

From the Deacon

In meditating on the Passion of Our Lord this Sunday, we become witnesses to Jesus' suffering on several levels. There is the physical pain of the torture and the crucifixion itself. Also, we witness the psychological torment that Jesus endures as he is betrayed by one disciple for thirty pieces of silver and another who swears that he doesn't even know the man. Finally, there is the moment when Christ seems to experience spiritual abandonment by His Father in heaven. Could there have been any worse suffering than what Jesus endured on that Good Friday?

Even as we meditate on the physical and psychological suffering that Jesus endured that day, we are reminded that ultimately Jesus did this so that we might live. Through his cross, we are a people redeemed in his blood. It is on Calvary that Jesus conquered death and sin, once and for all.

It is important then that when we meditate on the mystery of Jesus' passion and death, we do so with a profound sense of gratitude. Jesus died for me. We should then begin to experience in our own hearts a deep sorrow for our part in our Lord's anguish as he hung upon the cross. It was for me and my sins that Jesus submitted to the torture and abuse that he suffered.

As we walk through the Stations of the Cross, we repeat at each station the words: "We adore you O Christ and we praise you...because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." Through his suffering and death, Jesus has now re-established that which was broken. Our relationship with our Father in heaven has been re-established. We have been made whole through the passion and death of our Savior. And it is in faith that we can proudly proclaim that we know that Jesus lives.

On this Palm (Passion) Sunday we can rejoice in the fact that through the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, we have become new creatures, daughters and sons of a loving and redeeming Father. God loves us this much. Our challenge is to not take this extravagant love of the Father for granted. Rather let us give thanks to Him with a deep sense of reverence and awe for all that He has done and continues to do in our lives.

In Christ,

Deacon Frank

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, March 25- PALM SUNDAY-PASSION SUNDAY
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall

Monday, March 26-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, March 27-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m. W & S

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, March 28- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall

--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A"

--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

-Holy Thursday, March 29- Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration @ Community Center

--9:00 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer)-Church

--5:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin

--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"

--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel

-11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

-Friday, March 30- Good Friday Services
(Fast and abstinence)

--9:00 a.m. Lauds(Morning Prayer)-Church

12:00 p.m. Stations Cross & 7 Last Words-English-Church

--3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena-Chapel

--5:30 p.m. Outdoor Stations of the Cross-Boone Park

--7:00 p.m. Good Friday Services

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch

- Holy Saturday- March 31- Mass at 8:30 p.m.

VIGIL OF EASTER

RCIA Reception-Community Center

--8:00 a.m. Lauds-Church

--8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--8:30 p.m. Mass-Church

-4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch

--Sunday, APRIL 01 EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

NO COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP ON THIS DAY

--4:00 a.m. Salubong Mass-Church

--2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--3:00 p.m. Daughters Mother's-Parish Hall

PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Parish Celebration in Honor of the Divine Mercy



**Saturday, April 7 (Eve of the Divine Mercy Feast Day
and Commemoration of the death of
St. Pope John Paul II)**

- *8 a.m. Mass Followed by Novena Prayer & Benediction
- *Procession with icon
- *Concludes on the back parking lot with prayer and blessing of individual icons, paintings and statues
- *Parish picnic to follow

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule-Chapel

Good Friday, March 30 @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 31 @ 8:45 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 01 @ 2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 02 @ 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 03 @ 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 04 @ 6:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 05 @ 6:15 p.m.
Friday, April 06 @ 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 07 @ 8:45 a.m.

Shroud Encounter

**Notre Dame Catholic Church
Saturday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Admission**

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains a mystery. The 14-foot linen cloth has been in Italy for over 400 years. The Turin contains an image of a crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion as recorded in the bible. A team of nearly 40 scientists in 1981 concluded it was not the work of an artist. They found no visible trace of paint, pigment, dye or other artistic substances on the cloth. The blood is type AB with human DNA as determined in 1995. If the cloth indeed wrapped a corpse, there are no stains of body decomposition.

MASS INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY-March 25

Mk 11: 1-10; Mk 14: 1-15: 47

- 7:00 a.m. + Stoute Family
- 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. + County & Nelo Healthcare (Thanksgiving)
- 1:00 p.m. + Hilda Mejia (Death Anniversary)
- 5:00 p.m. + Mamerto (Boy) Endriga, Jr.

Monday, March 26- Monday of Holy Week Weekday

Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12: 1-11

- 6:15 a.m. Juan Rubio (Birthday)
- 7:00 p.m. Barretto (Thanksgiving & Good Health)

Tuesday, March 27- Tuesday of Holy Week Weekday

Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13: 21-23

- 6:15 a.m. Cesar y Yolanda Alvarez (Special Intention)
- 6:30 p.m. Juanita Umaña (Birthday) W & S

Wednesday, March 28- Wednesday of Holy Week Weekday

Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25

- 6:15 a.m. Angela Nguyen (Birthday)
- 7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, March 29- Thursday of Holy Week Weekday

Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1: 5-8; Lk 4: 16-21

- 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Friday, March 30- Passion and Death of the Lord

Good Friday (fast & abstinence)

Is 52: 13-53: 12; Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Jn 18: 1-19: 42

Saturday, March 31- Vigil of Easter, Holy Saturday

Gn 1: 1-2: 2; Gn 22: 1-18; Ex 14: 15-15: 1; Is 54: 5-14; Is 55: 1-11; Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6: 3-11; Mk 16: 1-7

- 8:30 p.m. All Being Received into the Catholic Faith

EASTER SUNDAY, April 01-

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9

- 7:00 a.m. + Ananias & Ignacia Lazaga
- 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- 1:00 p.m. All Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Lenten Guidelines/ Guías Cuaresmales

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (en la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente su Resurrección.

**Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:
Paola Alejandra Romo +**



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimborn, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata, Loc Ngo, Loan Ho.....
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Calderas...



Easter Flower Fund

In Kindness and love for your church please consider contributing to our Easter flower Fund. Flowers may be donated in memory of someone dear to you or for any intention. Envelopes are located in the wooden racks in the Narthex. You may place them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.

Salubong" Easter Celebration

Angels in the Salubong will have their practice on
March 24 & 31, Saturday,
10 am sharp @ the CCE Meeting Room.
If you are interested to join our group of angels
(ages 12 and younger)
Please call Madel @ 832-641-6284 or April
Cabral @ 713-584-5006

PARISH SUPPORT

**Financial Results for Church Operations
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....\$473,006
Expenses.....\$518,069
3 Month Deficit.....\$ 45,063

PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500

Collection 03/11/2018

Regular Collection.....\$12,812.04
Poor Box..... \$78.77
Novena\$275.80

Capital Campaign.....\$788.36

Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,085.96

Collection 03/18/2018

Regular Collection.....\$16,011.75
Poor Box..... \$49.53
Novena\$434.00

Capital Campaign..... \$7,361.85

DSF (423 Families)

Pledged.....\$81,140.00
Payment.....\$42,408.80

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50th Year Anniversary
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to admin@ndgh.org or accounting@ndgh.org or bring them to the parish office.

**CCE Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina CCE
281-495-1256**

Monday/Lunes.....4-8 pm
Tuesday/Martes.....4-8 pm
Wednesday/Miércoles.....9 am-2pm
Thursday/Jueves.....9am-5pm
Friday & Saturday.....Closed/Cerrado
Sunday/Domingo.....9am-1pm

***Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio**

PALM SUNDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Del Diácono

Al meditar en la Pasión de Nuestro Señor este domingo, nos convertimos en testigos del sufrimiento de Jesús en varios niveles. Existe el dolor físico de la tortura y la crucifixión en sí. Además, somos testigos del tormento psicológico que Jesús padece cuando es traicionado por un discípulo por treinta monedas de plata y otro que jura que ni siquiera conoce al hombre. Finalmente, está el momento en que Cristo parece experimentar el abandono espiritual de su Padre que está en el cielo. ¿Pudo haber habido un sufrimiento peor de lo que Jesús soportó ese Viernes Santo?

Incluso mientras meditamos sobre el sufrimiento físico y psicológico que sufrió Jesús ese día, se nos recuerda que finalmente Jesús hizo esto para que pudiéramos vivir. A través de su cruz, somos un pueblo redimido en su sangre. Es en el Calvario que Jesús conquistó la muerte y el pecado, de una vez por todas.

Es importante entonces que cuando meditemos en el misterio de la pasión y muerte de Jesús, lo hagamos con un profundo sentido de gratitud. Jesús murió por mí. Entonces deberíamos comenzar a experimentar un profundo pesar en nuestros corazones por la angustia de nuestro Señor al ser crucificado en la cruz. Fue por mí y por mis pecados que Jesús se sometió a la tortura y el abuso que sufrió.

Mientras caminamos por las Estaciones de la Cruz, repetimos en cada estación las palabras: "Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te alabamos ... porque por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo". A través de su sufrimiento y muerte, Jesús restableció lo que estaba roto. Nuestra relación con nuestro Padre en el cielo ha sido restablecida. Estamos unidos a través de la pasión y muerte de nuestro Salvador. Y es por la fe que podemos proclamar con orgullo que sabemos que Jesús vive.

En este Domingo de Ramos (Pasión del Señor) podemos alegrarnos de que a través del misterio del sufrimiento de Jesús y la muerte en la cruz, nos hemos convertido en nuevas criaturas, hijas e hijos de un Padre amoroso y redentor. Dios nos ama tanto. Nuestro desafío es no dar por hecho este amor extravagante del Padre. Más bien debemos darle gracias con un profundo sentido de reverencia y respeto por todo lo que Él ha hecho y continúa haciendo en nuestras vidas.

En Cristo,

Diácono Frank

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo 25 de Marzo-

DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español -Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 26 de Marzo-

--9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

Martes 27 de Marzo -

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles 28 de Marzo-

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"

--7:00 p.m. Coro Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves 29 de Marzo-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

Viernes 30 de Marzo-

--3:30 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz/Veneración-Iglesia

Sábado 31 de Marzo-

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

Domingo 01 de Marzo-

DOMINGO DE RESURRECCIÓN

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español -Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

**Notre Dame se prepara para su
50 Aniversario:**

¡Necesitamos de su ayuda!

**Tome muchas fotos de sus reuniones grupales,
actividades, celebraciones, etc. para la edición especial
del directorio ilustrado de la parroquia.**

**Envíe sus fotos a: admin@ndgh.org o
accounting@ndgh.org o tráigalo a la oficina de la
parroquia.**

Encuentro con el Manto de Turín

Iglesia Católica de Notre Dame

Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.

Admisión de \$5.00

El Manto de Turín es el artefacto más analizado en el mundo y sigue siendo un misterio. El lienzo de 14 pies ha estado en Italia por más de 400 años. El Turín contiene una imagen de un hombre crucificado con heridas aparentes y manchas de sangre que coinciden con la crucifixión como se registra en la Biblia. Un equipo de casi 40 científicos en 1981 concluyó que no era obra de un artista. No encontraron rastros visibles de pintura, pigmento, tinte u otras sustancias artísticas en la tela. La sangre es tipo AB con ADN humano como se determinó en 1995. Si la tela de hecho envolvió un cadáver, no hay manchas de descomposición del cuerpo.