

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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#### Mass Times

Sat.: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

Mon.: 6:30 am

Tues. - Fri. 6:30 & 8:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

T/W/Th 9:00 am—9:00 pm

#### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Attendance at a Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month; call to schedule.

#### Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

For those who have been baptized Catholic or wish to enter the Catholic Church, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are required. For more information contact Sr. Rosemary.

# SACRAMENT of ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is seriously sick and would like a visit from one of the priests may call the parish office to request one. Hospitals no longer call parishes with this information.

#### SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Contact one of the priests to begin your preparation at least nine months before the anticipated wedding date.

# SACRAMENT of HOLY ORDERS AND VOWED RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you are interested in learning about a religious vocation, please contact one of the priests or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at stlvocations.org or 314-792-6460.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion may call the office to make arrangements.

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Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for *special intentions* or *in memory* are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.

Mass Intentions		
Monday	April 14, 2025	
6:30 am	Joseph A. Decker	
Tuesday	April 15, 2025	
6:30 am	Brian Corson	
8:00 am	Cal Weber	
Wednesday	April 16, 2025	
6:30 am	Werner Family Special Intention	
8:00 am	Rosemary Shaughnessy	
Thursday	April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday	
7:00 pm	Norvell Prudot	
Saturday	April 19, 2025 - Holy Saturday	
8:00 pm	Mary Truetken	
Sunday	April 20, 2025 - Easter	
7:00 am	Fred Merklin	
8:30 am	Roman & Eleanor Wingbermuehle	
10:00 am	Donna Hepp	
11:30 am	For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes	

#### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@sjiparish.org. The deadline is each Monday at noon.



Do you receive email from the parish? We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at kjohnson@sjiparish. org or 636-464-1013.

Parish Stewardship 3/17/25 - 3/23/25				
	Current	Fiscal YTD		
Offertory				
Total collected	\$22,355.76	\$989,816.14		
Amount needed	\$28,099.92	\$1,067,797.08		
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$5,744.16	\$77,980.94		
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS				
Tuition assistance	\$76.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,616.00			
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$2,304.00			

Please note the Parish has adjusted our published revenue numbers to now include offertory as well as other unrestricted revenues budgeted within the fiscal year to provide a more clear, comprehensive view of the needs to operate the overall Parish.



# Triduum and Easter Liturgy Schedule

#### Holy Thursday, April 17th

- 5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph and St. John
- Altar of Repose until 9:00 pm at St. John and Midnight at St. Joseph

#### Good Friday, April 18th

- 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. John
- 3:00 pm Sations of the Cross at St. Joseph
- 3:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. Joseph

#### Holy Saturday, April 19th

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Joseph and St. John
- No normally scheduled Saturday Confessions or Vigil Masses

#### Easter Sunday, April 20th

- 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am
   Mass at St. Joseph
- 9:00 am Mass at St. John
- · No 4:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph



### From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

#### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Two very different responses to our Lord's Passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross

until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

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#### Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The law says that for those ages of 18 until age 59 it is obligatory to fast. However, if you can fast at any age, it is a very beneficial spiritual practice. 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. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon those Catholics from age 14 onwards.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill people should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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# A GUIDE TO

# HOLY WEEK

Catholics have honored the last week of Jesus' life since the Apostles. Holy Week, stretching from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, is a time to reflect on all that Jesus suffered for us. It is a time to worship him as our king, and remember the light he brings to a dark world.

#### PALM SUNDAY

The beginning of Holy Week. Throughout this week, the congregation plays the part of the people who welcomed Jesus as king, realized he wasn't the king they thought he would be, and crucified him.

Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies



WHAT JESUS DID

HOW WE HONOR IT

Established himself as king. The people accepted this by waving palms and reciting Psalm 118, which they would do for a king

#### THE TRIDUUM

One liturgical day in which we relive Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We observe three special liturgies:

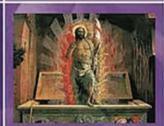
#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)

- Participated in the Passover/ Last Supper with his disciples
- Washed the disciples' feet (again, not the king they expected)
- Instituted the Eucharist and new priesthood
- Went to Gethsemane; experienced Agony in the garden
- Is betrayed by Judas and arrested
- · Heals a slave

#### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- Was betrayed and abandoned by his mends and followers
- Was scourged crowned with thorns and mockingly halled as a king
- Made to carry his cross, with a little help from Simon of Cyrene
- Was crucified under a plagu that read "King of the Jews"
- · Darkness fell over Jerusalem
- Died and descended into Hell

#### MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)



- · Rose from the dead
- Appeared to Mary Magdalene and others

#### Have a special reading about his entry into Jerusalem

• Wave palm fronds



- With a joyful Mass, with gratitude for the Eucharist
- Instead of a final blessing, we have Adoration
- Priest strips and washes the altar
  - All decorations are removed or shrouded
- All candles extinguished, symbolizing darkness
- We have now moved from the Last Supper to sitting with Jesus during his Agony

- No sacraments, unless it's an emergency
- Empty tabernacle and undecorated Church
- Candles are only lit when the Eucharist is present
- Silent and solemn procession for liturgy
- Read the Passion according to St. John
- Pray for everyone through Solemn Intercessions
- Receive the Eucharist, consecrated the day before
  - Venerate the cross by kissing it, kneeling before it, etc

- Gather in the dark, symbolizing the darkness of the tomb and our sin
- Priest lights a fire and blesses it. We follow the candle, like the Israelites following the pillar of fire
- Deacon sings the Exultet prayer, which is structurally similar to what Jesus would have prayed at the Lest Supper
- Have nine readings and eight Psalms, which show the story behind the Salvation Jesus won for us
- During the Gloria, lights come on and we decorate the Church to symbolize Jesus rising
- Those coming into the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. We all renew our Baptismal promises



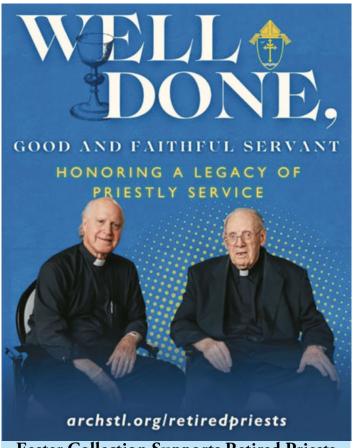
# Congratulations to our recently Confirmed!

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### **Easter Collection Supports Retired Priests**

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us.

Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift at Mass on Easter Sunday through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. Checks should be made payable to the Parish with "retired priests" in the memo line, or you may use your online giving account to make a gift.



Prime Timers
Our next Prime Timers meeting
will be on Wednesday, April
16th at 12:30 p.m. Anyone over
55 is welcome to join us!
Welcome Spring! Amy
questions call Lorraine Simms
at 732-259-0738.



### "SO COULD YOU NOT STAY AWAKE WITH ME ONE HOUR?"

—-Mk 14:34

Jesus desires for us to be with Him and pray. Come

keep Him company at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel where He is fully and physically present as He was in the Garden of Gethsemane. Sit before His True Presence and keep watch.

Join the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry by keeping watch for a Holy Hour once a week.

(For more info. Call Barb 314-732-2256)



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Thank you again for all who supported StJ School through the Fish Fry 50/50 Raffle.

Congratulations to all of our 7th and 8th Graders being confirmed this weekend.

#### STORY OF CHRIST

The StJ Fifth Grade students will present the Story of Christ in the Church at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, April 15th. This presentation will be open to the public. Please join us for this special event.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR ART ROOM DONORS!

Thank you to all Parishioners and School Families who financially supported the updates to our Art Rooms. We have new furniture and cabinets for two art rooms that serve our Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Thanks to generous donors, we have received \$25,489.00 in designated donations for this project. The total cost of the project to date is \$32,269.46.

#### **2025-2026 ENROLLMENT**

If you are interested in enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, please call soon! We have limited availability in most, but not all, grades. We do still have some availability in our 3 day PreK3 program. If you are interested in StJ, please contact the Office at 636-464-9027 or submit an Admission Inquiry on the Admissions tab of our website. www. stiosephimperial.org

#### DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Cardinals fans get excited! Tickets for our annual Day at the Ballpark are for sale. Join us for the St. Louis Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds game on Wednesday, September 17th at 12:15 p.m.. The tickets are in the right field box sections 133 and 134, and they cost \$21 per person.

For further information, to buy tickets, and to register your 2nd-8th grader to sing the National Anthem, please visit https://www.stjosephimperial. org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html.

#### PETER PAN UPDATES

The students are putting in a lot of hard work, and we are well on our way to an outstanding performance on May 9th and 10th. If you would like to support these students, please contact Sr. Carol, as we are still looking for help with set design, painting, providing a meal, working as an usher, and collecting props. Specifically this week, we are looking for wooden barrels and crates (or items that could be adapted to look like them) and a ship steering wheel.

### **April 13th PALM SUNDAY OF THE** LORD'S PASSION



Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As you place your gifts of grace into the collection for SVdP, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

> For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Business Meeting: 4/28, 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: 5/14, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

Peter Pan the Musical Ad Book Forms can be picked up in the school office or by email: ebokermann@stjosephimperial.org



#### Peter Pan the Musical Ad Book Form

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#### HAM IT UP BY 4/15 PLEASE!

Easter hams needed for Sr. Christine's Food Pantry!
Spread some Easter joy with those neighbors in our community who depend on our Food Pantry.
Easter is a meaningful time to express our Parish's collective love of Neighbor.

Please consider making an Easter ham contribution to our Food Pantry. Our goal is to collect 45-50 hams (2 lbs to 4 lbs.) by April 15.

Parishioners can drop off Ham donations at the Food Pantry or at the Parish office in The Corpus Christi Center.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

### Our Parish Praying Together

May those who are ill be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:

Judy Becker Zoe Matthews
Kathy Bonito Dena Moss
Craig Buchan Laura Sheets
Scott Haase Lynn Stefaniak
Eileen Kaiser Noella Torgerson
Jim Kaiser Betsy Wagner
Roland Kaiser Scott Wist

Reminder: Names are published for <u>60 days</u>. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

### We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus
Wyatt Cook
John Costigan
Caleb Curran
Collin Fitzsimmons
Kamryn Heredia
Jack Jeffers
Isaac Longtin
Austin McHaffie-Sharp
Jacob Sarfraz
Jared Sheets
Grant Staggenborg
Lucas Weiland
Megan Weiland
Isaac Longtin



# Catholic Charities St. Louis Responds to the Year of Hope with the Pilgrims of Hope Challenge Coin

Charities is excited to introduce the Pilgrims of Hope Challenge Coin. This coin is a symbol of hope, meant to be passed on as a reminder of the good happening around us.

Each coin features the message, "I saw you spreading hope," along with the Catholic Charities logo, and a QR code linking to our Coins of Hope webpage. Here's how you can participate:

- 1. Receive a Coin: If you receive a coin, it means someone noticed your act of kindness and compassion. Now, it's your turn to pay it forward!
- 2. Pass on a Coin: When you witness someone spreading hope, give them your coin and scan the QR code. This will allow you to log the story of hope and share it with others.
- 3. Share Your Story: We want to hear your story of Hope, so don't forget to share your story on our landing page. And, if you want, tag us on social media using the hashtag #pilgrimsofhope.

Visit our website www.spreadhopestl.com for more information and to share your story. Together, we can spread hope across the Archdiocese of St. Louis during this Jubilee Year of Hope!

# CONFIRMATION PARENT AND CHILD MEETING

For any current 6th students seeking to be Confirmed in 2026.

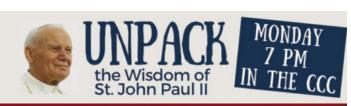
\*\*Any current 7th-11th grade students not being Confirmed in 2025 may also join!\*

Thursday, May 1st 7-8 pm in the Church

Questions? Contact Emily: ekopff@sjiparish.org



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## APRIL 14 INSPIRED

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NK YOU

To all the parishioners who attended UNPACK and are taking up the mantle of spreading JPII throughout St. Joseph, joining in the New Evangelization.

To all the previous presenters - the Yeungs, Kassie O'Brien, Fr. Gerber, the Steinbruegges and Fr. Braun.

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