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Emergency – If someone is dying or there has been a death, please

Call: 804-402-1221

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

Mass Intention: “Extended Members of the Curtain Clan”

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #428

All Glory Laud and Honor (verses 1, 2, 3)

PSALM #806

My God, My God why have you abandoned me

OFFERTORY #434

O Sacred Head Surrounded

COMMUNION #421

At the Cross Her Station Keeping

RECESSIONAL #428

All Glory Laud and Honor (verses 4,5)

Holy Communion – This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we

would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz’s Mother), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfesler Ouellette, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Capt. Adam Snyder (deceased fire fighter of Atlantic Beach, NC)

Tues.: Mass Intention: Cathy Van Pelt

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Mary Walsh

Thurs: Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm - Mass Intention: Joseph McLaughlin

Fri: Good Friday: 7:00 pm

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today is Palm Sunday, also sometimes called Passion Sunday. Today we read the Passion of Christ.

As an aside, I encourage everyone to watch the movie “The Passion of Christ” if you want to have some real imagery in your heart and mind to pray over this week. I hope you spend some extra time in pray this Holy Week contemplating what God did for us when He sent His Son to suffer and die on a cross for our sins.

St Teresa of Avila says the fastest way to grow in holiness is for us to contemplate the passion, the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. When we contemplate the extent to which Christ suffered - during his agony in the garden, during the scourging, as they hammered a crown of thorns into His head, as He carried the cross all the way to Golgotha, and as the nailed Him to a cross and hung Him to die – our hearts of stone are softened and we realize more and more the extent to which God will go to save us from eternal separation from Him.

“We had all gone astray” the bible says. That means everyone was destined for eternal separation from God. No one was worthy of Heaven and the beatific vision, that is, seeing God. In fact, before Christ came if you saw God you died.

Christ is our reconciliation. He reconciles us in our sin to God the Father in His perfection. He fills in the gap. His blood pays the price. His death atones, makes payment for our sins. Every

penny must be paid. And Christ paid the debt for you and for everyone (priests too).

Are you moved by this? Are you moved by His Passion? What are you willing to sacrifice to God to show how much you love Him and appreciate what He has done for you?

Our actions show our love and devotion to God. Our prayer life shows if we want to have a relationship with Him. Our Sunday Mass attendance shows our obedience to His command to honor the Sabbath and our desire to receive His most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. Our obedience to His teachings as given us by the Catholic Church shows our humility and desire to please Him just as we would our earthly fathers who give an order and know better than ourselves what is best for us. Our suffering that we endure as we sacrifice for those we love shows our understanding of what it means to be His disciple.

Christ talked a lot about love and sacrifice. But He proved He meant it when He was crucified on the cross. It's the same with us. Talk is cheap. Suffering and sacrifice is real and proves our faith.

Are you moved? Are you willing to sacrifice for God? If so, how much? What is the thing in your life where God is asking you to sacrifice? What is the cross God wants you to embrace and carry rather than run from or complain? It will only be for a time. It won't last forever.

But there is a great gift awaiting those who do. There is a treasure beyond measure for those who are willing to be called 'faithful follower,' those who follow the example of Christ in how they embrace suffering and sacrifice for the Kingdom of God, just like He did.

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>3,241.50</u>
Loss	\$ 46.50

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

128 lunches were served on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. 77 dinners were served on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, there will be stations at St. Patrick Church, 215 N. 25th St., Richmond, 12 noon, on Thursdays.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Sylvia Winston on the recent passing of her sister, Catherine Hall. Please remember them in your prayers.

ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry helps to feed the poor in our community. Please help us by donating canned tuna, chicken, and any other shelf-stable foods. It helps when the cans are pull-top and regular size.

We need hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, Chapstick, combs, hair ties, shaving razors, hand sanitizer, tissues, hand/feet instant heat warmers.

– Please consider donations of socks, belts, and backpacks.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm
Good Friday – 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil, Saturday – 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday – Regular Schedule

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603

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