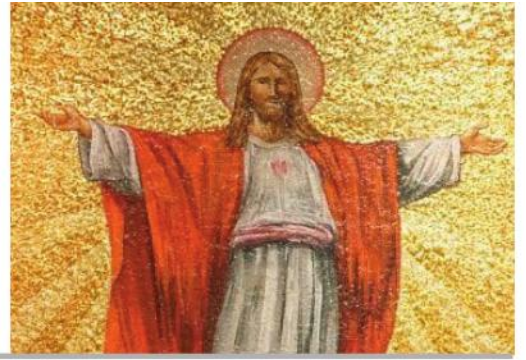


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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 2, 2023

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



It is Palm Sunday, isn't?

That will sound like a silly question, but I asked it often when year-after-year the service focused on Jesus' passion. The passion is important, of course. I just didn't understand why it had replaced Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Perhaps the Protestant ministers of my youth did not think the congregation would return for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Maybe they wanted to guarantee we heard about the passion before Easter Sunday.

When God moved me into the Catholic Church, I quickly realized the same dynamic was at work. The reading of the passion is a wonderful thing. Accompanied by the dramatic sounds of an orchestral drum at my home parish, I found myself deeply moved. Still, I had to wonder why those who put the liturgy together chose to do downplay Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in favor of the passion.

I don't have an answer to that question, so I thought I might do something about it. Let's talk about the triumphant entry of Jesus here – on the front page of the bulletin – and examine the various people in the story.

The people lining the streets, singing hosanna, waving branches, and putting their clothes on the road:

In a word, they are thrilled, though undoubtedly for various reasons. Some may have heard of Jesus and wanted to honor what they perceived as a prophet of God. Others likely thought Jesus would soon, in some way, throw out the Romans and restore Israel to its former glory. Still others may have simply gotten caught up in the moment and may not have known anything about Jesus. The list may be endless.

The disciples and other followers of Jesus:

They may have had mixed emotions. On the one hand, seeing "your guy" receive a big greeting by the crowds would have been satisfying and, like some in the crowd, they may have wondered if the time had come for Jesus to reveal himself as the Messiah and become king. On the other hand, Jesus had told them that he would be killed and so they also may have experienced feelings of expectant grief and worry.

Rome – soldiers and the commanders of the special detachment that got sent to Jerusalem during big feasts (like Passover):

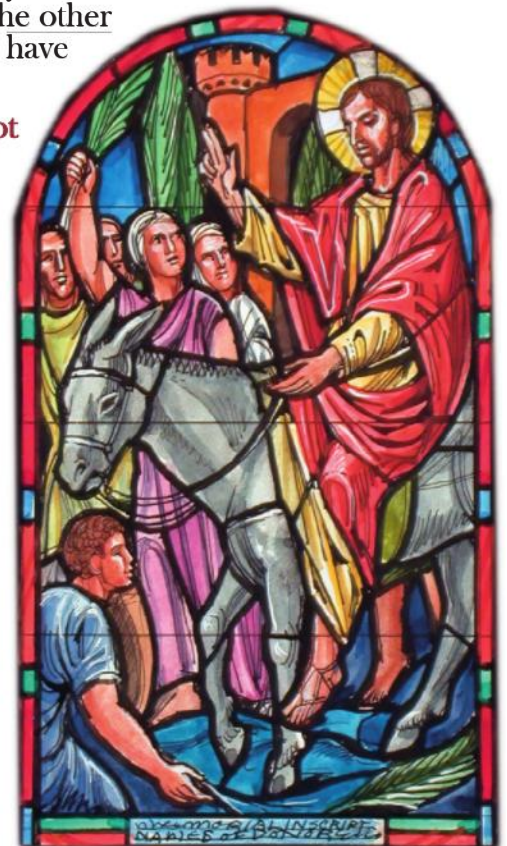
They are likely to perceive Jesus as a threat. Riding on a donkey might indicate otherwise, but the soldiers would have been sensitive to how his presence affected the crowd. Anything that hinted of a riot or uprising would have to be squashed quickly.

The religious leaders:

They also likely perceived Jesus as a threat. There may have been a bit of jealousy thrown in as well. Jesus threatened the status quo – a status quo from which they benefitted. They would not have wanted Jesus to upset that and, as we learn later, are willing to do anything to make sure it did not happen.

It is quite a mix. Aren't we as well? Don't we gather today from many backgrounds and experiences, for many reasons and expectations? I think so, but it is not the variety that matters. Rather, it is the one thing we and all those in Jerusalem that day have in common. Each of them and each of us has encountered Jesus and, whether we want to admit it or not, it has changed us.

Fr. Kevin



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 1

8:00 a.m. †William Spekhardt
4:00 p.m. †David Quagliaroli, Jr.
6:00 p.m. †Armando Lujano

Sunday, April 2

7:30 a.m. †Angelee Ford
9:30 a.m. †Piper Schmiedl
11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, April 3

8:00 a.m. All Saints

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. †Loretta Peterson

Wednesday, April 5

8:15 a.m. Hazel Grasso
6 p.m. For the recently departed
especially Peter Osmar

Thursday, April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper For our parishioners

Friday, April 7

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil: RCIA Catechumens

Sunday, April 9

7:00 a.m. For our parishioners
7:30 a.m. For our parishioners
9:30 a.m. For our parishioners
11:30 a.m. For our parishioners
1:30 p.m. For our parishioners

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for
special intentions of the
Spadafora family

Our Stewardship

March 25-26

Offertory: \$9,311.00
Easter Flowers: \$1,760.00
His Heart: \$410.00
Other: \$1,064.91
Fish Fry: \$1698.61
Total: \$14,244.52
Attendance: 1,138

Today's the day!

If you took a **Rice bowl**, we hope you remembered to bring today. We have a special basket available in the library (just off the narthex). If you forgot (oops!) please remember to bring it next Sunday.



A Quick Catholic Ministry Appeal Update: Over 200 families have made a gift!

To some, the phrase "Every gift matters" is just a trick to get people to give. Here at Sacred Heart, that phrase is a fact. Every gift does matter, which is why I'm thrilled to know that we've crested the 200-family mark. Last year, just over 300 families made a gift, and every one of those - small and large - helped us meet and surpass our goal.

Haven't made a gift or pledge yet? Envelopes are available in the narthex or gift online at www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/



You are making a difference!

Many of you recently gave a special offering to Catholic Relief Services. (It totaled \$1,049!) Did you know they are helping those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. As they explained in a recent email, "the destruction suffered by the people of Turkey and Syria is almost beyond comprehension. At least 8.8 million people are affected.

The death toll has passed 50,000 and continues to climb. Millions of people are without food, water, power and shelter. Many are in urgent need of medical care." Catholic Relief Services is working to bring much needed aid. You can read about what they are doing at www.crs.org/stories/global-emergency-update-march-2023



How will you celebrate Holy Week?

*If you need information about a group or ministry listed, call the office.
We'd be happy to get you connected to them!*

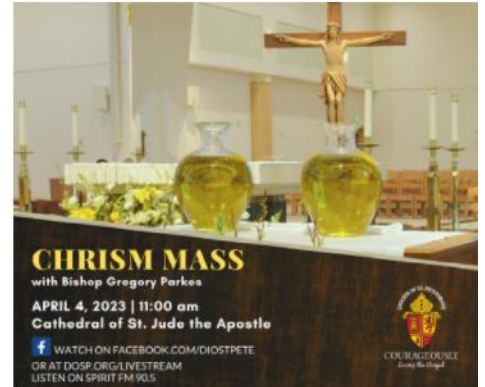


Palm Sunday

Don't forget the FREE Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall after the 7:30am and both our 9:30am Masses

Tuesday: Chrism Mass

The diocese has invited you to this year's Chrism Mass, 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate Sacred Chrism, a mixture of oil and balsam, that will be used for anointing during thousands of Baptisms and Confirmations throughout the coming year in local parishes. The bishop will also bless the Oil of Catechumens that is reserved for adults preparing to be baptized and the Oil of the Sick, that is reserved for those who are seriously ill. You can also pray and participate with us by watching the live video stream at www.dosp.org/livestream, facebook.com/DioStPete, YouTube.com/DioceseofStPete or by listening live on Spirit FM 90.5.



The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday:

Morning prayer, 8am, Chapel
The Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm



Good Friday:

Morning prayer, 8am, Church
The Passion of the Lord, 3pm



Holy Saturday

Morning prayer, 8am, Church
Easter Vigil, 8pm



Easter Sunday!

7am Sunrise, under the festival tent by the Parish Hall

7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses, in the church

11am Mass at Pinellas Hope

1:30pm Spanish Mass, in the church

Christ indeed from
DEATH IS RISEN
EASTER SUNDAY

Please note: We will not celebrate the normal 8am daily Mass on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. The Church asks us to give our full attention and prayers to the Sacred Triduum. We will also not offer our usual First Friday schedule so that we may properly observe Good Friday and our Lord's passion.

Don't forget to invite someone to an Easter Service!

We have some invitation cards in the narthex that have all the times and details of our Easter services. Take one (or two!) and give them to a friend who might be looking for a place to worship next Sunday.

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Wed: 8:15am & 6pm

(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)* *(Rosary prayed in Spanish at 5:30pm)*

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, & 11:30am

(Rosary prayed at 7am)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 5:15-5:45pm *(Spanish)*

(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am
(livestreamed):

Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday:

Exposition: 8:30am-8pm

Masses: 8am and 8pm

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (includes Adoration)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

During the

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Confessions 1-3pm; Adoration 2-3pm;
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayer, 3pm



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Witness Speaker: Marijon Reed

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Please mail your check, payable to Magnificat, to our treasurer, Linda Barron, 6069 Second Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Checks must be received by April 22, 2023. Send your check early-seating is limited.

Questions or Need More Information? E-mail magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com or text Jane at 727-452-7404 or Linda at 727-415-2693.

Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse

Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

Open to the public. This Mass is for those in need of spiritual healing because of abuse in all forms, including sexual, physical or emotional, and those who wish to pray for victims/survivors of abuse, their family and friends.

Livestream Available: dosp.org/livestream

[Youtube.com/DioceesofStPete](https://www.youtube.com/DioceesofStPete) | [Facebook.com/DioStPete](https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete)



During the Mass, those harmed by abuse are invited to call upon Jesus, the Good Shepherd, for comfort, peace and healing. Also, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, where greater awareness of the prevention of all forms of child abuse is promoted through various educational and spiritual activities. Opportunities for prayer with a priest or conversation with our Victim Assistance Coordinator, John Lambert, L.M.H.C., will be available following the Mass.

The Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse will be livestreamed at these links: dosp.org/livestream, [facebook.com/DioStPete](https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete), [YouTube.com/DioceesofStPete](https://www.youtube.com/DioceesofStPete)

Easter Season

"Mary and the Eucharist" Saturday, May 13, 2023, Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Bishop Gregory Parkes invites you to the fifth annual Diocese of St. Petersburg Marian Congress! The theme this year is "Mary and the Eucharist."

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, and we encounter the risen Christ each time we receive our Lord in Holy Communion.

Our Blessed Mother has a special role in leading us to her Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.



This day of joy, renewal, and prayer will include dynamic speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a multicultural Rosary, and Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes. Also, you will have an opportunity to renew your consecration or to be consecrated to Jesus through Mary for the first time. To learn more, visit www.FloridaMarianCongress.org.

Priesthood Ordination Mass, Saturday, May 20, 2023, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

We'll admit that it is long, but it is worth every moment to join your prayer with Bishop Parkes in this Mass that will ordain Christian Galvan to the priesthood.



Prayer for Priests and Future Priests

Eternal Father, we lift up these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Help us pray for others, Mondays, 5:30pm, chapel



We added this prayer opportunity in December with two goals in mind. First, we wanted to pray, by name, for parishioners, their friends and family, and visitors to our parish, who asked us for prayer.

Second, we wanted to introduce a different style of prayer. Traditional devotions are wonderful but are not suited to everyone's needs. If you join us some Monday evening, you'll find that our prayer time is divided into four segments - prayer for the sick, special intentions, prayer for parishioners, and for those who have fallen away from the faith or who are not of the faith.

In each segment, the leader offers an opening prayer and then a volunteer reads the requests aloud while we silently join our prayers together for the persons named. Between the segments, we listen to a Taizé chant which allows us to continue praying for the names mentioned.

Please join us some week to experience the joy of praying for others and this method of lifting up others to God.

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Grow in Faith

This week's Bible suggestions

We are encouraging our parishioners to "give up" 10 minutes each day (or every other day) to read their Bible and have been suggesting stories that make up our Salvation History. Here is this week's list:

- Deuteronomy 1 - they spy out the promised land; the people do not trust God
- Joshua 1 - Joshua succeeds Moses
- Joshua 3 - The people cross the Jordan into the promised land
- Joshua 6 - The defeat of Jericho

A Bible verse for the Week

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26).

Do you remember Fr. Theo?

We received this note from our former associate priest:

"Dear Pastor, parishioners, and friends;

Greetings and love in preparation for Easter. This year 2023, I thank God and celebrate 25 Years of Priestly Ministry. I thank you all for prayers and support when I was at your parish in the past years and join me in thanking God for the gift of priesthood.

On April 4th, at 11am Chrism Mass, at St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg, Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Parkes, will recognize Jubilarians of this year. I will be among them. I plan to celebrate mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Cecelia on 15th of July at 4pm.

May I wish you all the blessings and Happy Easter.

Fr. Theo Weria, ALCP.

St. Cecelia, Clearwater.



Two terrific ways to help others, help our parish (and be an evangelizer!)

Each Wednesday we host some wonderful people at Bingo, and we need more volunteers to keep this ministry going strong. Yes, it is a ministry. While the parish derives income from Bingo, we also want to remember that most of the players are not our parishioners and some lack a church home (or even faith!). Every act of hospitality we extend to them while they enjoy a beloved game is showing them God's love. (Not a bad way to spend a Wednesday!)

This idea of hospitality extends to our weekend Masses. We simply do not have enough ushers at each Mass and that means that both parishioners and visitors may not be properly greeted as they enter and leave our celebrations. You need to be willing to arrive a bit early and stay a few minutes later and we are willing to work with your schedule. Assisting once or twice a month would be a big help to our weekly ushers.

Thanks for considering how you can show God's love to others!

Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acuna	Jenny Holland	Neil Petrocci
Robert Anderson	Jean & Gary Hossman	Daniel, Sylvia, & Stella
Genevieve Aziz	Amy Iketani	Przywalny
Rita Bahler	Janet Jacob	Ryan Richards
Mary Barbuti	David Johnson	Taliah Richards
Kenneth Barcomb	Elija Johnson	Nicole Rizzo
Ryan Buck Jr.	Elizabeth Jurado	Judy & Mark Rucker
Judy Cardone	Deanne Karner	Janet Schaumann
Melina Carmen Chase	Liam & Jeanne Kennedy	Maryanne Sirrianna
Maryloo Carrico	Dolores Kenney	Patricia Slaymaker
Sean Casey	Barbara Klasek	Jeanne Slofkin
Paul & Gail Catalona	Tony Lociech	Fred & George
Bill Cauchon	Anna Kumari	Sontheimer
Kathy Chabot	Charlotte Laliberti	Helen Sullivan
Joseph I. Chase	Gail Larson	Norman & Leonette
Marlene Clark	Sharn Lundy	St. Germain
Bonnie Crisafulli	Sheila Lutz	Sherry Taylor
Lu Croteau	George Maier	Gloria Unger
Una Daigle	Katie Malins	
Rita Durish	Connie Marmaro	
Christina Fabb	Mary Masterson	
Brooke & Brianna	Mary Mattingly	
Farnsworth	Mattie Mores	
Anne Fiamengo	Jeff Odajewski	
Florence Garrido	Diane O'Neill	
Mary Haisch	Rinette Parece	
Debbie Hogan	Antoinette Passero	

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to fikevinyarnell@gmail.com



Almsgiving: an act of love for those less fortunate

If cleanliness is next to Godliness, there is a lot of Godliness in this picture!

Thanks (again!) to those who are participating in the **My Lenten Almsgiving**, a weekly way to assist Pinellas Hope and the care facilities in our neighborhood. As you can see in the picture, we had another big week. Pinellas Hope is most grateful!

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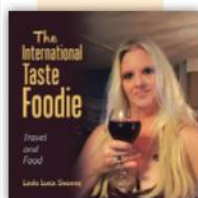
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