

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Holy Week inevitably makes us think of death...but not only of Jesus' sacrificial

one. Things often change radically when a death takes place. *A spouse becomes a widow or a widower, a child becomes an orphan, and families come together to re-establish their ties and to realign their tacit systems of communication and authority. When the dominant sibling disappears, who leads us now? When the comedian of the family dies, who cushions our tensions and persuades us to meet again? Afterwards there are usually more questions to be quickly answered, and many families silently agree to go their separate ways, expecting to gather only at the next funeral. Moreover, money can change hands when a death has taken place; and that too can change everything, causing joy or distress within a family. Was Jesus' death a different affair?*

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, with the death of Jesus, he has become "the mediator of a new covenant." If we have lived under the governance of sin, or suffered the humiliation of scrupulous, self-righteous observance of the Law, we have been delivered now since a death has taken place. We can enjoy the freedom of a new covenant. But how do we recognize the full impact of his death? It seems to be little more than a story for most people, an incident of the remote past which, if it ever made a difference, doesn't anymore. It was a rock thrown into a river, but we are far downriver and cannot see on the water's surface any waves or ripples, much less the tsunami it's supposed to be.

The Gospels reveal the dogged loyalty of his uncomprehending disciples as they followed him. They saw the adoring crowds and the marvels that accompanied him, but they also saw the spies, whisperers, and conspirators who seemed to appear on the edges of every crowd. They were well aware of the opposition he'd met in Jerusalem, and yet he insisted on going back. And so they went with him, hoping against hope that everything would come out alright. But no one could imagine what would happen, much less what *did happen, when the death had taken place.*

This week a unique death has taken place. What does it mean to me? To us? To the world? Hope expects better times without dismissing the fear of what may come, because it is the greatest illusion of finding life by excluding God on the cross and at the empty tomb, for as a poet wrote:

*"We stretch time when we suffer,
We compress time when we are joyful,
We expand space in empathy,
We collapse distance through memory.
We gain wisdom in the silence of that intensely
beautiful moment of faith, hope and love."*

Fr. Slawek

MARCH 29, 2026

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 3 – Saturday April 11, 2026



Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service

Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass

Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)

Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Day 9: Saturday 3:45 p.m. – Before Evening Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 31

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, April 1

9 a.m. Intentions of Pearl Badali req. by Lucy Hugh

Thursday, April 2

7 p.m. Holy Thursday

Friday, April 3

3 p.m. Good Friday.

Saturday, April 4

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil.

Sunday, April 5

9 a.m. Easter Sunday.

11 a.m. Easter Sunday..



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



Parish Summer Camp

from 9 am to 3 pm.

Maximum 60 children ages 4 – 13 years old per camp week

Cost
\$100 per child • \$175 with 1 sibling

Summer Camp days – Week 1 - June 28– July 3

Summer Camp days – Week 2 - July 6– July 10

Summer Camp days – Week 3 - July 13– July 17

Registration forms available from Claudia Marzo



Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 8, 2026



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

Turning concern into action

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POOR BOX

JUST WHEN
EVERYTHING
SEEMS HOPELESS GOD
UNSELFISHLY
SACRIFICED HIS SON.



WRITE, "JESUS" IF YOU SEE & BELIEVE IT!