A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018



"The Lord has given me a well trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I will not be put to shame....Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend."

May the words of Isaiah and Paul help set the stage for our Holy Week. The gospel of Mark provides details of the passion not just to provide information but to rouse us to break from routine and ordinariness and appreciate the saving mystery of salvation.

We may read and reflect upon the scriptures and find great meaning as we live in 2018. The suffering servants are those displaced by war and the natural disasters. Those trying Christ are the oppressors, attacking Christians in various parts of the world as the Sudan, Syria and Nigeria. The passion of Christ continues today when wars rage, poverty grows, exploitation reigns, and worst of all, indifference to suffering continues.

We are called this week to die and rise with the Christ. Pope Francis has asked that we not be robbed of our missionary enthusiasm. He tells us not to look the other way but to address the cause, as well as the effects, out of concern for those who are marginalized and suffering. May this be a new approach to Holy Week.

FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24

Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr,

Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56 (256)

12:10 p.m. Alexander Norton (Living)

5:30 p.m. Salvante Ante

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37), Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11,

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 (38)

9:00 a.m. Francis X. Walsh Jr.

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Peter Henkel

Monday, March 26

Is 43:1-7, Jn 12:1-11 (257)

12:10 a.m. Samantha Cates (Living)

Tuesday, March 27

Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

12:10 p.m. Bradley Cates (Living)

Wednesday, March 28

Is 50:4-9*a*, *Mt* 26:14-25 (259)

12:10 p.m. Laura Kusy (Living)

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday, Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9,

Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 (260),

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1,

Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)

Friday, March 30

Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42 (40)

Saturday, March 31

Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-18, Ex 14:15-15:1,

Is 54:5-14, Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7(41)

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25TH @ 10A.M. UNDER THE ARCH!!

Come join an ecumenical celebration of Palm Sunday by the Washington Square Arch, complete with bagpipes in a gathering that Father McGuire started a number of years ago.

There will be no Holy Mass at the Catholic Center on Tuesday, March 27th due to Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 4:00p.m.

SECOND COLLECTION HOLY LAND

All Masses — Good Friday, March 30th

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for March 17th and 18th, 2018 By Mass as follows:

> 5:30 pm: \$945 9:00 am: \$1,672 11:30 am: \$1,741 6:00 pm: \$1,468

Sunday Masses Total: \$5,826

WeShare: \$265 Faith Street: \$646

Grand Total: \$6,737

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH!!

Saturday, April 14th @ 5:30pm

We invite you to join us in the celebration of St. Joseph. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this joyful celebration that will begin with our **5:30pm Vigil Mass**. Followed by a **Community Dinner** next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Our Community Dinner promises to be a night filled with food, music and fellowship!

Dinner will be an authentic Italian meal provided by

our fellow parishioner's restaurant Montes.

Music for our enjoyment will be provided by a Brazilian Samba Band.

Throughout the evening we will have a slideshow of parishioner's photos honoring all who make St. Joseph's Church so wonderful! There will be entertainment for both old and young. Before we depart for home a Raffle will take place—so hold onto your ticket stub!!

This will be an evening for all. A perfect time to come out and fellowship with old friends and the perfect time to make new acquaintances!

To make our slideshow a success we are asking that you e-mail your photos to us at photos@stjosephgv.nyc or you can bring your photos to the church office to be scanned.

We will need all photos no later than April 7th.

The suggested donation for the celebration is:

10.00 per person / \$20.00 per family

The tickets will be available after each Mass on March 17/18, 24/25 & April 7/8 Tickets will also be available in the church office Monday—Friday, 10am—4pm

THE ACADEMY OF ST. JOSEPH OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.

We invite you to visit us to learn more about our exceptional education and enrichment programs. We are a private, Catholic school serving students in Pre-K through Eighth Grade. We are still accepting applications for the fall of 2018-2019. The school empowers and challenges students with a curriculum based on the arts, sciences and the humanities integrated with the values of the Catholic Church.

For additional information please contact Torsie Judkins, Director of Admissions, tjudkins@asosj.us to RSVP.

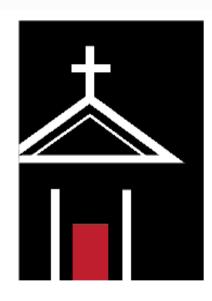
50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS



Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Pre-registration is required.
Please contact your parish to register.
The closing date to register for the Mass is
Monday, May 14, 2018.



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HOLY WEEK 2018

MONDAY MARCH 26 3-9 PM RECONCILIATION MONDAY

> St. Joseph's and all parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York are offering confession in

preparation for Easter.

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29

9 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER 8 PM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH'S) 11 PM COMPLINE

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30

9 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER 12 NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3 PM COMMEMORATION OF THE

LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

(CONTEMPORARY CHOIR and CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH'S)

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 31

9 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER

8 PM GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER (CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH'S)

EASTER DAY APRIL 1

9 AM EASTER MASS (CONTEMPORARY MUSIC & QUARTET) 11:30 AM SOLEMN EASTER MASS (CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH'S) 6 PM EASTER MASS (CONTEMPORARY CHOIR & BAND)