

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 25, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

Today we begin the most sacred week of the Christian calendar.

We heard Isaiah's Servant Song proclaimed to us. The Servant represents the sufferings of the exiled community of ancient Israel in Babylon. In the midst of their suffering, the Servant speaks a word of hope to the community: "The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced."

In Mark's account of the Passion, Jesus' last words from the Cross are the opening words of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"? Jesus was identifying himself with the suffering people of every age. Jesus has taken upon himself the sufferings and sins of every person who will ever live.

In the midst of all his suffering, Jesus knew his Father's love.

Perhaps his last cry in a loud voice indicated that he was identifying himself with the last words of Psalm 22: "You, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me." Then Jesus breathed his last. We know that his Father heard the voice of his suffering Son – and has greatly exalted him.

Jesus wants each of us to know that he has shared in our sufferings – for he is our brother. He invites us to join our sufferings to His – for the salvation of the world.

Let us be with Jesus, our brother and Savior, during this Holy Week.

**"Strive to see God in all things without exception. Do not smother yourself...If you start smothering yourself with a host of cares and longings and wishes...you will be disabling yourself from serving God with all your heart."**

~Saint Francis de Sales

**Just for You!**

We are having our annual bake sale which funds many of our faith community projects. Be sure to stop by **the Hall** to check out all the wonderful treats *this Wednesday, March 28th starting at 11:00 pm*



**Bake Sale**

**Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 770 B The Passion of the Lord - B**

**The Pope's Intentions for March**

**Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on personal and communitarian levels.**

**Music for the 9:00 am Mass**

**Processional:** # 423 The King of Glory

(No Gloria during the penitential season of Lent)

**Psalm response:** "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

**Lenten Gospel Acclamation:** # 11 (Celtic Mass)

**Preparation:** # 369 Behold the Wood

# 642 What Wondrous Love Is This

**Communion:** # 370 Jesus, The Lord

# 575 Only This I Want

# 522 Bread of Life

**Recessional:** # 368 Were You There - vs. 1, 2 & 5

**Prayer thought for the day From Francis de**

**Sales: You are with me today.**

"Being holy" is a daily task. How will we go about our day, what will we say and do? Everything involved with daily living is a part of "being holy." De Sales offers some advice on beginning each day of "being holy."

1. Be mindful that you live in God's presence.
2. Remember that the present day is given to you in order to gain the future day of eternity and make a firm purpose to employ the day well for this intention.
3. Anticipate what tasks, transactions, and occasions for serving God you may meet on this day and to what temptations of offending him you will be exposed, whether by anger, vanity, or some other irregularity. By a holy resolution prepare yourself to make the best use of the means that will be offered to you to serve God and advance in devotion. On the other hand, carefully prepare to avoid, resist, or overcome whatever may be encountered that is opposed to your salvation and God's glory. It is not sufficient simply to make this resolution; you must also prepare means of putting it into practice. For example, if I foresee that I will have to discuss some matter with a man who is emotional and prone to anger, I will not only resolve to keep from giving him offense but I will think of pleasant words to prevent his anger or get the assistance of someone who can keep him in good humor...
4. This done, humble yourself in the presence of God and acknowledge that by yourself you can do none of the things you have decided on, whether of avoiding evil or of doing good. As though holding your heart in your hands, offer it along with all your good purposes to his Divine Majesty, beseeching him to take it under his protection and strengthen it so that it may turn out successfully in his service."

### For OLS Bakers!!!



To all our fantastic, parish bakers, we are having our annual Easter Bake Sale, **THIS Wednesday, March 28th**, starting at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or we sell out of goodies. Please bring your cakes, cupcakes, pies and unique Easter goodies to the Social Hall between 9:00 am -9:45 am that morning. Any questions call or text Marcie Shoemaker – 252-996-0581. **PLEASE LABEL THE CAKE AND LIST INGREDIANCE; ALLERGIES ARE A BIG PROBLEM WITH SOME PEOPLE.** Thank you.

### Lenten Food Drive



As you prepare your Friday meals or fast on holy days, pray for the poor among us. Pray that we may help and advocate for them.

Eating simple meals meets our Lenten obligations and shows our solidarity with the poor. Use funds that would have purchased meat or elaborate meals to purchase items for our local food pantry. Children can help pick out food. If “shopping” from home, please check expiration dates. *Food can be dropped off in the 24 hour drop box on the Social Hall porch. ~ Thank you for your generosity!~*



## Holy Week

### Easter Week

- 3/26 thru 3/28 NO MASS
- 3/28 Wednesday Annual Bake Sale 11:00 am to 2:00 pm OR we sell out
- 3/29 Holy Thursday 6:00 pm
- 3/30 Good Friday 6:00 pm
- 3/31 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
- 4/1 Easter 9:00 am & 11:00 am Bilingual
  - **EASTER WEEK NO MASS**



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### CHURCH MORTGAGE –

*Total Principal + Interest \$136,237.92*

**After Mass Tonight & Sunday  
Morning Anointing of the Sick for  
anyone who wishes to participate.**



An unwater marked version is available for purchase as a print from [bromickeymcgrath.com](http://bromickeymcgrath.com).

### Ministries to the Sick

The compassion and caring of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Sea for the sick and homebound are truly a work of mercy. We are grateful to know if there is a person you feel should be in our prayer list book, or who would benefit by a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual to call (252) 995-6613 with that request, or, if he or she is unable to call, please ask the next of kin or an immediate family member to contact us. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace.

### AVAILABLE LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

This seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, “The Little White Books” (Easter 2018) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. They are available today. You can find them in our vestibule on the table. We have them for adults in English and Spanish. These are published by the Diocese of Saginaw and contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. Anyone interested in a copy of please help yourself.

**Limited supply available.**