



Palm Sunday

March 24/25, 2018

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Last Sunday's Collection
 \$ 3,969.00
 Together We Serve: \$ 65.00
 Children's collection: \$ 53.00
 Thank You!!

Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB
Deacon Jose Huevo
 Mia Turlock Pastoral Assistant
 Theresa Wile Pastoral Assistant

PRAYER CORNER
 Sandy Gow, Priscilla Lajeunesse,
 Josie Mitchell, Rose Auburn

TOGETHER WE SERVE: ANNUAL APPEAL

A reminder that we will be having a second collection on the first week-end of each month. The Archdiocese has given us a goal which was determined by the amounts that we typically donated in years past.

We ask that you give generously for the needs of our Archdiocese, such as:
Catholic Social Services, Development and Peace, St. Joseph Seminary, Needs of the Church, etc.

Also don't forget... your donation doesn't always have to be at first of the Month. You are always welcome to donate to the Annual Appeal each week.
 Thank you. Your gifts are truly appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION on March 30.

Once again our parish is called upon to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the local population.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today's reading is in stark contrast to the Passion of Good Friday, but hints at what is to come with Easter. **Putting today's "Hosanna!" next to "Crucify him!"** is a difficult thing. How is it possible that Jesus was greeted gloriously and then tortured? The reality of Jesus' mission requires both. Our story too, has joyful and painful times. We must be able to look to God during both times of joy and periods of struggle and sorrow. It requires much faith to hold the tension of both.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday March 24 5:00 pm For + Ceferino Banuelos by the Banuelos family
Sunday March 25 9:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
11:30 am For + Dominic Reynolds by mom and dad

7:00 pm Confessions in preparation for Easter

Monday, March 26 7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica with the blessing of the Holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation and the anointing of the Sick.

Tuesday, March 27 9:00 am For Doreen Allen (birthday) by Mia

Wednesday, March 28 9:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory by Betsy Cabunilas

HOLY THURSDAY,

March 29

7:00 pm **Mass of the Last Supper.**
Institution of the Priesthood.
 After Mass, Father will bring the consecrated Hosts to the tabernacle in the hall for a time of adoration.
 For + Consuelo Pfeider by her daughter

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30

3:00 pm **Reading of the Passion, solemn prayers, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.**
 For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

HOLY SATURDAY,

March 31

10 am to 12:00 pm **Blessing of the Easter food.**
 There will be no Mass at 5 pm



EASTER VIGIL:

March 31

9:00 pm **Blessing of the fire, "Exultet", Glory to God, Mass of the Resurrection.**

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

9:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

Christ is Risen!

WORLD YOUTH DAY: PALM SUNDAY 2018
MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God” (Lk 1:30)

Dear young people,

World Youth Day 2018 represents another step in preparation for the international WYD due to take place in Panama in January 2019. This new stage of our pilgrimage falls in the same year that the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet on the theme: ***Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment***. This is a happy coincidence. The focus, prayer and reflection of the Church will turn to you young people, with the desire to receive and, above all, to embrace the precious gift that you are to God, to the Church and to the world.

As you already know, we have chosen to be accompanied on this journey by the example and intercession of Mary, the young woman of Nazareth whom God chose as the Mother of his Son. She walks with us towards the Synod and towards the WYD in Panama. If last year we were guided by the words of her canticle of praise – “The Almighty has done great things for me” (Lk 1:49) – teaching us to remember the past, this year we seek, together with her, to listen to the voice of God who inspires courage and bestows the grace needed to respond to his call: “Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favour with God” (Lk 1:30). These are the words addressed by God’s messenger, the Archangel Gabriel, to Mary, an ordinary girl from a small village in Galilee.

Do not be afraid!

As is understandable, the sudden appearance of the angel and his mysterious greeting: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28), strongly *disturbed* Mary, who was surprised by this first revelation of her identity and her vocation, as yet unknown to her. Mary, like others in the Sacred Scriptures, trembles before the mystery of God’s call, who in a moment places before her the immensity of his own plan and makes her feel all her smallness as a humble creature. The angel, seeing the depths of her heart, says: “Do not be afraid”! God also reads our inmost heart. He knows well the challenges we must confront in life, especially when we are faced with the fundamental choices on which depend who we will be and what we will do in this world. It is the “shudder” that we feel when faced with decisions about our future, our state of life, our vocation. In these moments we are troubled and seized by so many fears.

And you young people, what are your *fears*? What worries you most deeply? An “underlying” fear that many of you have is that of not being loved, well-liked or accepted for who you are. Today, there are many young people who feel the need to be different from who they really are, in an attempt to adapt to an often artificial and unattainable standard.

Continued next week

