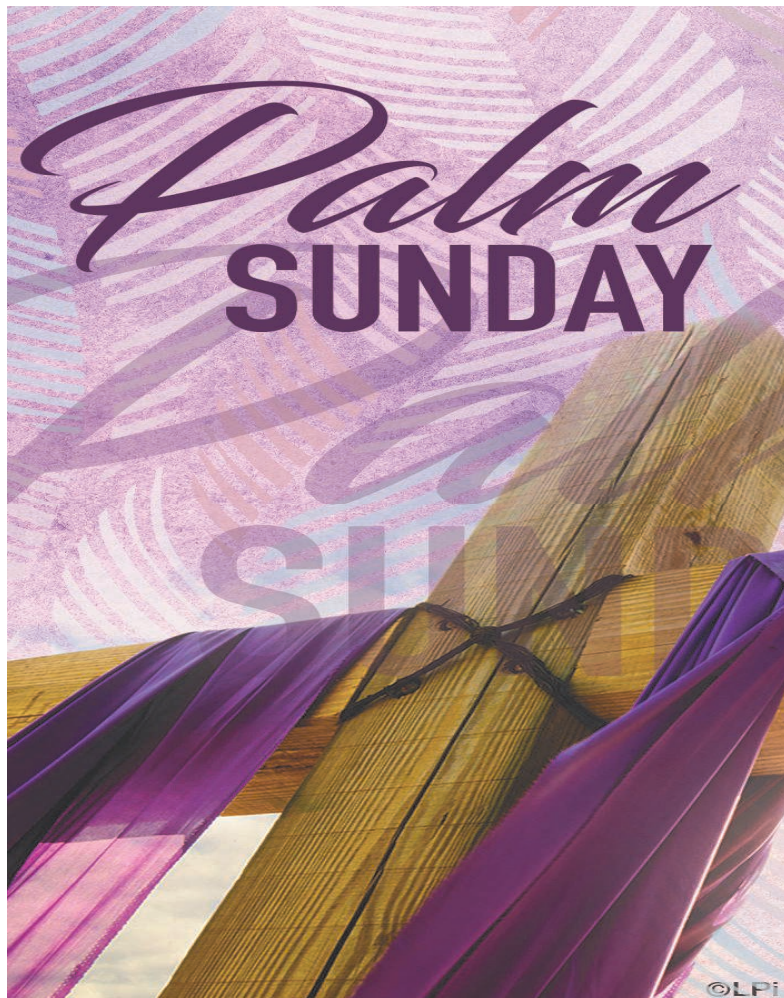




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March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday

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Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-

18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf.

15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

[14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-

4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps

116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn

13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk

23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,

10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

[1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/

Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-

17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]

or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16

-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

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The Light of Christ



Long before there was radar and satellite navigation, the captain of a huge battleship was patrolling the Canadian coastline. His massive ship was moving rapidly through a thick fog. Suddenly, directly in front of him, he saw lights. The captain got on the ship's radio to the other party and demanded, "You must change direction by 20 degrees immediately."

The reply came back, "No, you must change your direction."

The battleship captain yelled into the radio, "I am the captain of a 35,000 ton battleship, and we are streaming at 22 knots. You must change direction by 20 degrees immediately!"

The reply came back, "Well sir, I am just a simple seaman. But you must change direction because I'm speaking to you from a lighthouse 100 meters from shore."

This story of a simple seaman in a lighthouse serves us well as a metaphor for the three readings we hear on Palm Sunday.

For the first reading, the lighthouse is the suffering servant described by the Prophet Isaiah. Like a lighthouse, the suffering servant of Isaiah is constantly committed to serving others who are in captivity. Equipped by God with a receptive ear and persuasive tongue, despite all kinds of conditions, the servant is willing to persevere in accomplishing God's saving will. No one is lost on the rocks of sin and death if they listen for the voice and follow the light of the suffering servant.

For the second reading, the simple seaman who operates the lighthouse is the crucified Christ described by Paul in his letter to the Philippians. "Well, sir, I am just a simple seaman" is Jesus who surrendered his identity as God to serve the weary, the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the hungry, and the forgotten. Jesus not only accepted our humanness with all its flaws and weaknesses, he chose to be a simple sailor, so to speak, who stands ready with a lamp lit at night and the horn sounding when there is fog to give hope and direction to a people who suddenly realize that their ship can sink.

For the gospel reading from Mark, the lighthouse is Jesus whose light guides us through life. The apocalyptic aftermath of Jesus' death—darkness, earthquakes, tombs opening, dead rising—is Mark's way of showing us that three days later the risen Christ will be our light despite the darkness of death.

A week from today, we will light and bless the Easter fire from which the Easter candle will be lit. From which we will light individual candles to remind us of the light of Christ given to us at our Baptism. "The Light of Christ—Thanks Be to God!" are the words we will sing to validate that our salvation comes from the God who loves us.

The Lighthouse in the Harbor by Cindy Johnson

I am a lighthouse in search of a ship.

I am standing on the shore looking over the sea.

I search day and night through the dense fog....

Looking for the ones.....the ones that are searching for me.

I see many ships they follow my light to shore.

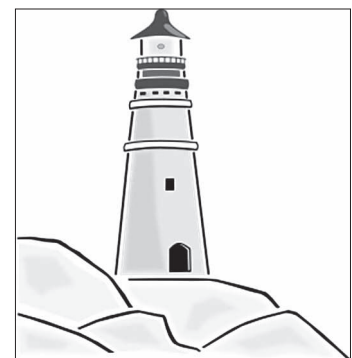
I try to guide them all in safely to shore but some fail to reach me because they do not see the light that shines deep within me.

When I finally bring my ships in....

They are drawn to the light I project within my heart.

When the ships finally meets the lighthouse....

They will be together in the harbor.....the harbor we call love.



News and Events

BELL OF SAINT MATTHEW

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 25th for Master Henry Ambrus.

A MESSAGE TO SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

Dear St. Matthew's Parish Community,
We want to say "Thank you" for all of your support and prayers these past 33+ years as I have served as Deacon and have had the opportunities to baptize, marry and preside at funerals, etc. and to serve the residents of Cerenity Campus on Humboldt for twenty-seven years.

I am grateful for these gifts. You have always been in my prayers and I ask you to keep me in your prayers as health issues have required me to ask Archbishop Hebda for retirement status from St. Matthews and Cerenity, but to allow me to my facilities should health permit. God's continued blessings to you all.

Deacon John and Carol Murphy

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24

4:00 pm Art Fischer†

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

10:00 am Our Parish

Gayle Stelter†

Monday, March 26

8:00 am Consulation & Jovito Guiwan†

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

Friday, March 30

8:00 am Raymond Galep†

Saturday, March 31

7:00 pm Deacon John Murphy, Healing

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

10:00 am Our Parish

Rose, Joseph, Sr., Joseph, Jr. Karas†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 24

10:00 am Confirmation St. Paul Cathedral

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

Monday, March 26 Feast of St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass

Monday, March 26-Thursday, March 29

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Tuesday, March 27

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

NO Faith Formation

Thursday, March 29 Holy Thursday

NO 9:30 am Mass COS

7:00 pm Mass of Last Supper C

Friday, March 30

NO 8:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

4:30 - 7:30 Fish Fry SH

7:00 pm Good Friday Service C

Saturday, March 31 Holy Saturday

7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

Monday, April 2 Easter Monday

Parish Office Closed

Children's Corner



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Every Friday of Lent at 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 03-18-2018

Parish		School	\$ 95
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,698	Global Solidarity	\$ 15
Electronic Giving	\$ 202	Holy Land	\$ 6
Vigil Lights	\$ 22		
Fuel	\$ 20		
Mass Intentions	\$ 60		
Easter Flowers	\$ 470		
Rent	\$ 400		
Lighting Refund	\$ 36		
Total	\$3,888	Total	\$ 116
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