

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 10 APRIL

9:10 AM +MARIA GALIFFI

Requested by the Repa Family

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL

****9:00 AM +LOURDES LORENZANA**

Requested by Eduardo Lorenzana

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL

7:00 PM +CONCEPTION D' COSTA

Requested by Lily Anne D'Silva

+GILDO SAGGESE

Requested by Nicoletta Nardi

+FRANCIS XAVIER D' COSTA

Requested by Leslie and Maria D'Silva

+IGNACE AH-YAM

Requested by the Chan Family

+FIORINA DI GIUSEPPE

Requested by the Di Giuseppe Family

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL

9:10 AM NO MASS



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:
13 April 2017 7:30 PM

Good Friday Services:

14 April 2017 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM
(No 9:10 AM Mass)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Note: Good Friday is a Day of Fasting (one full meal) for all Catholics (aged 18 to 59 years) and Abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Easter Vigil Mass:

15 April 2017 Saturday 8:30 PM

(No 9:10 AM nor 5:00 PM Mass)

(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday:

16 April 2017 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM

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WALK WITH US ON GOOD FRIDAY!

The Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to an outdoor praying of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday **14 April**. We will meet in the church parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** For details of the route refer to posters in the church bulletin board.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF GILDO SAGGESE

for the week of 9 April 2017

as requested by Nicoletta Nardi

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have signed up for a Holy Week liturgy are asked to pick up a schedule in the sacristy if you have not received an emailed copy.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

The Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a total consecration to Jesus, through His Blessed Mother. If you would like to be consecrated, please attend the mandatory pre-consecration **workshop on Wednesday 12 April** at 7:45 pm in Room 1. Consecration day will be Wednesday 31 May, the memorial of the Queenship of Mary. For further information, please contact Vicky Ton (vipertons@hotmail.com/ 905-479-4854).

29 APRIL RETREAT – MARY: Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group, the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday 29 April** (9:10 am – 3:00 pm) for a spiritual retreat, led by Fr. Charles Anang, Director of Spiritual Formation at St Augustine Seminary. We will learn about:

1. Mary's Role as Mother
2. Mary in the New Testament
3. The Marian Principle (Balthasar)

Register at the office or online <http://goo.gl/forms/97xBwRcloe>. See the Event Flyer for more details.



EASTER FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting non-perishable food on the weekends of **15/16 and 22/23 April** in our parish food baskets for the Good Shepherd Refuge. Food items most needed include canned fish, canned meat/soups/stews/vegetables/fruit/condensed milk etc., breakfast cereals, spices, rice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, powdered fruit juice, condiments, cookies & crackers, peanut butter & jams. Good Shepherd is requesting toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, NEW men's socks and underwear. Please be generous as we lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.

The National Catholic Mission this year is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sr. Sue Mosteller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser for this two part Mission that will be **broadcast during Holy Week** on Salt + Light TV (11 & 12 April) and on VisionTV (10 & 11 April). Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day after the Daily TV Mass. For more info e-mail the NCBC at info@ncbc.ca, call them toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com.

REFLECTION

As we begin Holy Week, we are faced with the fact on how the Son of God saved us. By taking on human flesh, Jesus had this aim (of Holy Week) in his mind. There's a famous saying that to be successful, one must begin with the end in mind. God obviously had a detailed plan to save us, as the birth and death of Jesus have striking similarities.

Consider the following few parallels between Bethlehem and Calvary:

- * Angels are present during Jesus' birth, death and resurrection (Lk 2:13; Mt 26:53; Jn 20:12).
- * Mary is present in both situations (Mt 2:11-13; Jn 19:26-27).
- * In both scenes, Jesus was draped in swaddling clothes (Lk 2:7; 23:53).
- * Each event was accompanied by a celestial act/sign (Mt 2:2; 27:45).
- * The manger/ cross lies between 2 animals/ 2 thieves (Is 1:3; Lk 23:33).
- * A righteous man named Joseph was present both times (Lk 2:16; Jn 19:38).
- * Jesus was pronounced "King of the Jews" at each (Mt 2:2; Jn 19:19).

Both events, are less than seven miles apart geographically and they took place on a hill (Bethlehem and Calvary are both set within many hills). Both Jesus' birth and death/resurrection were foretold in advance (prophecy), both were miraculous, and both involved God "emptying" Himself for us. And both ultimately, led to our salvation.

The wooden manger lay in the shadow of the wooden cross. Joseph held and wiped the blood off his new baby boy that night in Bethlehem and Joseph of Arimathea would share a similar honor three decades later.

How the same eyes of Mary welled up with joyful tears one starry night in Bethlehem also shed the sorrowful tears of a widowed Mother holding the same blessed body years later.

Theologians affirm that it was a cave hewn out of rock that served as the first Christmas tabernacle, which is a perfect mirror image to the Easter tabernacle of the rock-hewn tomb. It was out of a cave that the Word became flesh and out of a cave that the Word breathed life once again. Both caves acted as a starting point for heaven, although both were "ending points" in the eyes of earth.

These similarities were part of God's divinely inspired design, showing us all the inseparability of the two events: Christmas and Easter are like two sides of the same coin.

Hart, Mark, "Encountering Jesus Offers You Hope." *A Second Look. Encountering the True Jesus.* Huntington, Indiana: Our Sunday Visitor, 2016, pp. 115-129.

EASTER OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed from 4:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday 13 April until Monday 17 April inclusive. Our phone answering service will relay any urgent messages to us.

|  Our Giving | PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE As of 2 April 2017 | |
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| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
| General Fund (Last week) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 12,153 |
| General Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 220,000 | \$ 185,254 |
| HOPE Fund (March) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 7,605 |
| HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 30,000 | \$ 23,115 |
| Debt Outstanding as of 1 January 2017 | | \$ 459,036 |



Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife last weekend. We have collected thus far **\$31,638.40**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. Our next ShareLife collection will be on **6/7 May**. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at www.sharelife.org, or place your donation in any Sunday basket before the end of July, the closing of the ShareLife Appeal.

2017 SUMMER KIDS' CAMP
Rome – Paul and the Underground Church

This year's Vacation Bible Camp for children 5 to 9 years of age here at St. Justin Martyr Parish will be held during the week of **10-14 July**, Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm. Cost is \$60 per child. Registration forms are available in the parish office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CAMP: High school students or adults are needed as group leaders. Please leave your name and contact info in the parish office or email youth@stjustin.com. Parents of children attending the camp are welcome to help out also.

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2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE

St. Justin Martyr Parish will participate in the 2017 Steubenville Youth Conference on **21-23 July** on the campus at Franciscan University, Steubenville, **Ohio, USA**. Open to all youth in Grades 8-12. The cost is \$375 per youth inclusive of accommodation, food and transportation while at the conference but exclude meals on the way to and back from the Conference. For registration or more info, please contact Andrew Santos at youth@stjustin.com or call 905-479-2463 ext. 51.