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"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"
~ Luke 23:46



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Masses

Sunday: (Saturday, 4 and 7 PM)

7:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Holy Day: (Eve 4 PM) 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM

Daily: 7AM and 12:00 Noon except Tuesdays 7 & 8

Adoration until 4:00 PM, Saturdays 9 AM

Saint Anthony Devotions: The 13 Tuesdays

Every Tuesday: Holy Mass 8:00 AM

Devotions & Benediction: 3:30 & 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance:

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45, 6:30-6:45 PM or by appointment.

Please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism will be done on the second Sunday of every Month.

Classes for Parents and Godparents will be held on the First

Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM in the Chapel.

Please call the Rectory to register.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least one year

prior to the planned date of the Wedding. Couples contemplating marriage please go on-line to www.bostoncatholic.org

to find out date and time for Transformed in Love.

Pray for All the Soul in Purgatory:

Maria Moscaritolo, Joan Greenlaw and John Morgante

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 14, In Church

- 7:30 John DiBello by Richard & Amy Mascolo
- 10:00 Leo Marino by family
- 12:00 Thomas Riordan by family

Monday April 15, In Chapel

- 7:00 Victoria Vorslova by John Terry
- 12:00 Sue DiRosa by The Birthday Club

Tuesday April 16, In Chapel

- 7:00 Special Healing prayers for Carl
- 8:00 In Honor of St. Anthony – In Church
- 12:00 For all the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday April 17, - In Chapel

- 7:00 Mitchell C. Tobin (Month’s Mind) by family
- 12:00 LaBella & Ciulla Families by Suzanne
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, April 18, In Chapel- Holy Thursday

- 7:00 PM Holy Thursday (Chrism Mass)

Friday, April 19, The Passion of the Lord

- 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross - City Wide
- 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 20, In Church

- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil

Masses next Sunday April 21, 2019 Happy Easter

- 7:30 Josephine & Charles LaBella by daughter Suzanne with Love
- 10:00 Rita & John Pennachio by daughters Evelyn & Jean
- 12:00 Frank Camara (5th Anniversary) by wife Kay

Pastor’s Notes

We enter Holy Week, the most important week of the year. You only have one more week to do your Lenten promises.

I cordially invite all of you to be with me, Fr. Xavier, Fr. Heni and Deacon Joe on this night at 7:00 PM to celebrate our gifts of Ordination. This night is called Hoy Thursday as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then we go into Good Friday where we remember in a special way the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, you may question why we call this Good Friday. It is good because His death we will live forever. Our Good Friday Service will be 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

The we enter Easter the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7:30 PM.

Please join us at the most important liturgies. It is almost time when I can enjoy my Macaroni and meatballs!

God Bless
Fr. George

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for April 7, 2019 was (\$3,972.74). The Special Monthly was (\$2,281.87). In order for St. Anthony to reach the budget we need (\$5,000.00) a week.

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST – EASTER COLLECTION

At Easter we honor and celebrate our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston. Now, it is our turn to care for them in their time of need. Please be as generous as possible at the one and only collection taken up at all our Easter Masses.

Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday: Mass at 7:00 PM (no daily Mass)**
- Good Friday: 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross City-Wide
3:00 PM & 7: PM Venerations of the Cross
with distribution of Holy Communion**
- Saturday Easter Vigil: Mass starts at 7:30 PM with the fire outside**
- Easter Sunday: Mass is 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM**

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019

Holy Day of Obligation

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

SPECIAL NOTICE

On Sunday April 28th at the 12 Noon Mass, we will have a procession of the Statue of Maria SS Inconornata from the Immaculate Conception Church, beginning at 10 AM and arriving at St. Anthony's at 11:45 AM. Then we will celebrate Mass together in honor of Our Lady. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 28, 2019 is Divine Mercy Sunday. A special celebration will take place. There will be confession from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM followed by the 12:00 Noon Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:45PM.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

We are asking all who come to Church for Mass and other services to please do not bring your coffee cups and water bottles with you and leave them in the pews. It takes much time to clean the pews between Masses. We also ask you to please return the missals to the holders and not leave them in the pews. We humbly ask for your cooperation. Thank you for your understanding.

Saint Anthony Stations of The Cross

On Good Friday April 19, 2019 St. Anthony will be having their annual city-wide Stations of the Cross with the Confirmation Year 1& 11 children of our faith Formation Program. Please join these children for a very emotional and meaningful experience. You will meet at the Church at 9:00 AM for prayer, and reflection and then start the stations from our parking lot to City Hall and back. Thank you and God Bless.

Fr. Xavier

PALM SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! The Faith Formation team wishes all of you a blessed Palm Sunday! No classes today or next Sunday, Easter Sunday!

I would like to thank all of the adults who worked so hard to make this year's Passion Play so meaningful for all of the students who participated! Thank you to Michelle Reardon, Jessica Consoli, Noelle Forte, Kayla Wright, Andres Quintero and William Consoli. I could not do this without their support!

Our last class for this year will be on Sunday, April 28th! This year has really flown by! Thank you to our amazing catechists, parents and children who have grown in their knowledge of how much God loves them.

God bless each and every one of you!

Donna Felzani

Way of The Cross for Life 33rd Annual

Come join this peaceful procession for the sin against Sacredness of Life from conception until natural death, in the true spirit of charity. We will make the Stations of The Cross on Good Friday, visiting five Churches in East Boston and ending at the Madonna Queen National Shrine.

When: 9:00 AM, Good Friday

Where: From The Most Holy Redeemer Church to the Madonna Queen National Shrine. Along the way we will stop at Our Lady of the Assumption, Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph/St. Lazarus

Who: Anyone who wishes to pray for the end of abortion

How: Peacefully and prayerfully, please bring Rosaries rather than signs.

What: What can you do to help? Walk with us, tell a friend, and most important pray for us.

Contact: Sebastain Martell 617-893-777 617-846-9077

Confirmation News

“The Passion of Christ is one of the most profitable sources in attempting to facilitate a more intimate union with our Lord and it traces a sure path toward holiness”

In our daily life we have fears, concerns about different things, go through anxieties about future, hopeless because of unfavorable situations like health issues, financial struggles and family fights etc., and feel like lost the way and not knowing what to do or where to go. But here we have the way to get out that awful situation and remain hopeful experiencing the peace and serenity. It has been proven in the lives of the saints. Saint Alphonsus de Liguori tell us about the Passion of Christ: “Our time is no time for fear as we are witnesses of a God who gave up His own life out of love for us. The Passion of Jesus was an excess of the love of God, so anyone who meditates on it, will follow Him to the end strengthened by His passion. If you wish to advance in your spiritual life, think of the Lord's sufferings every day, because by thinking of It, it is impossible not to be overwhelmed with love capable of making other effects relative when compared to his own, and strength to overcome with joy the inevitable burdens and trials of life. Who could be hopeless or irritated by the injustice of his own sufferings when seeing Jesus wounded and broken? Who could refuse to yield to the demands of the common good when remembering that Christ became obedient even unto death? Who could be fearful if he embraces the cross of our Redeemer?” The ordinary people excelled in holiness and became saints by meditating the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The season of Lent throws us open the doors of holiness and better life. Let us be wise enough to make use of this golden chance.

April 14, 2019 is the “Palm Sunday”. On this Sunday there will be no classes for both the first- and second-year Confirmation candidates. I sincerely thank all the confirmation candidate who are part of this Passion play. I really appreciate and thank all who are at the back ground for this enactment of our Lord's passion. I encourage all the candidates to come to the church and participate in all the liturgical activities that are going to be held during the Holy week.

All the candidates are asked to do the sign-up sheets kept in the vestibule.

If you have any concerns or questions kindly call me on my cell 781-244-9162.

Thank you.

Fr. Xavier

PALM SUNDAY

Greed

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God (Mt.5:3)

Greed is an excessive love for wealth or other earthly possessions. It is one of the seven deadly sins. It is also called capital sins. It gives rise to other sins and imperfections namely neglecting family to pursue career, donating little or nothing to charity, devoting unreasonable time and attention to financial matters, lying to get more money, taking financial advantage of people, looking down on people who are poor and cheating on tax return. Moreover, the greedy person never reaches an endpoint in the accumulation of wealth. Thus, a greedy person is not able to be content and happy. Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas and contemporary researches tell us that money simply cannot make us happy. Today, greed often takes the form of consumerism and over-work. Consumerism reduces us to what we can buy and consume. The workaholics greed is not in the consuming but in producing. The ultimate goal of life is what we bought and sold.

Holy scripture warns us against greed (Lk. 12:15; Mt.6:19, 24; 1Tim6:9-10, 17-18). The sin of greed not only makes us often sin against others but it also causes us to lose our connection with God. In other words, it goes against the greatest commandment of our Lord: Love of God and love of neighbor (Mt.22. 34-40; Mk.12: 28-34; Lk.10:25-28). Since love for riches occupies more place in us we become idol worshipers. The greedy person cannot have inheritance in the kingdom of God (Eph.5:5). The author of the letter to Hebrews instructs us that “Keep your lives from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said, never will I leave you; never will I forsake you” (Heb:13:5).

While speaking about greed we should not have a wrong idea that money itself is bad. We need money to get our basic and necessary needs to be fulfilled. But the problem is love for money which makes us greedy. When we become greedy we have no place for God in our lives. Our Lord teaches that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into kingdom of God (Mt.19:23-24). While commenting on this passage John Chrysostom writes what Jesus spoke was not condemning riches in themselves but those who were enslaved by them. The main and only hindrance for the young rich man in the gospel is his greedy (Mt.19:16-22; Lk.10:17-31).

Greed

In order to inherit the kingdom of God we should avoid greed from our lives. Let us examine ourselves to keep us away from greed.

Prayer: Generous God, I thank you for your protection throughout my life. But I wounded you many times due to my love for money. Forgive me and help me keep myself clean. Give me the grace to make use of money to get my basic and necessary needs to be fulfilled and help my neighbors who are in need. I ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Edited and compiled Fr. M.A. Heniston Washington

In Honor of Our Lady of the Sorrows

JOIN US IN PRAYER ON APRIL 18th, 2019- HOLY THURSDAY

7 CHURCHES WOULD BE SEQUENTIALLY VISITED via (1)BUS this year- The Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and one of Blessed Mother's prayers in honor of Her Seven Sorrows will be prayed for each church. We will visit churches in the Beverly, Danvers and Peabody area. Registration for badges and gift bags begins at 5:30AM and continues until 6:00 AM in St. Joseph's LOWER CHURCH, 118 High St. MEDFORD. Opening prayers are at 6:00AM SHARP! We are boarding our bus at 6:45. It is imperative that we leave ON TIME! Our return to St. Joseph's will be approximately 1:30 PM. Please bring a snack or lunch. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL PLANS FOR THAT DAY AS UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES MAY OCCUR in delaying our return on time.

The cost is \$35.00 per person. No Refunds are given under any circumstance! Absolutely no payments will be received on that day! Please call Sandi Arjune ON HER BUSINESS PHONE, Caribbean Tastes at 781-333-4800 between 12 noon and 6:00 PM, Mon. to Fri. for more information and an application. Your church or parish center may also have an application. This pilgrimage is usually Sold Out! Reservations close on Monday, April 8, 2019. Please call Sandi to confirm that seats are still available prior to sending your payment! Send your payments and phone number for confirmation of receipt to: Sandi Arjune, PO Box 632, Malden MA 02148.

PALM SUNDAY



**My Brother's Table
For
April, 2019
Donated**

**In Loving Memory
Of
Feliciano & Teresa Salvatore
&
Michaelangelo & Marie Loreta
Giammarco
by
Laura & John Salvatore**



**Sanctuary Candle
April, 2019
Donated**

**In Loving Memory
Of
Diana & Peter Geestman &
families
Henrietta Hoyer & families
Gerald F. Melia & families
by
family**



**Missals
For
April, 2019
Donated**

**In Loving Memory
Of
The Pino Family
by
Family**



**Eucharistic Hosts
For
April, 2019
Donated**

**In Loving Memory
of
Kenneth M. Beardsley
by
wife Linda & family**

Sunday, April 14, 2019
8:45 – 12:00 No Faith Formation
7 PM- AA-room C-lower rectory

Monday, April 15, 2019
7 AM Mass -Chapel
4 PM to 10 PM- Bingo-Hall
6:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
7AM Mass – Chapel
8:00 AM St. Anthony Mass
12 Noon Mass - Chapel
3:30 PM and 7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
7 AM Mass - Church
12 Noon Mass – Church
6-8 PM - Prayer Group, Adoration, Rosary and
Benediction- Chapel

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7:00 PM Chrism Mass - Church

Friday, April 19, 2019
Passion of the Lord
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross -City Wide
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Saturday, April 20, 2019
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Flea Market 8:30 until 2:30 PM
Sandy - 339-532-7665