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Diocese of Peoria

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Confessions

St. Luke

Saturday before Mass 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Joseph

Sunday before Mass 9:30 - 9:45 am

Bulletin announcements and calendar changes should be typed and submitted by Tuesday to the parish office or emailed to saintluke.eureka@gmail.com



So they brought the a colt to Jesus, and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

Mk 11:7-8

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord *March 24, 2024*

Excerpt from a homily on Palm Sunday by Pope Benedict XVI

To understand what occurred on Palm Sunday and to know what it meant not only for that time but for all times, a detail is important, which became for his disciples the key to understand that event when, after Easter, they recalled those tumultuous days with a new look.

Jesus entered the Holy City riding on a donkey, that is, the animal of simple country people and, moreover, a donkey that did not belong to him, that he had been loaned for this occasion. He did not arrive in a luxurious royal carriage, or on horseback as the world's great, but on a borrowed donkey. John tells us initially that the disciples did not understand this.

Only after Passover did they realize that in this way Jesus was fulfilling the prophets' proclamations; he showed that his action derived from the Word of God and led to its fulfillment. They remembered, says John, that one reads in the prophet Zechariah: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt" (John 12:15; cf. Zechariah 9:9)...

Then the people cried out before Jesus, in whom they saw he who comes in the name of the Lord. In fact, the expression: "He who comes in the name of the Lord," had become the way to designate the Messiah. In Jesus they recognize him who truly comes in the name of the Lord and brings God's presence among them. This cry of hope of Israel, this acclamation to Jesus during his entry into Jerusalem, has with reason become in the Church the acclamation of him, in the Eucharist, who always comes among us in the name of the Lord, uniting the ends of the earth in the peace of God. Given that the Lord is coming, we come out of our exclusivist realities and become part of the great community of all who celebrate this holy sacrament...

The cross speaks of sacrifice, it was said, the cross is a sign of the negation of life. We, however, want a full life, without restrictions and renunciations. We want to live, we just want to live. We do not let ourselves be limited by precepts and prohibitions -- it was said, and continues to be said -- we want wealth and plentitude. All this seems convincing and attractive; it is the language of the serpent that says to us: "Do not be fearful. Eat calmly from all the trees of the garden!"

Palm Sunday, however, tells us that the authentic great "yes" is, in fact, the cross, that the cross is the authentic tree of life. We do not attain to life by seizing it, but by giving it. Love is the giving of ourselves and, for this reason, is the way of authentic life symbolized by the cross.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, March 23 4:00 pm at St. Luke	Vigil for Sunday In reparation for the sins of the Church
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Sunday, March 24 8:00 am at St. Luke	Palm Sunday Sharon Gries by Steve & April Wagner
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
Monday, March 25 8:00 am at St. Luke	Holy Week Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Tue, March 26 8:00 am at St. Luke	Holy Week Richard Ashbrook by Nancy Sales
Wed, March 27 9:00 am at St. Luke	Holy Week Tom Weidner by Marilyn Weidner
Thur, March 28 7:00 pm at St. Luke	Holy Thursday Gratitude of the Priesthood and increase in Priestly Vocations
Fri, March 29 3:00 pm at St. Luke	Good Friday
Sat, March 30 7:35 pm at St. Joseph	Holy Saturday Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday, March 31 8:00 am at St. Luke	Easter Sunday Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 24 9:00 am	Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am	Rosary (St. Joseph)
11:00 am	Choir Practice (St. Joseph)
Monday, March 25 8:30 am	Rosary (St. Luke)
Wednesday, March 27 8:00 am	Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm	Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
Sunday, March 31 9:30 am	Rosary (St. Joseph)

Hosanna!



March 28 - Holy Thursday 7:00 pm (St. Luke)
Altar of Repose 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
March 29 - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm (St. Luke)
March 30 - Easter Vigil 7:35 pm (St. Joseph)
March 31 - Easter Sunday 8:00 am (St. Luke)
10:00 am (St. Joseph)

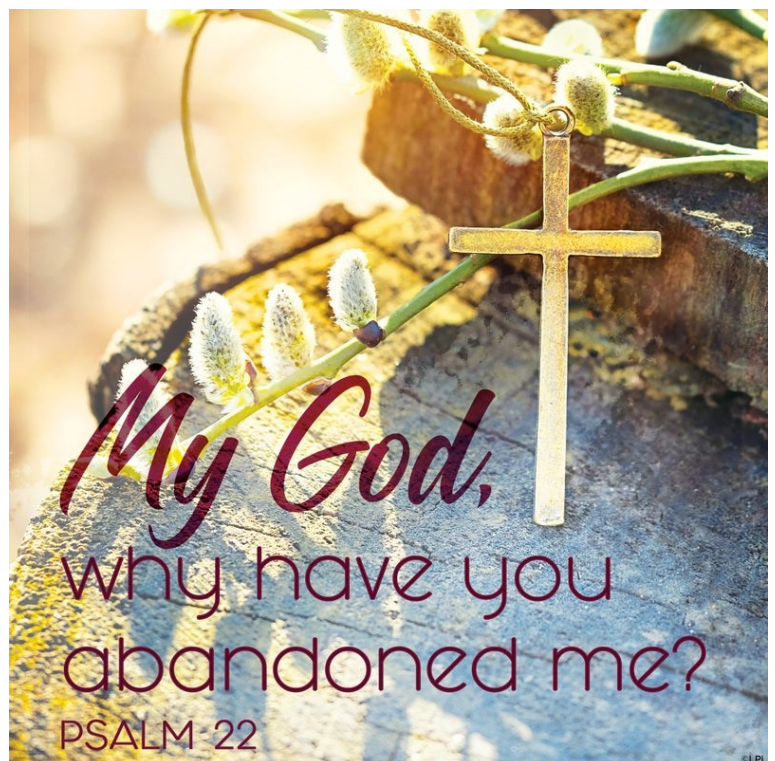
STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 17

Week: 37

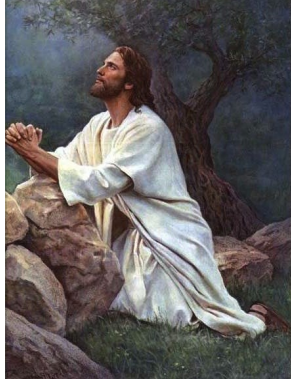
	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,308.79	\$ 1,068.34
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ 50.00
Votive Candles Offerings		
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,308.79	\$ 1,118.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
CDOP Collection - Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00	
Local Collection - Easter Flowers	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 96,301.99	\$ 52,666.96
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 85,641.13	\$ 52,725.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 10,660.87	\$ (58.04)

Thank YOU for your Generosity!



ALTAR OF REPOSE

After the Last Supper, Christ walked to the Garden of Gethsemane and spent the night in prayer to prepare for the Passion. He also asked His disciples to keep watch with Him. Christians have traditionally responded to His request by keeping vigil through the night of Holy Thursday. After Mass, the Eucharist is placed on an altar of repose, representing the Garden of Gethsemane, and we have the opportunity to watch and wait while we contemplate the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. You are invited to join our Lord in prayer during the hours of 8 PM until 11 PM on the evening of Holy Thursday at St. Luke.



Wednesday Evening Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 pm. The Scriptural Sorrowful Mysteries will be prayed. Everyone is welcome to come pray as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum.



*"And a sword shall pierce your Heart..."
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who ate, helped, and donated toward the success of this year's fish fry.



FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK


Food, Faith and Fellowship potluck will be on April 7 after the 10 am Mass at St. Joseph's. The main dish will be fried chicken. Bring a dish to share or simply come and enjoy great food and fellowship!



GOOD FRIDAY

"It is finished"; and he bowed his head and handed over his spirit."

- * Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Christian year.
- * It is the day our Savior died for us.
- * It is the day we were redeemed from our sins by the voluntary death of God Himself at the hands of man.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS

There will be a wine and cheese celebration on March 30 after the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph's. Along with wine and cheese, there will also be lemonade, water and light snacks for all ages!



Novena to The Divine Mercy

In the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast.

In the case of the Novena to Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day, **beginning on Good Friday, March 29**, for a specific intention. Those intentions are:

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- + all mankind, especially sinners;
- + the souls of priests and religious;
- + all devout and faithful souls;
- + those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus;
- + the souls who have separated themselves from the Church;
- + the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children;
- + the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy;
- + the souls detained in purgatory;
- + the souls who have become lukewarm.

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). Please join in the Novena to Divine Mercy!

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/pray-novena-divine-mercy-apr-15-23>



HOSANNA

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“Hosanna to the Son of David / blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

MATTHEW 21:9

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Catholic Women's League Bus Trip

Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux in Darien, Illinois
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Depart 7 am - Return 5:30 pm (Peoria Charter Bus departs from St. Philomena Church Parking Lot - Peoria)

Cost Per Person - \$120 (Includes Bus, Guided Tour, Mass, Hot Lunch, and Travel Snacks)

Make check payable to Catholic Women's League and send to:
Bonnie Stroot
111 W. Corrington, Peoria, IL 61604
(309) - 688-8063

Limited Capacity - RSVP by May 1, 2024 (Full Payment To Reserve Seat)
*** All Women and Men are Welcome

