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APRIL 14, 2019 | PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week Mass Schedule:

- **April 14, Palm Sunday**
9 AM, 10:30 AM (Spanish) & 12:15 PM
- **April 15, Monday**
Chrism Mass 8 PM (at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ)
- **April 16, Tuesday** – Confessions at 7 PM
- **April 18, Holy Thursday**
(Bilingual): Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM.
Solemn Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11 PM
- **April 19, Good Friday**
 - Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3 PM in English (also at St. John the Baptist at 7 PM)
 - 5 PM in Spanish: Stations of the Cross / Celebration of the Lord's Passion / Seven Last Words
 - Church open from 10 AM for private meditation
- **April 20, Easter Vigil** – 8:15 PM in Spanish and at St. John the Baptist 8:15 PM in English
- **April 21, Easter Sunday**
9 AM, 10:30 AM (Spanish) & 12:15 PM



Please note: The offices will be closed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Monday.

PARISH STAFF

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MR. SAM FUJII, Music Minister | MR. EFRAIN ORLEANS, Building Operations & Event Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL: 5:00 PM (English) | SUN: 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM (English) 10:30 AM (Español)
DAILY (CHAPEL) 8:30 AM (English) 7 PM (Español Martes & Jueves)

MONTHLY

- ◀ **ESPAÑOL ASAMBLEA:**
Salon Parroquial; 7PM
- ◀ **ROSARIAN GROUP:**
First Sunday, 9am Mass followed by meeting / breakfast in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays before 5 PM Mass. Por cita, o después de las Misas en Español. (Martes & Jueves)

ROSARY

- ◀ Monday-Saturday before the 8:30 AM Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Takes place at St. John the Baptist Chapel Tuesday - Friday after the 12:10 PM Mass until 8PM, Saturday after 9AM Mass until 5:30 PM, and Sundays after 12 Noon Mass until 8 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Takes place at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday mornings. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Contact Evelyn Mayorga or Fr. Danny at 201-435-7080.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ◀ The parishes of Jersey City North are proud to sponsor quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: St. Joseph School (201-653-0128) and St. Nicholas School (201-659-5948).

PARISH MINISTRIES

- ◀ **GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:**
Después de las 7 PM Misa todos los martes en Mount Carmel.
- ◀ **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets after 9 AM Mass, First Sunday of the month.
- ◀ **SENIORS CLUB (50+):** Every other Wednesday at 12:45 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Enter through parking lot door behind the church, then Parish Hall basement.
- ◀ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Wednesday 6:45 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School auditorium, free.
- ◀ **GRUPO DE PAREJAS:** Cada segundo viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM te invitamos a participar en nuestro "Grupo de Parejas" en Mt. Carmel. Para mayor informacion llamar a Sra. Carmen Quezada 201-640-1651.
- ◀ **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

8:30 am † Kay Di Santo - *Geraldine Apruzzese*
5:00 pm † Kay Di Santo - *Joann Macagnano*

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am † Kay Di Santo - *Marie Fox*
10:30 am † Matilde Pauta - *Familia Atocha*
(Spanish)
12:15 pm † Hubert Rozario
- *Mary, Mathew & Dorothy Perris*

Monday, April 15

8:30 am † Francesco Torrillo
- *Antonio & Caterina Torrillo*

Tuesday, April 16

8:30 am † Kay Di Santo - *OLMC Seniors*
7:00 pm † Domingo Repollet Sr. & Lidia Acosta
(Spanish) (Living Int. - Health of) - *Janet Atocha*

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 am † Kay Di Santo
- *Angela M Torrillo & Family*

Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm † Kay Di Santo - *Rori Salenga*
(Bilingual)

Friday, April 19

3:00 PM (English) *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
5:00 PM (Spanish) *Stations of the Cross / Celebration of the Lord's Passion / Seven Last Words*

Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm *Easter Vigil*

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am † Francesco Torrillo
- *Antonio & Caterina Torrillo*
10:30 am † Jayden Foundeur- *Johanna Negron*
(Spanish) † Luisa Rodriguez- *Aleida Henriquez*
Grace & Eduardo Manzo (Wedding Anniv.)
12:15 pm † John Williams
- *Roseanne & Antoinette Antonucci*

SYMPATHY

Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish, especially **OLGA RIOTTO**. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant her eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon her.

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The hosts and wine used during the week were donated in memory of

FR. MICHAEL SANTORO

offered by the People

SANCTUARY LAMP

The church sanctuary lamp was donated this weekend in memory of

FR. HECTOR GALVIS

offered by the People

PARISH News

- **Trip to Wildwood** will be Sunday, September 8 to Thursday September 12. The cost is \$430pp/dbl, price includes round trip bus transportation, accommodation at The Aqua Beach Hotel, 4 full breakfasts, 4 superb dinners, spectacular entertainment, visit to Atlantic City, ice cream social, afternoon pizza party, visit to Cape May, Historic Smithville. **For more information please call 201-747-6941.**
- **OLMC Seniors** will meet Wednesday, April 24 at 12:30 PM at the parish hall.
- **For those receiving their First Communion this year:**
 - **Jesus' Day Celebration:** April 27th from 10 AM - 12:30 PM in the OLMC Parish Hall. Children will participate in different "Jesus-centered" activities. At 11:30 AM, we invite the parents to join our celebration so they can help our children to make a communion banner. These banners will be hung on the church seats for First Communion.
 - **First Reconciliation: April 27th** - We will have a reconciliation service at 1 PM. All children doing their First Communion have to be present. Parents are invited to be part of this celebration as well, since this is a great way to give Christian example to your children.
 - **First Communion Rehearsal:**
 - **For children doing their First Communion in English** at the 10 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, **the practice will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 4 PM.**
 - **For children doing their First Communion in Spanish** at the 10:30 AM Mass at OLMC, **the practice will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 4:30 PM.**
 - **First Communion: May 5th** - 9 AM in English at OLMC; at 10 AM in English at SJBC; at 10:30 AM in Spanish at OLMC

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT NEEDED TO MAKE BUDGET: **\$2,800**

The weekend of 4/6-4/7

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

\$2,266

Your good stewardship makes a difference. *Thank you!*

Bathroom Renovation

Funds Raised

3/31/2019

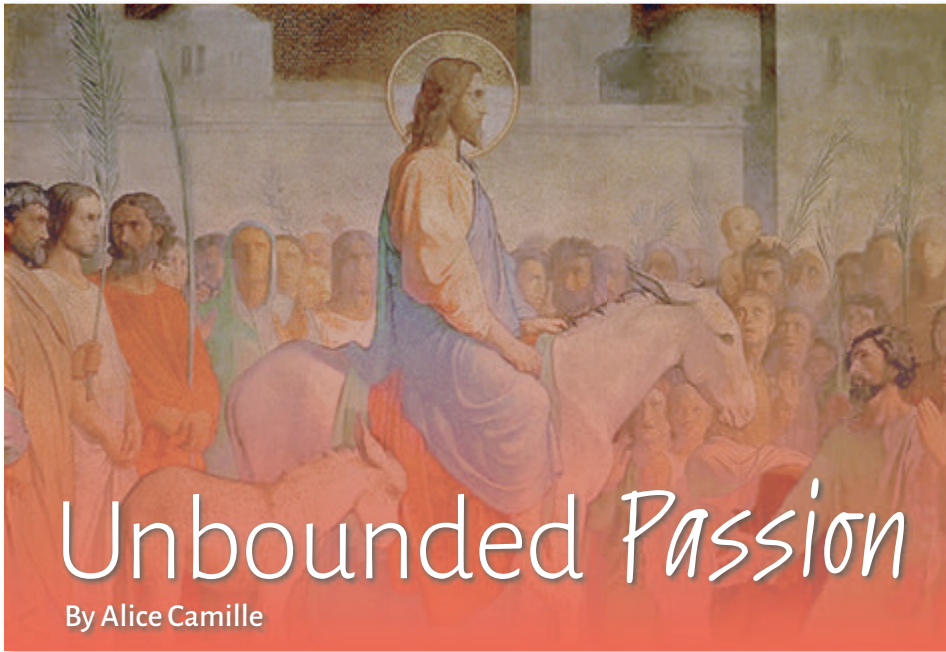
THE LAST SUPPER

FOOD SALE :

\$1,303

COMMUNITY Announcements

- ◀ **Office of Family Life Ministries in the Archdiocese of Newark presents: Learn How to Avoid Frustrated Parenting** - Join us for our annual Single Parents Day Celebration presented by certified parenting coach, Loyla Louvis, AACC, of Mothers in Training as we explore the ABC's of effectiveness in parenting so you can gain cooperation and avoid frustration. **This event is free (donations accepted) and dinner/dessert is included! Join us on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:45PM - 8 PM at Notre Dame RC Church 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. If interested, please RSVP to: <https://conta.cc/2EhSRFx> or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org**
- ◀ **The 32nd Annual Liturgy for Parents Whose Child Has Died** will be held on Friday, May 3rd, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ. All parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age are invited to attend with their families and friends. During the mass, each child will be mentioned by name during the intercessions. A personal witness will be given after the mass. **Must register here: <https://conta.cc/2TzdN4n> or call Lauren Egan 973-497-4327**
- ◀ **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark:** Collecting any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books). **The donation bin is located at the Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City. Thank you.**



Unbounded Passion

By Alice Camille

At the start of Holy Week, I find myself most grateful for the insight and foresight of the ones who originally compiled the canon of scripture.

What richness is given to the church with four unique portraits of the Passion of Jesus! Some early church leaders found this same idea rather scandalous: that more than one version of the gospel would be preserved as authoritative. In that ever-roiling period before the canon was established, a fellow named Marcion wanted to pare down the entire Bible to simply the “gospel and the apostle”; that is, the gospel of Luke and 10 letters of Paul. He even deleted from Luke the parts he didn’t favor, those early stories of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus before his maturity. If Marcion’s movement had caught on, there would be one way of telling the story of our salvation; which is to say, his way. The Hebrew story would have been jettisoned, and our window on the ministry of Jesus and the early church would have been narrow indeed.

Instead, Marcion got the boot of excommunication. But Tatian, another leader of the second century, faced Marcion’s problem with a different solution. If four gospels were a scandal to the church, why not create a “gospel harmony” that blended the four into one long story? Tatian’s Diatessaron became the gospel standard in the Syriac branch of the church until the fifth century. After that time, it fell out of usage and was lost.

Meanwhile, the rest of the church had canonized the Greek translation of the Old Testament with its 46 books and the New Testament with the 27 books we know today—including four gospels. The multifaceted view won out over the uniform perspective. The church chose to live with complexity, and part of that happy legacy is the expansive story we tell and retell throughout Passion Week.

The Passion according to Luke

This year on Palm Sunday, we hear Luke’s Passion narrative with all of its singular features. For one thing, Luke locates the argument about who is greatest among the disciples within the Last Supper. How sad this story sounds on the eve of suffering! Even in this 11th hour, the closest circle does not understand what greatness in the Kingdom entails. How could they possibly accept what is about to happen?

Other distinctive features of this gospel include: Jesus’ prediction not only of Peter’s denial but also his return to faith; anguish in the garden so dear as to draw sweat like blood; the comfort of an angel when human companions fail; the healing of the high priest’s servant’s ear; the knowing look Jesus bestows on Peter after his denial that moves him to weep; the judgment before Herod; Jesus’ words to the women of Jerusalem along the way of the cross; three sayings of Jesus from the cross that appear nowhere else; and the story of the “good” thief. Nearly all of these details have the effect of softening the hard edges of a brutal tale, revealing the absolute tenderness of our human Lord about to die. Even in the hour of death, Jesus continues to love, heal, forgive, and include. These characteristics are thematic in Luke; to the end, Jesus will not be hardened or absorbed by the violence and disloyalty of those around him.

Compare Luke’s portrait of the Passion with the others to fully appreciate the distinctions. In Mark and Matthew, Jesus prays his final prayers with no consolation in sight. The wounded slave in the garden picks up his useless ear from the dust, his suffering lost in the greater drama

around him. Peter stands alone in his hour of shame, with no one to remind him that he will again “turn and strengthen his brothers.” The grieving women along the way of the cross wail and are unanswered. The time for healing, comfort, and communion are ruthlessly past. Each participant in the Passion drama bears his or her agony hopelessly alone. The solitary silence of suffering on the cross is broken only once, when Jesus cries out expressing his sense of abandonment.

Applying the word *Counted among the wicked*

Clearly there is a warmer bond of connectedness in Luke’s Passion account. Jesus leaves no one to his or her own suffering, as if to say the purpose of his Passion is to share and to redeem human suffering. What is also unique to Luke is the use of Isaiah’s prophecy: that Jesus is to be counted among the wicked. The disciples characteristically misunderstand his words, thinking Jesus means he will encounter trouble. They brandish two swords in reply. But what Jesus actually suggests is the ultimate debasement of the Holy One: that he will be judged blasphemous, criminal, and unworthy of a just man’s execution. Jesus will die as a sinner dies. He will truly “become sin for us.”

This business of downfall and humiliation has never appealed to Jesus’ followers. In the Synoptic tradition, each time Jesus talks about his Passion, the disciples counter with a discussion on the meaning of greatness. Their squabble about greatness on Holy Thursday night betrays that they have never incorporated the most basic lesson of the kingdom: that the least and the lowliest is the greatest. Jesus means to go all the way to the bottom, while his followers’ attention is still glued to the top.

It is this savior-deemed-sinner who is thrust upward between two “other” criminals, while his own “righteous” companions betray, deny, and flee him. It is while Jesus is identified with two clear and obvious evildoers that he forgives his murderers, claims one last sinner for Paradise, and hands over his spirit to his Father. Even when he has entirely “emptied himself” of every shred of human dignity, never mind the glory of divinity, Jesus remains the Savior of the world. To participate in his saving action, we cannot separate ourselves in horror from the suffering, sinning world.

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

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