

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY



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St. Symphorosa School Student

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to the Parish of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene!!

Watching the movie *The Passion of the Christ* is not for the faint of heart.

This cinematic portrayal of our Lord's suffering and death does not minimize the physical and emotional violence done to Jesus as he allows himself to be handed over to the Roman authorities with the encouragement of the Jewish leaders of the day.

A few years have gone by since I last viewed the movie, but I know each and every time I do watch it, my smile of joy at the Resurrection is preceded by tears of sorrow as Jesus is whipped, spat upon and crucified.

Lest we think this less-than-human behavior is a one-time thing, we must remember what the Lord says to us in Sacred Scripture. "Truly I tell you," he says in Matthew's gospel, "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

We don't need to look far for examples of how poorly we can treat one another at times. The news organizations make their money off our bad behavior. Headlines are made via our sins. Every day there are, sadly, more than enough stories of a human being taking another human being's life.

Perhaps God wasn't clear enough when He gave us the Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. Or we simply no longer care what God said and have decided to twist His Divine Law into whatever is convenient for us in the here and now.

Here are some wise words that emerge out of the Second Vatican Council: "Whatever insults human

dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies, indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury."

Part of the reason I cry watching Jesus take the abuse he endured is because I know my own sinful behavior put him in that situation. If we're being honest with our self, we recognize the part we play in the mockery, the derision, the whipping, the spitting, the crucifying. Our sins are an assault on God's love.

We read in Romans, chapter 8, "While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

We're invited to see God's entire plan of salvation as a great love story. He loves us so much, and yet, how easily we can slip into indifference, or worse, hostility. Spend some time in front of the crucifix soon. See how far God goes to show His love for you – all the way to the cross. That's when the tears begin to flow. Thank you, Lord. Thank you!

Oh, and never forget the end of the story – the empty tomb; eternal life with Love. Those will be tears of joy.

Triduum & Easter

Please take note in the bulletin of the times and places for our Triduum liturgies and Easter.

The continuing of the COVID attendance guidelines gives us a challenge. We want everyone who desires to attend Easter Mass the opportunity to do so. We are NOT yet able to have FULL churches.

Allow me to emphasize the Easter Mass schedule. The Easter Vigil will take place the evening of Holy Saturday at 8 P.M.. Church liturgical guidelines want this Mass AFTER sunset, so that is why it cannot be at 4 P.M. or 5:30 P.M.. This Vigil Mass will be longer than a normal Sunday Mass, so anticipate at least 75-90 minutes.

The Sunday schedule will offer a 7:30 morning Mass at our St. Rene church while the 12 P.M. Mass will be at our St. Symphorosa church.

In order to accommodate more people, we will be offering Mass at BOTH church locations for the 9 A.M. Mass and the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Please register online or call the office to reserve space. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, sign-up for only the space you need. At a couple of our Christmas Masses we had way too many folks who signed up and didn't show up. Other people could have used those slots.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.



Quote of the Week

"Mount Calvary is the academy of love."
~St. Francis de Sales

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3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
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Please call the Parish Office



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Listed below is our Holy Week schedule. Please pay close attention to church site. Space is limited therefore it is highly recommended that you pre-register for services. Pre-registration can be completed online by visiting our website, calling the parish office, or by scanning the corresponding QR code.

During the Holy Triduum, April 1-3, 2021 (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday) there will be **NO** 8am Mass. Our parish office will be closed Good Friday, April 2, Holy Saturday, April 3 & Easter Monday, April 5.

HOLY THURSDAY

7pm Mass at St. Rene Church

GOOD FRIDAY

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Symphorosa Church
7pm Stations of the Cross at St. Symphorosa Church

HOLY SATURDAY

12pm Basket Blessings at St. Rene Church
8pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Symphorosa Church

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Rene Church Mass Times

7:30am
9am
10:30am

St. Symphorosa Church Mass Times

9am
10:30am
12pm (Noon)



HOLY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY
(ST. RENE)



EASTER SUNDAY
(ST. SYMPHOROSA)



The Last
Supper
by:
Lillian
Engelhardt
St. Symphorosa
School Grade 5

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of March is offered for the following intentions:
For the repose of the soul of Joann Bukowiecki given by Norine & Patty
For the repose of the soul of Vince Porcelli given by Family
May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.



Domine, labia mea aperies (Lord, you will open my lips) (Psalm 51:17)

At the outset of Holy Week, the Church celebrates one of its most elaborate days (albeit somewhat subdued this year), Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Both the Latin Mass and the Mass of Divine Worship for Catholics of Anglican heritage simply call this day Palm Sunday, having referenced our Lord's Passion on the previous Sunday. In the Ordinary Form Mass, the name of this Sunday is a bit longer, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord's as it makes explicit reference to our Lord's festive entrance into Jerusalem with palms and then leads us through His Passion and Death.

All three expressions of the Mass, Ordinary Form, Latin and the Anglican Divine Worship, pray the same Collect, indicative of the significance of this solemn day and our Tradition. The Collect reads as follows: "Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection." (*Roman Missal*, 3rd ed.)

Notice that while most of the prayer understandably centers on our Lord's Passion, the Church also draws our attention back to His Incarnation, "to take flesh." Jesus could not shed His Blood on the Cross had He not taken flesh; He freely sacrifices Himself in the human nature that He first freely assumed. Vitally for our Christian faith, though, the Church does not leave us in despondency. The Collect concludes with an unparalleled opportunity and gift, "[to] share in his Resurrection."

Prudently, Fr. C. C. Martindale takes the opportunity from the Church's prayer on Palm Sunday to teach us a principle of our liturgical theology, one which applies to many of our Masses and our daily Catholic life. Exuberantly, he explains to our benefits, "The Church wishes us so to remember, constantly re-read, the story of the Passion, that—she does not say: 'we should *also* remember the Resurrection': she leaps to the upshot of the whole process, that is, our own participation in Eternal Life. You must never feel as though Holy Week and Good Friday were a finish, or even a climax. Without what is to follow, i.e. Easter, they would have counted for nothing. Therefore already we are looking through the gathering clouds to the dawn of an eternal Day." (*The Prayers of the Missal: I. The Sunday Collects*, p. 41)

~Fr. Matt Compton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Join us every Friday during Lent at St. Symphorosa Church at 7pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross together.

"Enter Into the Silence"



this Lenten season by joining Sts. Symphorosa & Rene Goupil Parish in a weekly Holy Hour. Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Rene Church Monday, March 29th at 7pm.

Holy Hour is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to meet together to pray and reflect as we all prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

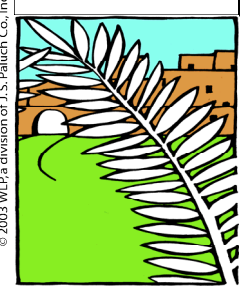
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"There are only fourteen stations? Must have been before cable."

Stewardship

Due to an early deadline, contribution information for the week of March 21, 2021 will be printed in the Easter bulletin.



Although this has not been what you would call a normal year, by any means, our St. Symphorosa Preschoolers have taken advantage and made it the best year that they can.





WELCOME FAMILIES TO ST. SYMPHOROSA AND ST. RENE PARISH FAITH FORMATION



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God has chosen me!
He called me to the
inexpressible happiness
of being his minister,
another Christ.

St. Leonardo Murialdo

19th-century wayward Italian who discovered
profound peace in the Sacrament of Confession;
founder of the Congregation of St. Joseph

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March 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/28: Palm Sunday
4/4: HAPPY EASTER!



Confirmed in the Spirit

On March 26th, all of our level Eight students in the Faith Formation Program, along with the 8th grade students from St. Symphorosa School were confirmed by our Pastor, Reverend Robert Regan. We congratulate all of these students.

It is our hope and prayer, as a parish community, that these young people who were confirmed will continue to rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of life's important decisions.

Isabella **Cecilia** Aguilar
Isaiah **Isaiah** Braulio *
Joseph **Luke** Budz
Alexander **Gregory the Great** Calderon
Angelo **Angelo** Carlin
Karolina **Dymphna of Geel** Carreon
Marco **Francis** Cedillo
Cristina **Dymphna** Chagolla
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Christopher **Jude of Thaddaeus** Flores
Leeliana **Guadalupe** Garcia
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Emily **Angela Merici** Gonzalez
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Isabella **Monica** Hernandez
Julian **Joseph of Cupertino** Hernandez
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Ayden **Rene** Mosqueda
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Sophia **Cecilia** Rittorno
Jessica **Colette** Tisonczyk
Damian **Patrick** Tylczak
Stephanie **Stephanie** Valdovinos *
Christopher **John Paul II** Zielinski
Angela **Margaret of Cortona** Zubrzycki

**Received First Holy Communion on this day as well.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Israel Garcia & Juana Gonzalez (*John Garcia*)

†Robert Montgomery, Sr. (*Wife & Children*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Arlene Totos (*Jo & Ray Kujawa*)

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Steve Chavos (*Nancy Shotas*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

†Scott Bogumil (*Arlene Scaletta*)

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Donal Corcoran (*Super Club*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Virginia Sullivan (*Tom & Mary Anne Milici*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Jack Orsi (*Family*)

†Marion Schrock (*Family*)

†Judith Siwek (*Marie Zilka*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†John Dragosetti (*Rosaria Dragosetti*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

Monday, March 29, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Monday of Holy Week

†Laura Pelegrino & Family (*Family*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Daughter Gina & Russ Sherman & Family*)

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Tuesday of Holy Week

For all members of the John & Mary Kolimas Family, living & deceased
(*John & Mary Kolimas*)

†Frank G. Krzan (*Pat Soltis*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Daughter Gina & Russ Sherman & Family*)

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Wednesday of Holy Week

†Jack Orsi (*Family*)

†Larry Piotrowski (*Jeanie*)

†Nick Wagner (*Joanne Tishka*)

Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Holy Thursday

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

Friday, April 2, 2021

3:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Good Friday

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Holy Saturday

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

9:00am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

10:30am *St. Symphorosa Church*

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10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

For all St. Symphorosa & St. Rene parishioners, living & deceased

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice



There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is LOVE.

Martin Adelsbach
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The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of March is for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



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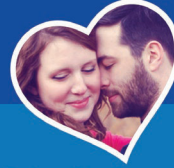
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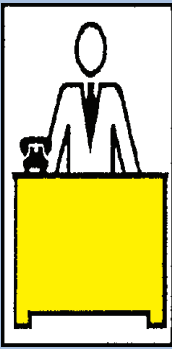
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