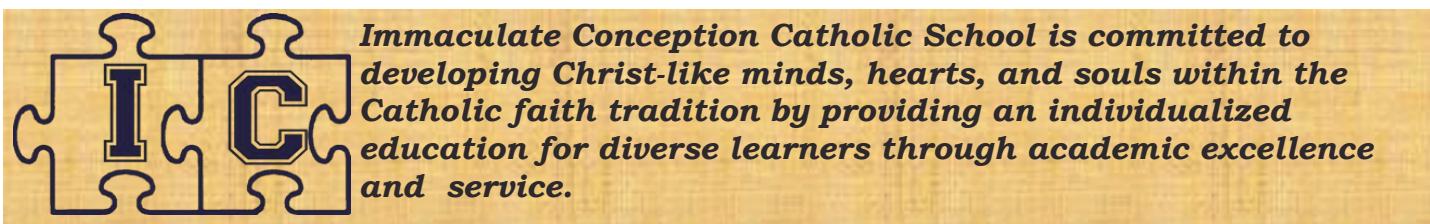
But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not “skip” Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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When: April 9-11, 2021; Where: Camp Grace Roberta, GA

Cost: \$75 Through – March 27 | \$90 March 28 – April 4; Sign up/More Information:

<https://diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-retreat>



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Pro-Life - “We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God: that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.” ~U. S. Catholic Bishops,

Prayer Gatherings in front of the abortion mill:

Every Wednesday, 7AM to 8AM

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk, multi-denominational)

First and Third Friday of Every Month, 5-6:00pm

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk, multi-denominational)

First Tuesday of Every Month, 12:30pm

(Bill Jackson- Rosary)

For more information, please contact George Vozniak, 706-726-1269, GVozniak@aol.com. For additional events, visit our website: www.grtlaugusta.wordpress.com.

"Saint Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

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