

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

Offertory: Mar. 9, 2014 OLM \$729, OLV \$943, COS \$380, Total \$2,052.
Mar. 8, 2015 OLM \$329, OLV \$1,779, COS \$312, Total \$2,420.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mar 28 OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday Mar 28 COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmermann, requested by the Zimmermann Family
Sunday Mar 29 OLM 8:30 AM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel
Sunday Mar 29 OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Gage, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday Mar 29 COS 12:30 PM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel
Saturday Apr 4 OLM 7:30 PM For All Parishioners
Saturday Apr 4 OLV 7:30 PM For All Parishioners
Saturday Apr 4 COS 7:30 PM For All Parishioners
Sunday Apr 5 OLM 8:30 AM For All Parishioners
Sunday Apr 5 OLV 10:30 AM For All Parishioners
Sunday Apr 5 COS 12:30 PM For All Parishioners

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar. 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
April 2: Holy Thursday
April 3: Good Friday (Fast and Abstinence), **NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS**
April 5: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord
April 10: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3 PM, OLM
April 12: Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 15: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, OLV

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2: Holy Thursday	Our Lady of Mercy	- 6:00 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	- 6:00 PM
April 3: Good Friday	Our Lady of Mercy	- 6:00 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	- 6:00 PM
April 4: Holy Saturday	Our Lady of Mercy	- 7:30 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	- 7:30 PM
	Chapel of the Snows	- 7:30 PM
April 5: Easter Sunday	Our Lady of Mercy	- 8:30 AM
	Our Lady of the Valley	- 10:30 AM
	Chapel of the Snows	- 12:30 PM



Sunday, April 12, 2015 - Feast of Divine Mercy

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer

invites you to come **celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy.**

Gathering time 2:00 PM; 2:30 PM ~Rosary; 3:00 PM ~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
Song by Patrick Coffman; 4:00 PM ~ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass ~ Pot Luck Supper following Mass.

For directions and information call 802-896-6000 or
check our web page: ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org.



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to grow in holiness



From Fr. Fred: Here's a Palm Sunday meditation by one of our saints, St. Andrew of Crete, Bishop.



“Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, *above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named*, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: *He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets*. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving water of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*”

Quote of the week:

*“When our hands have touched spices, they give fragrance to all they handle.
Let us make our prayers pass through the hands of the Blessed Virgin.
She will make them fragrant.”* - St. John Vianney



Just for Fun:

A baseball scout was desperate for new prospects. It seemed that other scouts always got to the best prospects before he did. So he got off the beaten path and came looking in the remote green mountains of Vermont. One day he saw a tall strong young man coming out of the woods with some dead squirrels. But he wasn't carrying a gun. Intrigued, he went up to the young man and asked: “How did you get those squirrels without a gun?” The young man replied: “I hit them with rocks.” He said; “Wow! Do you mind showing me how you do it?”



So the young man led him back into the woods. Soon they spotted a squirrel on a branch. The distance was about the same as from the pitcher's mound to home plate. The young man picked up a stone in his left hand, about the same weight as a baseball, and hit the squirrel dead center. The scout erupted in praise: “Wow! How would you like to play major league baseball? You'd be rich. You could be the best left-handed pitcher in baseball!” “Oh no, I couldn't do that.” “Why not?” “Because I'm right handed.” “But, I just saw you hit that squirrel dead center with your left hand. If you're right-handed why did you throw the rock with your left hand?” The young man looked shy. “Because when I throw the rock with my right hand it mangles them too much!”



Annual Appeal Goal: \$ 30,000.00

Annual appeal Collection to date: \$ 35,704.00

