

April 14, 2019 Passion (Palm) Sunday

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Today's Gospel: Luke 22 & 23 (edited) Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" The guards seized him and led him away, bringing him to the high priest's house. When day came, the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate [who questioned Jesus]. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.



"Not my will but yours be done."

This Sunday, Passion Sunday, completes the Season of Lent and introduces the beginning of Holy Week, the most memorable week of the liturgical year. For this one week of the year we are encouraged to focus all of our faculties on recalling and reliving Jesus' Passion, culminating in an explosion of joy at Jesus' resurrection. Jesus' Passion is introduced with the joyous acclamation of the people of Jerusalem proclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord," as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Jesus' Passion nears its end with many of the same people tumultuously yelling "Crucify him! Crucify him!"



Easter Lilies Easter will soon be here and we are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord! We are accepting donations of Easter lilies so the church can trumpet forth the news with the décor as well. Please bring lilies to the church office by Wednesday Apr 17.

A Talk about our Blessed Mother ... Woman, what do you want from me?... And a sword will pierce your soul also...

Every year we celebrate the Assumption of Mary and the Immaculate Conception. What are they all about? Why do they matter to us who are living 2000 years later? Why is Mary so important? Come, deepen your understanding about our Blessed Mother on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm with Fr. Ain Leetma.



Lasagna Fundraiser The Madonna di Pompei Prayer Group will be selling large (9 ½" in x 11 ½" trays, serves 12) lasagnas for \$50.00, ready for pick up the weekend of April 27 (between 2 - 4 pm) & April 28 (after 9am Mass). Why not make it easier on yourself and order delicious pre-made lasagna for your celebration of First Communion, Confirmation or even for Mother's Day. Order forms are available at the back of Church. Bring your completed form and money to the Office or drop it in the collection by April 20.



Easter Triduum From sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is the most sacred part of the liturgical year. These days of the Easter Triduum are one great event recalling the last three days of Jesus' life on earth - his crucifixion and resurrection - when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery".

Thur Apr 18 7:00 pm Mass of Lord's Supper
 Fri Apr 19 11:00 am Family Stations of the Cross
 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross
 6:00 pm Italian Stations of the Cross
 Sat Apr 20 9:00 pm Easter Vigil
 Sun Apr 21 9:00 am Easter Mass (Italian)
 10:30 am Easter Mass
 5:00 pm Easter Mass

Fast and Abstain on Good Friday Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Good Friday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14 and older to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.



Easter Egg Hunt On Easter Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass, we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. All children, ages 10 and under are welcome to participate. We would like to be more environmentally friendly, and would appreciate if all the plastic egg covers be returned to the church office the following week after Easter, so that they can be used the next year.

No 11 am Mass Thursday There will be no Italian Mass at 11 am on Thursday, April 18. Over 50 Club still on.



SFA Gala Take in the 'Romance of Venice' on May 10 at the Croatian Cultural Centre, starting at 6 pm with wine reception, followed by a 4-course Italian dinner, cash bar and dance. Silent and live auction fundraiser will go towards building a new learning environment for our kids. Tickets are \$100 per person. You can purchase tickets at www.sfaschool.ca/tickets/gala-2019 or at the Parish office. For more information, email galacommittee@sfaschool.ca or call 604-253-7311. Come and enjoy an evening for beginning new friendships, celebrating those we already count as friends, and reflecting on what this school and parish community means to our families.

Mass Intentions		
Sat Apr 13	5:00 pm	† Guerra family
Sun Apr 14 Passion (Palm) Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	† Luigi & Stella Iaconis † Giovanni & Maria Aiello All Parishioners <i>SFO meeting</i> <i>Baptism - Welcome to Leonardo Baek</i> † Giuseppe Gaudio
Mon Apr 15	8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	† Winston Roan <i>PREP</i> <i>Faith Study - 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues</i>
Tue Apr 16	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Funeral for Giuseppe Messina <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
Wed Apr 17	8:00 am 6:30 pm	† Luigi & Angelina Capolongo <i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
Thu Apr 18 Holy Thursday	11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walkabout</i> † Ubaldo & Iolanda Costi † Umberto Cucca
Fri Apr 19 Good Friday	11:00 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Passion of our Lord</i> <i>Italian Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat Apr 20 Holy Saturday	9:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Apr 21 Easter Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	† Lepore family † Joe Di Lorenzo † Joe Sorrenti † Arturo & Rosa Conte <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> † Caterina Zappavigna † Gubiani family

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday Living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination. The worldwide Church is called upon once a year, on Good Friday, to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please give generously as many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

Baptisms Parents, please call the Parish Office to arrange a date for an appointment with Fr Eugenio.

Weddings Please call the Office for more information. Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months in advance. Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes are mandatory.

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