

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009

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even death on a cross. — *Philippians 2:8*



Blessed is
he who comes
in the name
of the **Lord!**

Sacred Heart Parish

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PARISH INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The first Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 7:00pm, with Benediction at 7:00pm.

BAPTISMS: Sunday Afternoon at 2:30pm on the First & Fourth Sunday of each month. Arrangements should be made by both parents in advance at the rectory with one of the priests. Both parents and sponsors must attend a meeting on the Third Monday at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

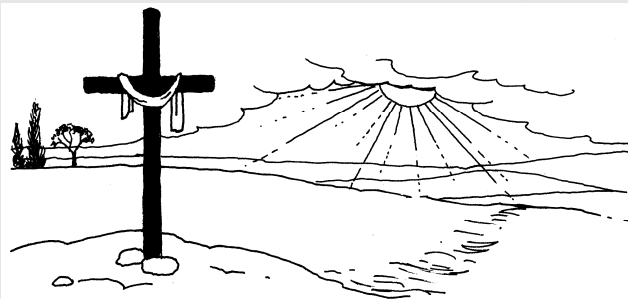
MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance to assure time for the banns and the procurements of the necessary documents. It is the wish of the Church that all marriages be solemnized at a Nuptial Mass.

FUNERALS: All arrangements should be made at the rectory by a member of the immediate family. The family is encouraged to receive Holy Communion at the Funeral Mass.

SICK CALLS: Holy Communion will be brought to the sick upon request. In the case of any probable danger of death, call the priest immediately.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to Melrose Park and particularly to the Family of Sacred Heart Parish. We ask that you register at your earliest convenience at the rectory.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: IF YOU LEAVE THE PARISH OR MOVE TO A NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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SUFFERING.....

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel



SUNDAY, APRIL 5: PALM SUNDAY

CCD Classes: 9:30am English; 11:00am Spanish (UGB)

MONDAY, APRIL 6:

7:00pm Adult Choir (Church)

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting (Rectory)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7:

7:00pm Adult Choir (Church)

7:00-8:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting (Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:

3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir (Church)

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:30pm RCIA Practice (Church)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9: HOLY THURSDAY

8:00am Prayer Service

9:00am School Prayer Service

11:15am School Dismissal (Easter Vacation Begins)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 10: GOOD FRIDAY

8:00am Prayer Service

3:00pm Living Stations

4:00pm Spanish Service Passion & Death of Christ

7:00pm English Liturgical Service & Living Stations

SATURDAY, APRIL 11: VIGIL OF EASTER

8:00am Prayer Service

1:00pm Blessing of Food

8:00pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 12: EASTER SUNDAY

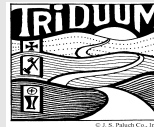
MASSSES: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am, and 12:30 Spanish



SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES 2009

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

TRIDUUM



Holy Thursday:
April 9th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers and Vespers
7:00 p.m. Celebration of Lord's Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.



Good Friday:
April 10th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers and Vespers
3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross by School Children.
4:00 p.m. Spanish Service - Passion & Death of Christ
7:00 p.m. Passion & Death of our Lord, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion



Holy Saturday
April 11th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers and Vesper
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food and Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (RCIA candidates will receive First Holy Communion, Confirmation and accepted into Catholic Church)

APRIL 12th EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

7:30a.m.....English
9:00a.m.....English
11:00a.m.....English
12:30p.m.....Spanish



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BECOMING OBEDIENT . . .

The words of the prophet Isaiah ring out with great clarity about the suffering of God's anointed One: "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled" (Isaiah 50:4, 5). To "obey" means to listen and to heed. Jesus, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, sets his face "like flint, knowing that [he] shall not be put to shame" (Isaiah 50:7b). Relying on God, attentive and obedient to what he has heard, he submits to the worst that human beings can endure.

TO THE POINT OF DEATH

Jesus' obedience, his listening to God's voice in his life, led to prophetic deeds and finally to his death. His humility consisted not in grasping at equality with God, but embracing human life in all its fullness, including death. There is nothing human that Jesus did not share with us except sin. Pain, suffering, joy, laughter, humiliation, and sorrow: he willingly accepted all of these in order to be one with us and to make us one with God, as he was one with God. He listened to the voice of God and followed its lead, no matter what.

In his total abandonment of his life to God, he became for us Savior and Redeemer. He showed us how to live and how to die, one with the God who loves us. This is not "blind faith," but it's not always clear, either, in its particulars. We don't always see clearly the way in which we are to walk, but nevertheless trust God's fidelity to lead us forward. We are invited to follow, and to acknowledge "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).

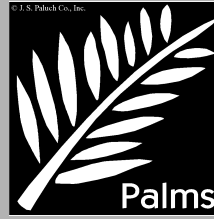
Today's Readings: (Gospel at the Procession) Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16;

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1-39]

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**Collection for HIV/AIDS Care
on Holy Thursday**

On Holy Thursday, our parish will take up a Collection for Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Care. There is no cure or vaccine for this disease, that has been present for some 25 years. The number persons infected is increasing and medications are not available to all who need them. Stigma and discrimination-often blatant, hurtful, or subtle continue to accompany this disease. Please be generous.



***SOUP & BREAD
THANK YOU***

A big thank you to everyone who helped our Friday Lenten Soup before Stations of the Cross, especially Fr. Miranda, Fr. Cruz, Mike Barnish, Sr. Nila, Joe Augelli, Mike Cruz, Perla Salas, Selena Mullis, Marco Nambo, Eric DelRiviero, Derian Aguirre, Alejandra & Melissa Reyes, Sue Klaput, Maria & Nicole Galvin, Mary Augelli, MaryAnn & Arlene Sangiacomo, Lucille Cerra and others...especially all who came and shared our Lenten meal. Thanks for saying **“YES LORD”!**



***Operation Rice Bowl
Collection***

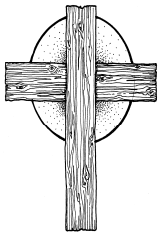
We will be collecting for Operation Rice Bowl this weekend, April 4-5 and during this coming Holy Week through Good Friday. please bring your Rice Bowls to place in the labeled receptacles that will be in church for this purpose.

Or, better yet, why not bring the money you collected to church in a zip lock bag or similar container and keep your Rice Bowl at home. That way you can put spare change in it all year long, and continue to help those in need. What a great “head start” that will be for next year’s campaign.

Either way, please bring your Operation Rice Bowl offerings to church this Holy Week.

A big Thank You to everyone who participated in this Lenten activity. Thanks for saying **“YES LORD”!**

May God Bless You, as you have helped to bless the poor!



**WAY OF THE CROSS
THROUGH DOWNTOWN
CHICAGO**

Led by Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago on Good Friday, April 10th, 2009 starting at 9:15 a.m. and ending by 12 noon. From the Daley Center Plaza (Dearborn/Washington) to Holy Name Cathedral (State/Superior). Walking in silence following the Cross, with five stops for songs and meditations.

"CHRIST IN HIS BEAUTY DRAWS ME TO HIM"

**Collection
for the Holy Land
on Good Friday**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

Your support helps the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity’s holiest places.

Please be generous.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT - March 28/29, 2009

| | ADULTS | TEENS | CHILD | TOTAL |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5:00 PM | 150 | 5 | - | 155 |
| 7:30 AM | 48 | 2 | 3 | 53 |
| 9:00 AM | 118 | 8 | 2 | 128 |
| 11:00 AM | 114 | 6 | 48 | 168 |
| 12:30 PM | 291 | 40 | 107 | 438 |
| TOTALS | 721 | 61 | 160 | 942 |

School News

Sacred Heart School

815 N 16th Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160

2008/2009 HONOR ROLL 3rd QUARTER

PRINCIPAL AWARD:

Aniello Barone 7th Grade, Bianca Colella 7th Grade, Debra Barnish 8th Grade, Justin Rienton 8th Grade

FIRST HONORS

| 4 th GR | 5 th GR | 6 th GR | 7 th GR | 8 th GR |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| | Nicholas Golding | Kassandra Calvillo Dominique Mangano Sofia Monteon Nicholas Moore Elizabeth Rienton Elizabeth Russo Natalie Sanchez Jesse Wilson | | Leo Aiello Malcolm Conley Ahlyshiah Mahan |

SECOND HONORS

| 4 th GR | 5 th GR | 6 th GR | 7 th GR | 8 th GR |
|---|--------------------|---|--|---|
| Kristeen Aguirre Erin Ciconte Ivana Collela Francisco Monteon Melissa Reyes Elli Serna Jolina Tevenal | Giovanni Montes | Antonio Colella Genesis Fuentes Allyson Mahnke Christopher Marroquin Natalie Mincy Raquel Nambo Kailah Powell Danny Venzor | Derian Aguirre Genie Guerra Jonathon Pagan Jocelyn Robles Leslie Sanchez | Sharard Comage-Lee Joey Claypool Jacky Santiago Jeannette Zapien |

SACRED HEART P.T.O.

PRESENTS

NIGHT AT THE RACES
AT
MAYWOOD PARK RACE TRACK

THURSDAY, APRIL 25RD

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.
POST TIME 7:20 P.M.

TICKETS \$25.00

TICKET INCLUDES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ADMISSION PROGRAM | DINNER FREE PARKING |
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FOR INFORMATION OR TICKETS CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE @ (708)681-0240

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

CASH DRINKS AND BAR AVAILABLE

St. Joseph High School is proud to announce the **third quarter** honor roll for the 2008-2009 school year. The following is a list of students from our parish who have achieved A or B honor roll status.

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rodelio Ramirez | Luis Rodriguez |
| Frida Rosales | Jeremy Ciconte |

Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Fenwick High School in Oak Park, will be hosting an Open House for 6th and 7th graders on Wednesday, April 22nd from 7:00-9:00pm. Doors open at 6:30. The Open House is a full two hour program that will end with a tour of the school. There is also an opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, and club moderators.

Put on
the attitude

of
Christ

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OPERACION PLATO DE ARROZ

Por favor, traiga sus platos de arroz a la iglesia el 4o5 de abril. Habria unas cajas en que puede ponerlos. Si quiere, traiga solo el dinero en un ziplock y retenga el plato de arroz en su casa para sus manedas todo el ano. Gracias a todos para su participacion en este proyecto de cuaresma. Dios le bendiga para su ayuda de los pobres.

El Viernes Santo, nuestra parroquia llevara a cabo la colecta anual del Viernes Santo para la Tierra Santa. Su contribucion monetaria, ayuda a apoyar a la comunidad Cristiana que pasa necesidad y a proteger los lugares mas santos de la cristiandad. Por favor sea generoso.



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DOMINGO DE RAMOS

O DE LA ENTRADA TRIUNFAL DE JESUS A JERUSALEN

Querida comunidad. Hoy con la gracia de Dios comenzamos esta Semana Santa que Dios vuelve a regalarnos en nuestras vidas. Pido a Dios que todos podamos aprovechar de la mejor manera todo lo que Dios tiene para darnos. Hagamos una breve reflexión para este Domingo, inicio de esta gran semana.

Nuestro Señor y Divino Salvador no aceptó la aclamación de las multitudes que pretendían hacerlo rey después de ver sus asombrosos milagros. No quiso una corona cuando todos exclamaban: "¡todo lo hace bien!". Huyó a la montaña muchas veces y a menudo se refugió en la oración y la intimidad con Dios, su Padre. En todas esas ocasiones, cuando hubiera sido sencillísimo y casi natural proclamarse Hijo de David y sucesor del trono para liberar a Israel, guardó silencio, se ocultó discreto, oró en lo escondido, se apartó de las aclamaciones y los vítores.

Pero hubo un día en que aceptó el aplauso y no huyó de la ovación de su pueblo. Un día Cristo aceptó ser rey, y selló su destino, cambió la historia y abrió un futuro para el universo entero con el gesto humilde y noble que hoy contemplamos: miremos todos, asómbrese el mundo, cante Judá y no calle Israel: Jesús, el Nazareno, es el Rey, y manso entra en la ciudad de David rodeado de humilde corte.

¿Por qué esta vez el Señor aceptó lo que antes rechazaba? ¿Por qué nos parece que se deja envolver en el entusiasmo de aquella multitud que por fin puede dar rienda suelta a su afecto y emoción? Es que bien sabía Jesús qué le esperaba después de esos aplausos y cuánto cambiarían esas voces en cuestión de horas. Percibía su corazón el odio exacerbado de aquellos que veían en él un peligro para sus intereses. Sabía que los poderosos, tantas veces fustigados por el verbo del Verbo, terminarían por unirse, aunque sólo fuera para estar de acuerdo en quitarlo de en medio. Y en cuanto a sus discípulos, entendía cuán frágil era su amor, así le juraran lo contrario. Comprendía entonces que las cotas más altas de la maldad brotarían con inusitado ímpetu de uno a otro momento, y sabía que ser rey, en medio de semejante torbellino de pasiones y venganzas, más que un honor era un acto de compasión, una obra de misericordia, una manifestación, la última y más perfecta, de su amor inextinguible.

En el Evangelio de hoy encontramos una gran revelación: Jesús, nos deja ver su lado humano de manera clara. Jesús tiene miedo. ¿A qué le tiene miedo Jesús? Miedo al sufrimiento, miedo a la muerte, miedo a saberse rechazado por todos los que le decían seguidores de Él, miedo tal vez a que toda su vida fuera a ser inútil si los hombres no acogían su mensaje. Es muy iluminador que Jesús no niegue esta experiencia, pues nos permite sentir cercano a Jesús, nos permite con claridad contemplar su humanidad. Sin embargo, Jesús no se deja inmovilizar por este miedo, Él decide con entereza y madurez aceptar las consecuencias de su misión, pues está convencido que para vivir en plenitud debe buscar responder el llamado que su Padre le ha hecho.

Por último, vendría la respuesta de Dios Padre: "Lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo". Estas palabras están íntimamente relacionadas con la Resurrección, pues es la glorificación del Hijo realizada por el Padre como respuesta a su entrega total.

¡Aprendamos de Jesús a saber asumir nuestra responsabilidad... toda ella! Aprendamos a saber morir a nuestros placeres y egoísmos para asumir en nuestras vidas la vida que Dios nos ha dado. Recordemos que si el grano de trigo no muere, no podrá dar frutos.

Esta semana, esfuézate por cumplir aquel propósito de Cuaresma que no has podido cumplir; o piensa en alguien que no has querido perdonar, amar o servir por cualquier motivo y hazlo esta semana. Atrevámonos a morir a nuestro pecado para poder resucitar plenamente con nuestro Señor en la Pascua.

ANUNCIO ESPECIAL: Sigamos orando por la salud de nuestro Pastor, Padre Victor Miranda. Estamos preparando nuestro retiro para Jóvenes y adolescentes; todos ellos serán bienvenidos. **NUESTRO COMITÉ HISPANO:** Presidente: Fulgencio Rico, Vicepresidente: Victor Ramos. Secretaria: Raquel Jiménez. Tesorera: Blanca Ulloa



Mickey Clohecy, Jerry DalCerro, Jose Gonzalez, Dr. Mike Koller, Patricia Martin, Frank McGarr, Mary Meyerhofer, Rev. Cosmo Militello, Emily Nobile, Hilario Ramirez, Sharon Wildman.....

AND ALL OF OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS.
Heavenly Father, Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the Midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

*If you or one of your loved ones wish to be included on or taken off the sick list, please call Rectory at 344-0757 before the first of each month.

WEDDING BANNERS

Giuseppe Zerillo & Zuella Keovilayhong I



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE THIS EASTER WITH AN EASTER LILY

Easter Flowers You may donate an Easter Lily Plant to church in memory of your loved one. The plants will be used as part of our Easter liturgical decorations. Please put a card on the plant listing the name of the person you wish to remember, along with your name. We will then publish these names in our Easter Bulletin, or the following week. You may bring the plant to church or the rectory **this week before Holy Saturday only.** *What a beautiful way to remember someone you love at Easter time.*

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GOING TO JEWEL-OSCO THIS WEEK?

Sacred Heart School will receive a check for 5% of the total purchases made by all who use the **Shop & Share** coupon when you shop. **Just present the coupon to the cashier when checking out. (Can be used in the Pharmacy) . Shop this Monday April 6, Tuesday April 7, & Wednesday April 8 and earn 5% of the sale for the school. ID slips are available at the Church entrances. Thank you for helping support our School!**

MASS INTENTION for the WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SAT 5:00pm +**Anna Giancarlo** by Giancarlo Family
 +**Frank Angiulo and Josephine & Frank Pantano**

7:30 +**Frank & Alice Hrubes** by Family
 9:00 +**Vincent Lucca** by Family
 +**Rose Coco** by Tony & Jo Coco
 11:00 +**Rocco & Lisa Sangiacomo** by Family
 +**Grace & Jake Carbone**

12:30pm(Spanish)-Misa para el Pueblo

MONDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 +**Frank Pagano** by Formosa Family
 +**Bud Gerl** by Janice Howell

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 +**Anne Caprini** by Caprini Family
 +**Ann Czarnecki** by Walter Czarnecki

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 +**Joseph Napolitano** by Family

THURSDAY, April 9 Holy Thursday

8:00am - Prayer Service
 9:00am - School Prayer Service
 7:00pm -**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 Good Friday

8:00am - Prayer Service
 3:00pm -**Living Stations**
 7:00pm -**Passion and Death of Our Lord-Liturgical Service-Holy Communion-Living Stations**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 Holy Saturday

8:00am -Prayer Service
 1:00pm - Blessing of Food
 8:00pm -**Easter Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 EASTER

7:30 +**Leo & Ida Militello** by Family
 +**Dominic Russo, Frank & Josephine Pantano, & Frank Angiulo** by Family
 9:00 +**Vincent Scanio, Joseph & Mary Reich** by Family
 +**Cecilia Tyl** by Mary Ann Tyl
 11:00 +**Vincent Lucca** by Family
 +**Catherine Enlow** by Daughter & Family
 12:30(Spanish)+**Adrian Carrillo** by Wife

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for Saturday/Sunday, April 11/12, 2009

| | 8:00 pm | 7:30 am | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Lectors Commentators | Grace Marella Tom O'Brien | Sue Zupinski | Megan Barnish Lois Behrendt | Kim Graaff Kristin Trusco | Pilar - L Ana G. - L Nina - S Carolina - C |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Peter Marella - W Patti Carlini - W Mike Carlini - H Nancy Marella - H | Beatriz Ramirez - W Cris Dorwart - W Sister Jan - H | Grace Esposito - W Tom Esposito - W Pat Esposito - H Laura Urso - H | Rose Kerley - W P. Cardaropoli - W M. Hendricks -H Mary E. Krezel - H | Adelita Angelita Armando |
| Altar Servers | D. Barnish, M. Barnish, L. Marella | n/a | Nicholas Golding Genesis Fuentes | Lizzy Rienton Justin Rienton | Alex Lupita |