

MASSES FOR MARCH 25-31

Monday, 25	8:30 am (SF)	Maryann Ohalek (Family) Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, 26	8:30 am (SJ)	Mary Perun (Regina Zuk) Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, 27	8:30 am (SF)	Bridget Ghenne (CWC of Toronto) Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69: 8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, 28	6:00 pm (SF)	Increase in Vocations Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, 29	6:00 pm (SJ)	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, 30	8:00 pm (SF)	For the People
Sunday, 31	9:00 am (SJ)	Paul Trudics (Richard Motto, Nephew)
	11:00 am (SF)	Shane Maple (Dad) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

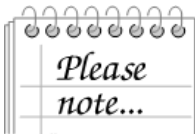
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- MONDAY:** Confessions - 6:00-7:00pm (SF)
- TUESDAY:** Chrism Mass - 2:00pm (Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption)
- WEDNESDAY:** Confessions - 6:00-7:00pm (SJ)
- THURSDAY:** Holy Thursday Mass - 6:00pm (SF)
- FRIDAY:** Good Friday Service - 6:00pm (SJ)
- SATURDAY:** No Confessions
Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm (SF)

As of 03/19/2024: Trinity West: **Carl Oprisch**; Trinity East:; Pittsburgh: **Cheryl Vukelic**. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.***



Thank you to all who have volunteered to participate in **The Washing Of the Feet** at Holy Thursday Mass. After Fr. Vennitti has finished his Homily, he will ask for those participating to please come forward. To avoid a delay in approaching the altar, please sit at the end of the pew. There will be 6 chairs on each side directly in front of the 1st pew. Select a chair, remove 1 shoe and sock; please remain seated until all participants are done. At that time, you may return to your seat.



Additional Confession Times: Please note in the **Week at a Glance** section 2 additional times for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter. Hopefully everyone will have the time to take advantage of the added opportunities.

CWC News



PIROHI – potato-cheese, cabbage, and prune - are still available. The ladies will not be making any more pirohi this year; however, we still have **POTATO-CHEESE, CABBAGE, and PRUNE PIROHI AVAILABLE FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND**. The price is \$6/dozen.



NUT, APRICOT, and POPPYSEED ROLLS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND. The price is \$12 each. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE CWC PROJECTS.**



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (73 Envelopes) \$2,169.00; Loose: \$110.00; Candles: \$80.00; CRS: \$10.00; Rice Bowl: \$296.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (35 Envelopes) \$1,353.00; Loose: \$65.00; Candles: \$20.00; Rice Bowl: \$50.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church!
Weekly Mass Attendance for March 17th: Saturday 5:00pm: 73; 9:00am: 91; 11:00am: 82.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Tarr**, husband of Marilyn Tarr. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Tarr Family. May John live in the eternal light of Christ.



A Birthday Thank you: Thank you to my St. Francis and St. Joseph Church families! Your birthday wishes are very much appreciated. I want you all to know I ma a grateful old man! ~ **Gene Calabrese**



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is part of a world-wide network of [Commissariats of the Holy Land](#) which function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world. The Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C., coordinates this vital support for the work of the Franciscans who work in the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the “Living Stones,” the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
 by The Faithful Disciple***

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: “The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” This sentence from our first reading is taken from one of the four “Songs of the Suffering Servant” in Isaiah. The New Testament identifies this Servant as Jesus, and we know that Jesus accepted the suffering that was foretold in the verses that follow this one: “I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not hide from insults and spitting.” As aspiring servants of God on this Palm Sunday, the most holy of days when we hear Mark’s account of Jesus’ passion, how does this sentence speak to us? What does it mean to have a well-trained tongue? To me it is a call to speak to the Lord in prayer as well as to speak the Good News of the Gospel whenever and wherever we can.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: How can we gain the confidence to believe that our tongue is “well-trained”? We know we are all given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we must trust in that promise and invoke his presence often. Who knows? A kind word or gesture from us may just “speak” to a weary person who is struggling. Paul writes that in his passion, Jesus “emptied himself” in the hours before his death and “[became] obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Paul’s next words give us the answer to our question above: “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess [emphasis added] that Jesus Christ is Lord.” The fullness of the kingdom will be realized only when Jesus comes again. But in the meantime, we have the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper to sustain us and give us strength for our task to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and spread the kingdom of God one day at a time.

PRAY: “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” These words from today’s passion narrative demonstrate Jesus’ complete, obedient surrender of his will to his Father’s divine will. As flawed human beings, we will never be able to perfectly emulate our Savior’s actions, but what better way to begin Holy Week than to try? Through prayer, strive to surrender yourself to God this week by trusting him completely, and striving to do his will with humility and Christ-like obedience.