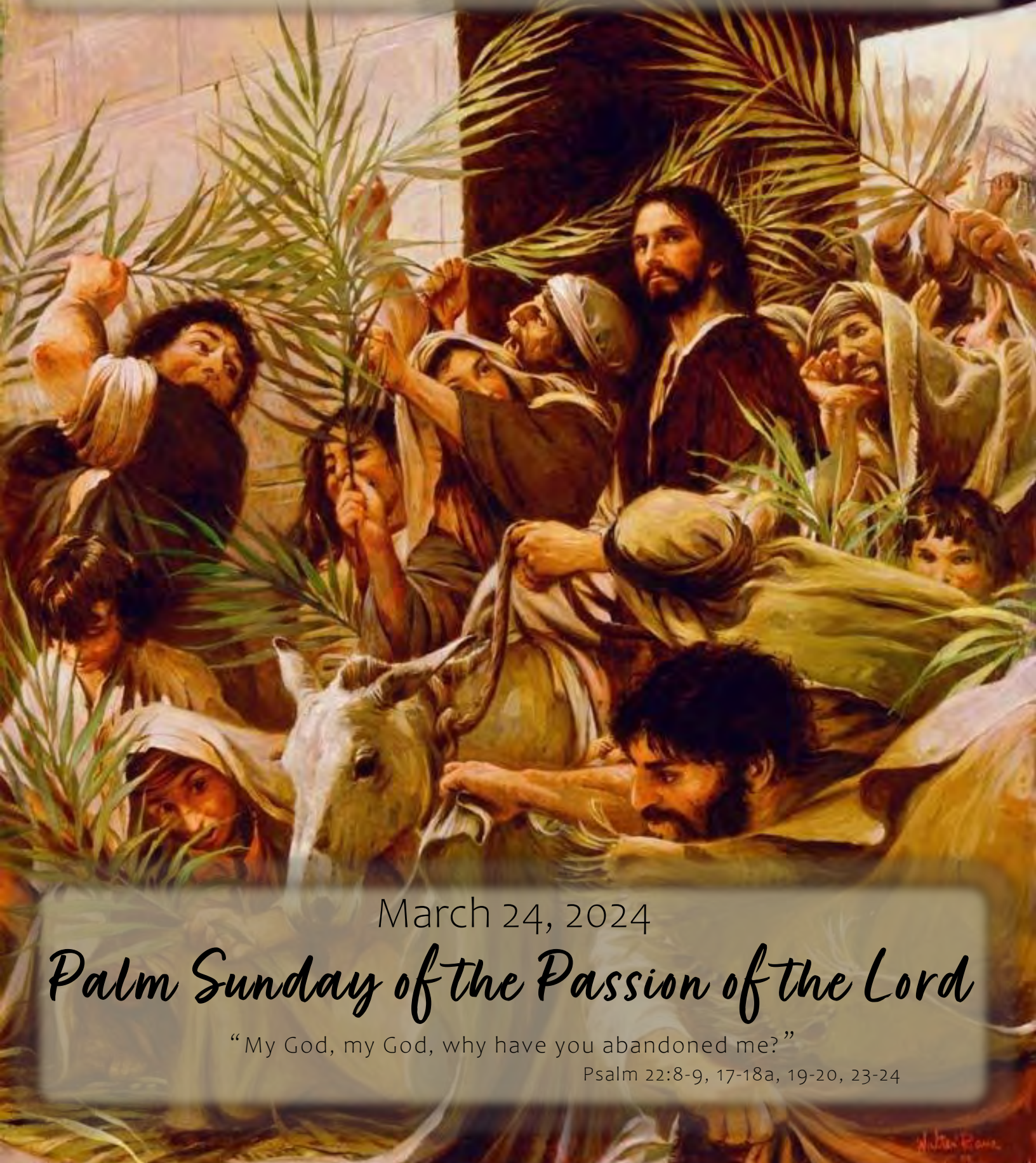


# St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



March 24, 2024

## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24





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## OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

## Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Seton Chapel

(Convent) - Monday through Friday

3:00 - 7:00 PM

## Next Weekend's Schedule

Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM - No mass

7:30 PM (Easter Vigil) - Msgr. Walden

(There will be no 7:30 PM Spanish Mass)

(Saturday Evening 5 PM and 7:30 PM Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 AM - Sunrise Mass - Fr. Patrick

8:00 AM - Fr. Felix

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Msgr. Walden

2:00 PM -(Spanish) - Fr. Peter

6:00 PM - No mass

\*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

## We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

### Pastoral Team

**Reverend Patrick M. Riegger**

Pastor

**Reverend Felix Akpabio**

Parochial Vicar

**Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden**

Retired, In Residence

**Reverend Jerry DiSpigno**

Parish Assistant

**Reverend Peter D'Abele**

Parish Assistant

**John Pettorino**

Deacon

**Michael Hoonhout**

Deacon

**Carolyn Lapham**

Director of Family Ministries

**Michelle Pirraglia**

Director of Faith Formation

**Katie Spellman**

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

**Katie Waller**

Director of Operations

### OLQA

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Regional Catholic School**

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**Dawn Waller**

Principal

[dwaller@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller@olqany.org) (ext. 201)

### Office Hours

**Parish Office - Blue House**

**Monday - Thursday:**

9 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays: 6-8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

**Friday - Saturday**

9 AM - 2 PM

We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

### Mass Schedule

### Confession Schedule

## *A Message from Deacon Michael...*



The saying is that March “comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Whether that is true of the weather this year, it is certainly true of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of Lent, he battles Satan and wins a mighty victory over temptation for us. He is transfigured in glory on Mt. Tabor. Jesus’ ministry is filled with miracles that display divine power over all the ailments and disabilities that we are powerless to remedy. And yet when we come to the final week of Lent, the final week of Christ’s life, he chooses to be “like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and, like a sheep before its shearers, he is silent, and opens not his mouth” (Isaiah 53:7).

It is not like his power has left him. In the garden of Gethsemane, after telling Peter to put away his sword, he tells him: “Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matt 26:53). He says something similar to Pilate in John 18:36. Though they arrested Jesus and “bound” him tightly (Matt 27:2; Mark 15:1; John 18:24), chains are no constraint on the Word of God (2 Tim 2:9), as we see later when the angel rescued the imprisoned Peter and “the chains fell off his wrists” (Acts 12:7). No, throughout his Passion Jesus held his divine power under restraint, freely choosing to be bound and led away, imprisoned, falsely accused and convicted, scourged, mocked. When it came time to carry his cross, three times he fell under its overbearing weight, and after he was nailed to it, he rejected the temptation to “save yourself, and come down from the cross!” (Mark 15:30).

He who is the almighty God, the Word who commanded the heavens and the earth into existence, chooses to be weak, silent, and submissive, even when it means great, great anguish, sorrow, and pain. Let the readings and liturgies of this Holy Week remind you of this amazing truth: our Lord Jesus Christ saved the world not by divine power but by human weakness. “He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

And yet there was one part of Jesus’ humanity that was not weak, that never wavered. It is that very part of our nature which is the weakest thing in us: the human will. [Did not your Lent prove again to you that “the spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak” (Mark 14:38)?] After praying in the garden for the grace and strength to do his Father’s will, Jesus never hesitated, faltered, capitulated, or turned away from the via dolorosa, the way of sorrow, that led to his death. Perfectly, generously and lovingly united with the Father’s will, Jesus accepted and drank the chalice of human misery and sin, serenely suffered every insult and affliction, determinedly took every step to Calvary, offered no resistance to being nailed to the cross and, as he hung in agony, freely chose to forgive his executioners, welcome the repentant thief into paradise, and give His Mother to us. None of what we did to him weakened or extinguished his love for us. The heart of the Lamb of God never failed until it had given all. The Lamb of God has the heart of a lion, for the love of “the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered” (Revelation 5:5).

May this unshaken, all-conquering love of the crucified Jesus make us lambs in suffering and lions in love. Amen.

## Masses for the Week...

### Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Stoeski  
7:30 PM *Spanish* People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Daniel Dern Jr.  
10:00 AM Thomas and Mary Capone  
12:00 Noon Daniel Dern Jr.  
6:00 PM Jim Paulsen

### Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Stanley Feldman  
12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

### Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Robert O'Brien  
12:00 Noon Josephine Kerrigan

### Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Patrick Clark  
12:00 Noon Joan O'Connor

### Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
4:30 PM Family Prayer Service  
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:45 PM Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 PM

### Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
12:00 Noon Children's Good Friday Prayer Service  
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord  
6:15 PM Living Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
5:00 PM **No Mass**  
7:30 PM (Vigil) Easter Novena's

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

6:00 AM (Sunrise Mass) Easter Novena's  
8:00 AM Easter Novena's  
10:00 AM Easter Novena's  
12:00 Noon Easter Novena's  
2:00 PM (Spanish- Easter Mass) Easter Novena's  
6:00 PM **No Mass**



**Easter Novena & Mass**  
Remembrance envelopes are now available at all of the exits of the church. These will be the intentions for all of the Easter Masses. All intentions will remain on the altar throughout the Easter Octave. Please return the envelopes to the rectory before Easter.

## PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Average Weekly from January 1, 2024 to present.

Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2024	\$210,865	11	\$19,170
2023	\$183,878	11	\$16,716

**2024**  
CATHOLIC  
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*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



As of 3/12/2024	2024	2023
Parish Goal	\$115,100.00	\$115,100
Number of Donors	81	102
Total Pledged to date	\$42,370	\$36,245
Avg. Gift	\$523	\$355
Percent of Goal	37%	32%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal!  
Please help us go above goal!



# HOLY WEEK

## 2024

### SUNDAY 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY

5:00 pm	Saturday 3/23
7:30 pm	Saturday 3/23 Spanish
8:00 am	Palm Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Palm Sunday Mass
12:00 noon	Palm Sunday Mass
6:00 pm	Palm Sunday Mass

### MONDAY 25 MARCH DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

3:00 - 9:00 pm CONFESSIONS

### THURSDAY 28 MARCH HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
4:30 pm	Family Prayer Service
7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:45 pm	Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 pm

### FRIDAY 29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon	Children's Good Friday Prayer Service
3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy to the Passion of the Lord
4:30 - 6:00 pm	Confessions
6:15 pm	Living Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY 30 MARCH HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Confessions
7:30 pm	Easter Vigil

### SUNDAY 31 MARCH EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 am	Sunrise Mass - convent lawn
8:00 am	Easter Mass
10:00 am	Easter Mass
12:00 noon	Easter Mass
2:00 pm	Easter Mass - Spanish



# Praying For and With One Another

## Remember

Rosemary Conn + Daniel Mannix  
Paul John Loguercio Sr.  
Gregory O'Brien + Victoria Raymond  
Christina Hendrickson

*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
even so, through Jesus, God will bring*

## Pray for the Sick

John Fitzpatrick, Tony Variale, Joseph Stillitano

*"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
you may have to suffer through various trials...  
-1 Peter 1:6*

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Our Military

### US Army

SGT Sean Casey  
PVT Joseph Cestare  
SPC Michael Garcia Jr  
PVT Anthony Koch  
CPL Aidan O'Neill  
PFC David Smith  
Steven Valentin

### US Navy

E43CPO Jason Abbatiello  
STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
MMN2 Christopher J Esposito Jr  
ETVSN Angel Gabriel Montoya Rivera  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr

### US Coast Guard

BM3 Brendan J. Bernath  
CPT Keith Donohue

### US Marine Corps

LC Michael Abbatiello  
CPL Evan Berkemeyer  
PFC Sean Brady  
SGT Quentin Montemarano  
PVT Charles O'Connor  
E-1 Christian Raeihle  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Christopher Walther  
PAC Kevin W. Deshler II

### US Air Force

SSGT David Giese  
SSGT Jason M Hermes  
PFC Kyle Kerstiens  
SSGT Ryan Kerstiens  
SSGT Timothy Kerstiens  
A1C Jared T. Rosato  
MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

If you wish to place someone on the Military prayer list, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

## Remembering Our Loved Ones

Altar Bread & Wine for the month of March has been donated:

*In Memory of Liz DellaRatta*

This week, the Blessed Mother Candle will be lit:

*In Memory of Maureen Tully*

*SJE offers a number of ways to remember loved ones, or honor someone living.*

*To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)*

### Mass Intentions

Remembering one who has passed away at Mass is a most noble practice calling us to pray for one who has died at the most powerful prayer we know - the celebration of the Eucharist.

### Altar Bread and Wine

Names will be listed in each bulletin during the course of that month.

For the month, an offering of \$150 is requested.

### Votive Candles/Altar Candles

A number of votive candles enlighten the beautiful statues in our church. You may have a particular devotion to one of these saints. These candles are next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection.

**Altar Candles - \$25.00 per week.**



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# Palm Sunday

## Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage,  
Coffee, Tea & Juice

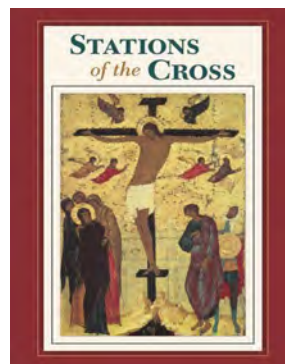
**March 24th**

SJE Parish Auditorium

After the 10am Mass



## Live Stations of the Cross



We invite you to join us for the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 6:15 PM in the church.

*It is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection on the great sacrifice Jesus made for humanity.*

### What is **FASTING**?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between  
*But remember to drink enough fluids!*

### When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday\*

\*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

### What is **ABSTINENCE**?

**Avoiding** certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

### When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

**TIP** Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT

## Fasting & Abstinence

### Why fast?

It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

### Who has to fast?

Catholics aged 18 to 60  
*Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.*

### Why abstain on Fridays?

It's the **day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

### Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

During **Lent**, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca



March 24, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mk 14:1-15:47

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

"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

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.





March 24, 2024



Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Regional Catholic School

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# Family Ministry

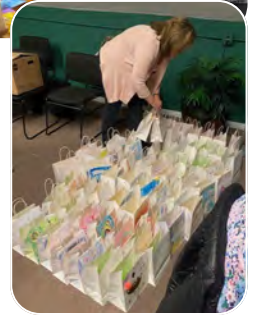


## The Parish Easter Egg Hunt is this weekend!

Sunday 3/24/2024 after the 10:00 Mass on the Great Lawn in front of the school. All children are invited! Children must be accompanied by an adult. After the egg hunt, all are invited to head over to the school for the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. A special thanks to those who filled the eggs for our egg hunt. Everyone worked together like a well-oiled machine and filled 2000 eggs! What an EGGCELLENT group of volunteers!

## The Moms on the Journey rock the Easter Outreach Project!

Our Moms on the Journey group prepared Easter Bags filled with plastic Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies and rosary beads for the families who registered for our Parish Social Ministry Easter Meal Program. The bags were decorated by the students at OLQA, our Catholic School. The students did an AWESOME job! If you're a mom who wants to grow in your faith and enjoy the company of other Christian moms, please consider joining this amazing group of women. Our next monthly gathering will be Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend and come be renewed and refreshed.



## Children's Holy Week Prayer Services sponsored

by Family Life Ministry



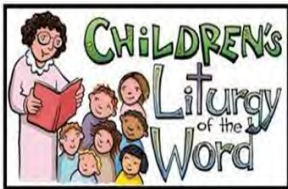
### Family Holy Thursday Prayer Service: Thursday, 3/28 at 4:30 PM

This family prayer service will help our children to truly understand the significance of Holy Thursday and will provide an opportunity for all to experience the Washing of the Feet.



### Children's Good Friday Prayer Service: Friday 3/29 at 12 Noon

This is a beautiful way for children to experience the Passion of our Lord in a very personal way. For more information about these prayer services or to learn more about our Family Life Ministry here at St. John's, please email us at [familylife@sjecm.org](mailto:familylife@sjecm.org).



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our program meets during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday. While at CLTW, the children enjoy the readings, responsorial psalm and gospel presented in language that is easy for them to understand. An interactive homily and prayer of the faithful allow the children to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word. This program has been a blessing to everyone! To learn more about the program, please email [Clapham@sjecm.org](mailto:Clapham@sjecm.org).



## Vacation Bible Camp at St. John's

July 15-19, 2024 from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Students currently in Pre-K through Grade 4 are eligible for VBC. Older students can serve as youth volunteers. More information will be available after Easter! Check the bulletin /parish website for details!



# Faith Formation

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5  
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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

CHECK OUT OUR FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE!

[sjecmff.blogspot.com](http://sjecmff.blogspot.com)

Registration Begins June 2024!

**Fast Facts:**

- St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, **beginning in FIRST GRADE**, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments.
- Information on our registration process & programs will be available on our website in June!
- If your child was not baptized here at SJE, we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized).



## Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith. You don't have to be a theologian - simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth.



♦ **Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)**

Would you like to help with our Family Catechesis program for Grades 1-6? We would love to add you to our Family of Faith Team of volunteers who help organize, plan and present at our sessions!

♦ **Confirmation Prep! Small Group Leaders: Grades 7 & 8**

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved in our Confirmation Prep - we have a spot for you! Our new Confirmation prep program is based on a small-group model and we need your help! We are particularly looking for Level 7 leaders for the incoming Level 7 class in Fall 2024!



Interested? Contact Michelle at 631-878-0009 ext. 123 or via email at [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)



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## Family of Faith (Grades 1-6)

Our Level 2 students prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a special event last week, with Msgr. Walden, Michelle Pirraglia and Carolyn Lapham leading the session.

### Next Sessions:

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 5 PM or 7 PM in the Church



This year, the Knights of Columbus hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner for the parish on Saturday, March 16! This year's honorees were former faith formation director Suzan Fitzpatrick and current faith formation director Michelle Pirraglia! Congratulations!



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On Sunday, March 10, the Knights of Columbus marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Main Street in Center Moriches. This year, Grand Marshall was past grand knight and parishioner George Keller.





Three bingo cards are shown, each with a different color: green, orange, and red. The green card has numbers 12, 56, 78, 12, 35, 88, 15, 18, 77, 58, 33, 48, 77, 78, 23, 17, 44, 30, 56, 63, 25, 22, 96, 22, 35, 21, 10, 31, 01, 66, 41, 88, 1, 18. The orange card has numbers 12, 56, 78, 12, 35, 88, 15, 18, 77, 58, 33, 48, 77, 78, 23, 17, 44, 30, 56, 63, 25, 22, 96, 22, 35, 21, 10, 31, 01, 66, 41, 88, 1, 18. The red card has numbers 12, 56, 78, 12, 35, 88, 18, 77, 58, 33, 48, 78, 23, 17, 44, 30, 25, 22, 96, 22, 31, 01, 66, 41, 88, 1, 18. In front of the cards are five bingo balls with numbers 15, 25, 45, 37, and 17.

# BINGO

Knights of Columbus  
Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

## FRIDAY NIGHT'S

Doors Open at 6:30 PM  
Games Begin at 7:30 PM

## \$3000 IN PRIZES

For more information  
[kofc4126.com](http://kofc4126.com)

**NO BINGO ON MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**



# Parish Social Ministry

## SJE Thrift Shop Wednesdays - 9 AM - 12 Noon

Are you are looking for a great deal? St. John's Thrift Shop is the place for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!

When you visit our Shop, you'll see lots of new and gently used clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and lots of great toys, all at great prices. The proceeds from the weekly sales at the shop are returned to our Parish Outreach programs and used to assist our neighbors in need in our parish and the local community.

The success of our Thrift Shop relies on the generous donations from our community that are left in the green bins in the school parking lot. If you are looking for a great way to give back to our Parish community, consider donating your new or gently used clothes, or those toys your children have outgrown.


## Ernie's Place

Here is a list of items we will be collecting to help fill our Easter baskets. These items can be left at the doors of the church or at the bin, outside of Ernie's Place.

### Pantry Shopping List

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Corn
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cake Mix Icing
- Biscuit Mix
- Canned Pineapple
- Easter Chocolate
- Peeps
- Jelly Beans


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### HOW DO YOU PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?


The Eucharistic Adoration is a prayer (it normally lasts an hour, called Holy Hour) that is made before the Blessed Sacrament.

#### Steps to pray:




**1. REALIZE WHO IS PRESENT**

Place yourself in the presence of Christ.



**2. GIVE THANKS**

Be thankful for this moment of prayer and for all the blessings the Lord has given you.



**3. ASK**

Present Him all your intentions and the intentions of those around you.



**4. MEDITATE**


In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.



**5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS**

Express your sorrow for the world's sins and your own.

**How to pray? 10 ways of praying**



## Monday - Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM in Seton Chapel, in the Convent

On Mondays following Adoration, there is a Holy Hour to Pray for Priests from 7 - 8 PM.

All are invited to pray for our Shepherds.

Please consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can be present for a specific hour, email [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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# A Message from Msgr. Walden...

Where is the ideal place to live and find peace, joy, and happiness? Centuries before us explorers set out from Europe and discovered the “New World”. In 1620, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock and began their settlement to live with religious freedom. Other explorers were looking for riches. Those early explorers and settlers would surely be amazed if they came back to life today and saw all we have done as human beings in the centuries after them. Yes, we have many advances, resources, knowledge, technological instruments, and conveniences that they would never have even dreamed possible. But do we live in the ideal place and world?

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and recount how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with joy as branches were placed on the road as a sign of welcome. It would seem on the surface that He was in an ideal place. Yet five days later, what is now called Good Friday, happened. A seemingly wondrous welcome and opportunity for Jesus and for us turned into Him being rejected and forced to carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem to His place of crucifixion. The ideal Savior was rejected and unjustly crucified. Yet what is ideal is that Jesus refused to let those who rejected and abandoned Him to defeat Him. Instead of looking to find the ideal place to live, preach, and walk among us, He clearly showed us that He is the ideal, ultimate, and only Savior. It is not what He suffered physically but how He suffered and transformed an ugly and terrible situation and death into an act of pure love, forgiveness, reparation, and salvation. It was not an ideal place physically but His ideal and unconditional love made it so. He took the abuse, sinfulness, injustice, fears, abandonment and spite, and rose from the dead three days later. He came back to life and back to His followers to assure them of His love and our presence in His heart.

It is the wonder of Jesus’ love that He transformed the worst act of injustice in history, the human rejection of our creator and God, into an act of salvation, hope, and love. It is our presence in His life and heart and His presence in our lives and hearts that enables and inspires us to have his ideal heart, love, hope, and courage. When we allow Him into our lives and allow Him to comfort, inspire, encourage, and walk with us wherever we are and whoever we are with, He is in an ideal place and situation for us, with us, and through us. The “world” is not a perfect place. You and I are not perfect people. But we are perfectly loved by Jesus, who brings us into His life with the Father and Holy Spirit; who constantly offers His presence to us at Mass as we receive Him in Holy Communion; and in the Sacrament of Penance, we hear the priest pray the words and assurance over us: I absolve you from your sins! Jesus makes every encounter and prayer experience with Him an ideal, life-giving, inspiring, and encouraging encounter. I encourage you to come and be touched this Holy Week - on Holy Thursday when we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, on Good Friday as we are amazed and uplifted by His sacrificial love through the Stations of the Cross and our Good Friday Liturgy, and Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil where we will recount and be renewed by the wonder of His love in creation, and as we welcome four people into our parish family. And, of course, come on Easter Sunday to know the joy of the Risen Christ in our midst. Surely we will be in the right place at the right time. We will be in the ideal place at an ideal time! May the blessed palm you take home remind you of your welcome into God’s presence always, and His welcome into your presence always.



# Comunidad Hispano De San Juan Evangelista

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

## MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

### BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

### Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo. Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

### CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 p.m. los martes.

Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.

[espanol@sjecm.org](mailto:espanol@sjecm.org)

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

### **¡Dejanos ayudarte!**

### **DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE**

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

### **TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO**

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

### **COMIDA COMUNITARIA**

Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM  
auditorio de la escuela

### **MINISTERIO DE CALLE**

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley  
7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!

## Tienda de segunda mano SJE los miércoles:

de 9 AM a 12 del mediodía

¿Estás buscando una gran oferta? St. John's Thrift Shop es el lugar para usted y su familia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

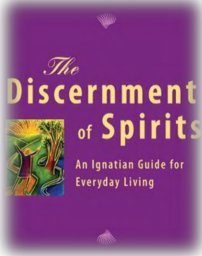
Cuando visite nuestra tienda, verá mucha ropa, carteras, zapatos, joyas, artículos para el hogar y muchos juguetes fantásticos nuevos y en buen estado, todo a excelentes precios. Las ganancias de las ventas semanales en la tienda se devuelven a nuestros programas de Alcance Parroquial y se utilizan para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados en nuestra parroquia y la comunidad local.

El éxito de nuestra tienda de segunda mano depende de las generosas donaciones de nuestra comunidad que se dejan en los contenedores verdes del estacionamiento de la escuela. Si está buscando una excelente manera de retribuir a nuestra comunidad parroquial, considere donar su ropa nueva o en buen estado, o aquellos juguetes que a sus hijos les hayan quedado pequeños.



## Women's Group...

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book on The Discernment of Spirits, lists St. Ignatius' 14 rules for discernment, then goes through each rule a chapter at a time, describing how to apply it in our lives. In the ups & downs, consolations and desolations of our spiritual life, we go through times of pure joy to "Where are You Jesus?"



St. Ignatius (1491-1556), recuperating from war wounds was given reading material on the life of Christ & the saints. As he thought about what he read, he became aware of his thought patterns, how the thoughts affected his feelings, and how the good feelings remained with him. When he had worldly thoughts, although he felt good while thinking them, he noticed that afterward the feelings left him empty. He continued reading spiritual books, growing in wisdom. God was leading him, fulfilling His Plan for him to be a great saint & to teach us. God's plan for us is the same, the process is slow.

As women who love Jesus, we need & want to learn to recognize Jesus' voice & grow closer to Him. At times we feel inadequate, wondering is this Jesus speaking, me or the enemy? In our group we begin to see we're all equal, with the same problems, emotions, weaknesses, confusion, strengths, desires, fears, doing the best we can, we don't have to be perfect. Jesus consoles us through our love for each other. If you feel desire to come but are fearful, we understand because we've been there & at times still are, so just come as you are, no rules or requirements, you don't have to read or share. We respect the privacy of others, sharing is anonymous!

We meet **every other Monday** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the IHM room, white house (convent) between school & rectory.

**Dates:** April 8\*, 15, 29,  
May 13, 20\*, June 24 (summer break).

*Dates with \* are makeup dates.*

**Facilitators:** Carol Ketcham, Anita Luccari.

For additional information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009 . Or... **just show up!**

## Men's Prayer Group...



### CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

**Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle  
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516) 678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)





# Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous-Men only - BMR

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will - Front Mtg Rm - Auditorium

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices close at Noon)

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 4 PM Legion of Mary - BMR
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus-Bingo Night - Auditorium  
(NO BINGO ON MARCH 29th)
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC
- 10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (Parish Offices Closed)

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mtg. Room  
BUR - Barn Upper Room  
SC - Seton Chapel



## Important DRVC Information...

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Please take some time look through the back pages of the bulletin! It features many local businesses (and often the work of parishioners) and the good work they do in our community. We have parishioners who do everything from car detailing to car mechanics to lacrosse training to taking care of pets. Take a look and learn more!

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

Also, if your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist - most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area - receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of families in the area with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call  
The Church Bulletin Company  
at 631-249-4994