# SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE PARISH

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#### WEEKEND SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday Eve: 5:00 P.M. Sunday Masses: 7:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M. (ESPAÑOL)

10:45 A.M. 12:15 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday 7:45 A.M. & 12:05 P.M.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Parents must first call the rectory 1 month before the date and present the original birth certificate.

English: The 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.

Instruction class is on the first Monday of the month  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

at 7:30 pm.

Spanish: The 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.

Instruction class is on the Friday before at 7:00 pm.

#### **RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Monday through Saturday: 11:45 am- 12:00 Noon - Chapel Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm - Church. *And by appointment.* 

#### **MARRIAGE**

According to Diocesan regulations, arrangements must be made at least six months in advance in the rectory.

#### **CARE OF THE SICK**

Communion is regularly brought to the sick by the Priests and Ministers of Communion. Please let us know if someone is confined at home because of illness or age.

#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am - 12 Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY (Pre-K to 8)

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Most Sundays from 1:30-4:45 pm and First Fridays after 12:05 PM Mass.



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 24, 2024



#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 23

People of the Parish 5:00p

Sunday, March 24

7:30 Angela Ottaviano (Death Anniv.)

9:00 Flor Maria Cubillos (Aniversario De Fallecimiento)

Maria Londono (4 Años Fallecida)

Cruz Chic Pacheco (Un Mes y Medio Fallecido)

Margarita Ortega (L) (100th Birthday) Emma Bravo (L) (Agradecimiento De Vida) Crespina Rosales Puntos (L) (For Good Health) Por La Salud y Mejoria De Nelly Otero (L)

10:45 Lorna Lalap (L) (Birthday)

Enrico Caquimbal Jesus Abelarde

Wilma Duran (Death Anniv.)

12:30p Petronilo Raz Ibadlit 5:00p Margaret Kasnia

Monday, March 25 7:45 Mary Joseph

12:05 Aurora and Mariano Aquino

Tuesday, March 26

7:45 Dr. Graca Dasilva Tavares 12:05p Fausto Sadsad Carlos

Wednesday, March 27

Remedios Blanco (4th Year Death Anniv.) 7:45

Esperanza Lantin-Ilagan 12:05p

Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)

9:00 Morning Prayer People of the Parish 7:30p Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

Morning Prayer 9:00

Saturday, March 30 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 Morning Prayer 8:00p People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

7:30 Easter Novena

9:00 Wilfredo Caban (First Death Anniv.)

Benita Vda. De Falcon (23 Aniversario De Muerte)

Gregorio Velez (4th Year Death Anniv.)

10:45 Efren and Rannie Morota (L) (31st Wedding Anniv.)

Trevor Devas and Dolly Noronha

Florentino Lewis and Robert Torres (Death Anniv)

Patricio Sanjorjo, Sr. Patricio Sanjorjo, Jr.

Felipe and Remegia Custodio

Maria Luisa Lim Pepita (Death Anniv.)

12:30p Yolanda Luistro Barquilla

**NO 5PM MASS** 

St. Nick's is a welcoming community in the Catholic Tradition, enriched by many cultures, rooted in God's Word and the **Eucharist**, offering loving service.

#### Next Weekend's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-

**43** Peter tells the story of salvation from the top, beginning in Galilee.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23** On this Easter day, as on the first one, we rejoice in the day that God has made.



Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 The old yeast of malice and wickedness is past. Sincerity and truth now abound.

John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 In Mark's Easter story the disciples are directed to return to Galilee, where they began.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Fr. Abraham Mathew Freddie Cascasan James Eames

Gloria Juntereal Jeanie P. Martizano Marie Aimee Serrano

Kathy De Nezzo The Deceased:

Michael Joseph Marlon DaSilva

Dionisio Agustin Ancheta

Week Ending: 3/17/2024

Total Regular Collection: 7,755.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

# TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION EASTER GIFT TO MY PARISH



Join us online for daily Mass at 12:05PM. Sunday Masses at 9:15AM & 12:15PM.

Link Below:

https://stnicholas-queens.org/live-massstream/



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024 ARE AVAILABLE

Come by the Rectory to reserve a Mass for a loved one.

#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS 2024**

**ABSTINENCE** – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **all Fridays** of Lent.

**FASTING** – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **Good Friday** (March 29). This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

**EASTER DUTY** – After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the **First Sunday of Lent** (February 18) to **Pentecost Sunday** (May 19).

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Sister Alice Michael, S.U.S.C. - Director of Faith Formation Contact Information 718 591-6536

#### **DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

As we have been announcing, the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival will be held in the Tennis Center, Flushing, NY, on Saturday, April 20th. This may seem a long time away. However, the names, telephone numbers and emails of all who plan to attend must be submitted ASAP. Please see Sister Alice to submit your name etc. Admission is free. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards for more details.

#### **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week traditionally opens with the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The crowds were ready to proclaim Jesus not just as a prophet but as the Messiah. This event comes very near the end of Jesus' public ministry. We recall that Jesus spent three years preaching and teaching, making His Father known and the ways to live according to the kingdom that Jesus came to establish. The time had now come for Jesus to fulfill the ultimate reason why He came among us, to restore our relationship with God and make our new life with Him already here on earth, and one day eternally with Him in heaven.

As Jesus humbly rode into Jerusalem on an ass, the people with great excitement waved palm branches as they greeted Him with, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." We know that they were mistakenly sure that this King was going to bring an end to their Roman dominance. So, they were indeed excited. However, as the week proceed to the celebration of their Passover, they began to realize their error and no longer were greeting Him with any applause, but rather were yelling out "Crucify Him, crucify Him." It was customary to release a criminal during Passover. The people were given the option to release Jesus or Barabbas who was a well-known criminal.

This Tuesday the traditional Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral in Brooklyn. The holy oils which are used during the year are blessed. After this liturgy each parish is given the three: oil of the sick, oil of catechumens used for adults and infants before baptism, and holy chrism oil used at confirmation, ordination of priests, consecration of a bishop, consecration of a church, and the blessing of an altar and vessels used at Mass. Also at this Chrism Mass, all the priests will renew their vow of obedience as well as the deacons. This is a beautiful opportunity for us to pray for all priests and deacons, but especially for our own: Father Jovy, Father Noel, Father Thomas, and Deacon Thomas.

SACRED TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter

Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Jesus and His apostles were celebrating the customary Passover Meal which in the Old Testament God had asked that this Meal be celebrated every year in memory of God's freeing the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Up to a certain point, the celebration was as every year, but then Jesus took the unleavened bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. Then in a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, gave you thanks and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me". That was the first time that Jesus gave Himself in Holy Communion. Once the priest repeats this prayer, the consecrated unleavened bread that we receive becomes the Real Presence of Jesus. Our physical eyes still see a round piece of unleavened bread. But it is JESUS!!!

Then Jesus with His apostles went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed intensely and suffered as His approaching death was near. He asked His apostles to remain with Him, but they fell asleep. We recall Jesus' sad words: "Could you not remain with Me one hour?" When the celebration of the Last Super of the Lord ends, Jesus in the Eucharist which has been placed in the large monstrance is carried in process downstairs to Tolentine Hall where a beautiful altar has been set up. All are invited to spend some time with Jesus until 11:00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Please see the bulletin for the schedule.

Many Blessings,

Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.

#### ESQUINA DE LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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#### **AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO DIOCESANO**

Como hemos estado anunciando, el Avivamiento Eucarístico Diocesano se llevará a cabo en el Tennis Center, Flushing, NY, el sábado 20 de abril. Esto puede parecer muy lejano. Sin embargo, los nombres, números de teléfono y correos electrónicos de todos los que planean asistir deben enviarse lo antes posible. Consulte a la hermana Alice para enviar su nombre, etc. La entrada es gratuita. Consulte el folleto en los tableros de anuncios para obtener más detalles.

#### **SEMANA SANTA**

La Semana Santa comienza tradicionalmente con el relato de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén el Domingo de Ramos. La multitud estaba dispuesta a proclamar a Jesús no sólo como profeta, sino como Mesías. Este acontecimiento se produce muy cerca del final del ministerio público de Jesús. Recordemos que Jesús pasó tres años predicando y enseñando, dando a conocer a su Padre y las formas de vivir de acuerdo con el reino que Jesús vino a establecer. Ahora había llegado el momento de que Jesús cumpliera la razón última por la que vino entre nosotros, restaurar nuestra relación con Dios y hacer que nuestra nueva vida con Él fuera ya aquí en la tierra, y un día eternamente con Él en el cielo.

Mientras Jesús entraba humildemente en Jerusalén montado en un asno, la gente con gran alboroto agitaba ramas de palma mientras le saludaban diciendo: "Hosanna al Hijo de David; bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor; hosanna en las alturas". Sabemos que estaban equivocadamente seguros de que este Rey iba a poner fin a la dominación romana. Por lo tanto, estaban realmente entusiasmados. Sin embargo, a medida que avanzaba la semana de la celebración de su Pascua, empezaron a darse cuenta de su error y ya no lo saludaban con aplausos, sino que gritaban: "Crucifícalo, crucifícalo". Era costumbre liberar a un criminal durante la Pascua. Al pueblo se le dio la opción de liberar a Jesús o a Barrabás, que era un conocido criminal.

Este martes se celebrará la tradicional Misa Crismal en la Pro-Catedral de Śan José de Brooklyn. Se bendicen los santos óleos que se utilizan durante el año. Después de esta liturgia se entregan a cada parroquia los tres: óleo de los enfermos, óleo de los catecúmenos que se utiliza para los adultos y los niños antes del bautismo, y óleo del santo crisma que se utiliza en la confirmación, la ordenación de sacerdotes, la consagración de un obispo, la consagración de una iglesia y la bendición de un altar y de los vasos que se utilizan en la misa. También en esta Misa Crismal, todos los sacerdotes renovarán su voto de obediencia, así como los diáconos. Esta es una hermosa oportunidad para rezar por todos los sacerdotes y diáconos, pero especialmente por los nuestros: Padre Jovy, Padre Noel, Padre Thomas y Diácono Thomas.

#### TRIDUO SAGRADO: Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Pascua de Resurrección

El Jueves Santo a las 7:30 celebraremos la Liturgia de la Cena del Señor. Jesús y sus apóstoles estaban celebrando la acostumbrada Cena de Pascua que en el Antiguo Testamento Dios había pedido que se celebrara cada año en memoria de que Dios liberó al pueblo judío de la esclavitud en Egipto. Hasta cierto punto, la celebración era como todos los años, pero entonces Jesús tomó el pan ázimo y pronunció la bendición, partió el pan y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo: "Tomad esto todos y comedlo, porque esto es mi Cuerpo, que será entregado por vosotros". Después, de modo semejante, terminada la cena, tomó el cáliz, os dio gracias y dio el cáliz a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomad todos de él y bebed, porque éste es el cáliz de mi Sangre, la Sangre de la Alianza nueva y eterna, que será derramada por vosotros y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados. Haced esto en memoria mía". Esa fue la primera vez que Jesús se entregó en la Sagrada Comunión. Una vez que el sacerdote repite esta oración, el pan ácimo consagrado que recibimos se convierte en la Presençia Real de Jesús. Nuestros ojos físicos todavía ven un pedazo redondo de pan sin levadura. iPero es JESÚS!

Luego Jesús con Sus apóstoles se dirigió al Huerto de Getsemaní donde Jesús oró intensamente y sufrió ante la proximidad de su muerte. Pidió a sus apóstoles que se quedaran con Él, pero se durmieron. Recordamos las tristes palabras de Jesús: "¿No habéis podido permanecer conmigo una hora?". Cuando termina la celebración de la Ultima Cena del Señor, Jesús en la Eucaristía que ha sido colocada en la gran custodia es llevado en procesión escaleras abajo hasta la Sala Tolentina, donde se ha instalado un hermoso altar. Todos están invitados a pasar un rato con Jesús hasta las 11:00pm.

**VIERNES SANTO:** Por favor vea el boletín para el horario.

Muchas Bendiciones,

Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



# Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

As a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn, you are part of a family of Catholics who practice their faith and lives a life of stewardship throughout Brooklyn and Queens. You can help maintain vital programs and ministries that serve Jesus by reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in the Lord through your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

## Appeal support?

with God's Love, Compassion, and Joy.

to put Jesus' love to work. By making a pledge beyond the walls of our beautiful church and great parish. commitment, you make possible the work which goes through our diocesan social ministry programs; important - so, why should I give? increasing our Church's efforts in recruiting and training A: We are asking people to give proportionately to their community--immigrants.

#### Q: Does our parish benefit from this effort?

on having enough priests to minister to them. The Annual Catholic Appeal. Catholic appeal does the job of supporting vocations in ways that no one parish alone could ever hope to accomplish ensuring that there will priests to celebrate Mass in all of our parishes.

Q: What do the contributions from the Annual Catholic In addition to this one clear example, our parish will also receive all funds raised over the parish goal to fund parish A: Simply, PEOPLE. Our greatest challenge as Catholics is initiatives. In essence, your support of the ACA allows our to play our part in loving and serving our neighbor, parish to utilize funding for other initiatives. Of course, So many of our brothers and sisters are in need, and we your weekly support of our parish is crucial, and you are are blessed when we freely share our gifts with others encouraged to continue to share your generosity with our parish primarily through the Sunday collection. But it is The Annual Catholic Appeal is at the center of our efforts also important to remember that the Church extends far

## beyond any one parish alone; outreach to those in need Q: I can only give a small amount, my gift is not

candidates for the priesthood and religious life; ability - every gift is important. The Lord has shared many Supporting Faith Formation; enable Catholic Charities to gifts with each of us. As Christians, we are called to share continue their multi-services in our community; support His blessing with others. Your gift is truly a personal our retired priests; make chaplains available to sacrifice that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this hospitals, prisons, and schools; and ensure that we are decision as you share your gift. No matter if it is a one-time able to continue assisting the newest members of our gift of \$50 or a pledge for the year of \$2,500, every gift gets our parish closer to fulfilling its responsibility to the broader Catholic Community in Brooklyn and Queens. Every Gift makes a difference!

A: Our parish benefits - the diocesan-wide ministries The Diocese of Brooklyn is made up of people like you benefit - and all living in Brooklyn & Queens benefit. from 173 different parishes bonded together in the love of Your kindness nurtures the Words of Christ in many Christ. Part of being a responsible Catholic is looking after wonderful ministries, programs, and services provided others, particularly those in need. As St. Paul says, throughout Brooklyn and Queens - including those in our "When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one parish. As an example, the future of all parishes depends rejoices, we all rejoice." that is why we have the Annual

> Please be as generous as you can when you are asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you!

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Palm Sunday, March 24th

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00pm Sunday Masses – 7:30am, 9:00am (Spanish), 10:45am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm

#### **Confessions**

Saturday, March 22nd – 4:00pm to 4:45pm Reconciliation Monday, March 25th – 6:00pm to 9:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, March 26th and 27th – 11:45am to 12 noon

#### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday, March 28th

9:00am – Morning Prayer

7:30pm – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00pm – Tolentine Hall

#### Good Friday, March 29th

9:00am – Morning Prayer

11:00am – Living Stations

3:00pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)

6:00pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

8:00pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, March 30th

9:00am – Morning Prayer

8:00pm – Solemn Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses – 7:30am, 9:00am (Spanish), 10:45am and 12:30pm **NO** 5:00pm Mass



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2024

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Church

Rev. Jovito Carongay, Jr., Pastor

#### One Minute Meditations

#### Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St. Zachary was deacon to Pope Gregory III before

succeeding him as pope in 741.

as pope in 741.

As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the Church through troubled times with charity, prudence, and skillful leadership.

#### Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"

(1 Corinthians 0)

## Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence,

simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

Silence:
Prayer is oxygen
for the soul. It is
during prayer when
God speaks to our
hearts. Lent done right
removes distractions so
that our prayer is richer and
our focus more attentive. It is
critical to find time to be with
Him in attentive silence each day.

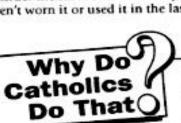
Simplicity: Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

Sacrifice: Through
sacrifice we give back to
God what we owe
Him. While we can't
repay Him for His
gifts in equal
measure, we can
express gratitude with
small sacrifices that
show our return back
to Him in gratitude and

Sacraments: Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.

love.



# Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His

death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us"

(Romans 5:8).

#### Growing in Faith™

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#### "By this all men will know that you are my disciples..."

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus.

Disciples act with love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.

Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately,
we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make
more disciples. This was His final command,
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations"
(Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church's
mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

## from Scripture

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She

tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that thieves had taken the Lord's body, and she ran to tell Peter and John.

When Peter and John arrived, Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the

#### John 20:1-9, Jesus – not death – has the last word

body and left the clothes behind.
John followed Peter and saw that
the cloth covering Christ's face
was neatly folded in a separate
place, perhaps by Christ
Himself. He saw and
believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ - not death, sin, or evil - has the last word.





March 8 – John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.



#### What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

As followers of Christ, we're encouraged to care for each other. Jesus' parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

(Matthew 25:35). These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give

drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. "Whatever you did for one of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

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Good Friday / Viernes Santo 03.29.2023, 11:00 am



#### YOUTH CHOIR

Sundays at the 10:45 am Family Mass Rehearsals: Fridays, 5:30pm at the Youth Center



Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. (Cphesians 5:19)

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New Life Zona #5

Sábado, 3/16/2024, 7:00-10:00 pm Capilla de San Nicolás



Good Friday March 29 11:00 am

#### 5th Sunday of Lent



The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent for Year B focus on God's covenant with us, even though we are often unfaithful.

The first reading speaks of a new covenant. The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus Christ brought about our salvation.

In the gospel, Jesus foretells his death and explains that those who follow him will find eternal life.

SOURCE: https://young-catholics.com/3183/5th-sunday-of-lent-year-b/

# UPCOMING-EVENTS



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