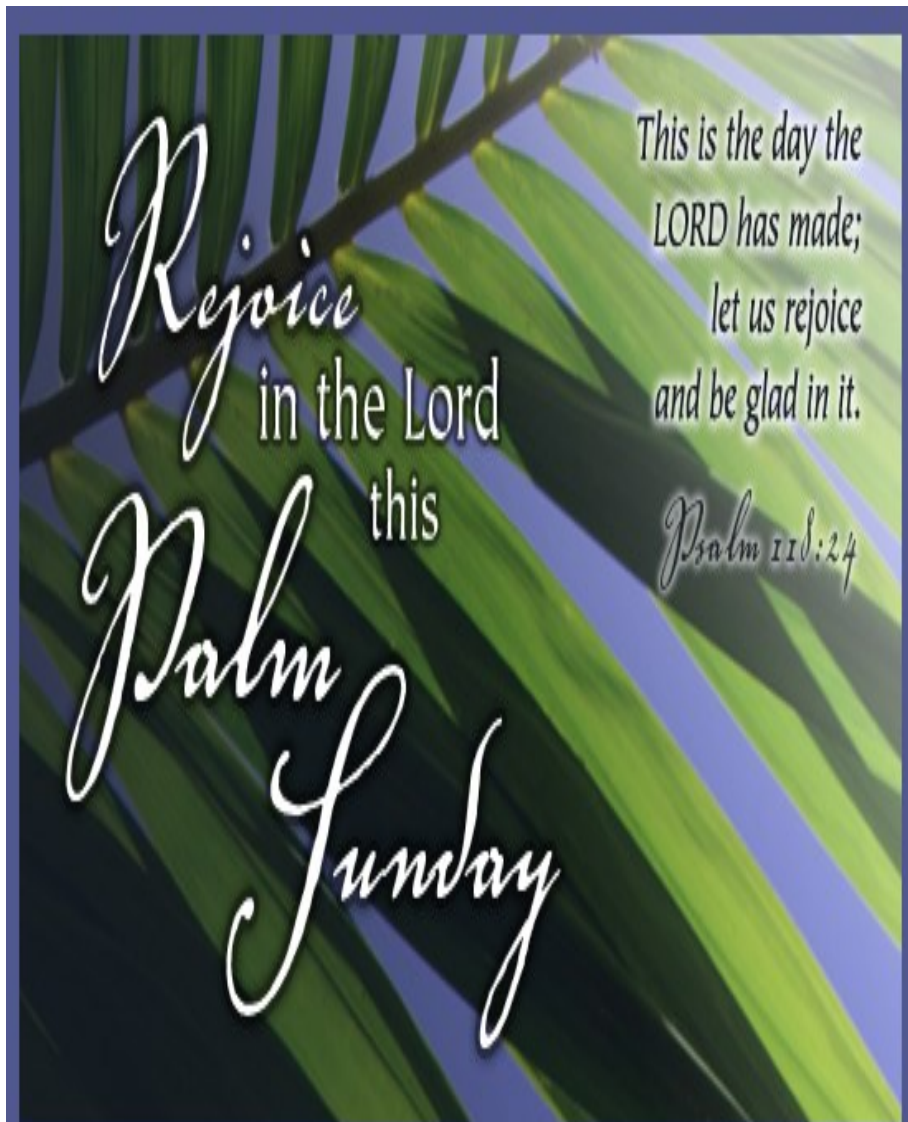


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Holy Thursday	7:00 PM
Friday Stations	3:00 PM
Veneration	7:00 PM
Saturday Easter Vigil	8:30 PM
Easter Sunday	11:00 AM

BAPTISMS

Parents should be registered parishioners or active for six months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Thursday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:30am-4:30pm

Administrator/Pastor:

Msgr. Stephen T. Churchwell, JCD

Email: schurchwell@archatl.com

SECRETARY:

Temporary/Volunteer

Email: sgmsecretary3049@gmail.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Open

WEBSITE:

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OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA 30742

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Fax 706-866-0574

Weekly Offerings

3/17-3/18 Offertory Received

\$3033.30

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$100.00

Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, Virginia Black, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Candance Carne, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Sara Mason, Nora McKensie, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word, Paul Worland.

What is a PALM SUNDAY?



Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in all four canonical Gospels. In many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves (often tied into crosses) to the assembled worshippers.

Carrying palms (or olive or willow branches, etc., if palms aren't available) in procession goes way back into the Old Testament, where it was not only approved but commanded by God at the very foundation of the Old Testament religion. In the fall of the year, after the harvest, when the people gathered for the Feast of Tabernacles God said in Leviticus 23:40: *And you shall take to you on the first day the fruits of the fairest tree, and branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook: And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God.*

Again we read of palms in the II Maccabees 10:6-8: *And they kept eight days with joy, after the manner of the feast of the tabernacles, remembering that not long before they had kept the feast of the tabernacles when they were in the mountains, and in dens like wild beasts. Therefore they now carried boughs and green branches and palms, for him that had given them good success in cleansing his place. And they ordained by a common statute, and decree, that all the nation of the Jews should keep those days every year.*

And in the 7th chapter of the Revelation, we see that those who were "sealed" are seen by John carrying palms: Revelation 7:9-10: *After this, I saw a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. And they cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God, who sitteth upon the throne and to the Lamb.*

- en.wikipedia.org & www.fisheaters.com



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REDISCOVERING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AS WE GROW IN GOD

Mass Intentions

Sat., 3/24 5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners

Sun., 3/25 9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS

WATC channel 57 at 9:00 a.m.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Model and Guide for Women Today 2018 Women's Convention

All are welcome!

April 12-14, 2018

Sponsored by the Knoxville Diocesan Council
of Catholic Women

St. Stephen Catholic Church

For more information and registration materials,
visit www.kdccw.org



MONTHLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Leslie Erdman will be taking over the monthly Ministry Schedule. If any concerns, questions or suggestions you can contact her at 423-667-7956 after 2:30.

We need more Volunteers!

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday : No Religious Ed Classes this week

Prison Ministry: 6:30

Knights of Columbus:

Wed., March 28: Officers Meeting

Friday, April 20: The 15th Annual Golf Classic at Nob North Golf Course, Cohutta, GA. Please register by April 15th. Checks should be made out and mailed to Knights of Columbus #7416, P. O. Box 2352, Ft. O , GA 30742

Contact Benjamin Cabeen

Phone 423-653-1893

Email: KofC7416@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact Grand Knight, **Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

Seniors will be selling raffle tickets in March for Easter Baskets— one for a girl and boy. \$1 each ticket, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. The drawing will be Palm Sunday the 25th of March.

Wed., 4/4: The Senior's Meeting will be at 12 noon in the Social Hall. Entertainment will be The Marsel Dancers from the Dalton Senior Center . Please plan on attending!

April 21, Saturday at 12:00

Ladies Luncheon, please consider being a hostess. If interested call

Ellen Tougaw at 423-280-9094.

Altar Linen Guild:

April 1: Celeste

April 15: Betsy

April 22: Regina

April 29: Shana

Adoration

Adoration is a time to receive God's grace while we are giving Him our praise and worship. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." During this time, all the stress related to our daily activities is released. Further, by His grace, we leave better prepared to cope with these daily activities. We have received His peace.

Please be sure to sign up for extended adoration on the **1st and 3rd Friday of each month**. There are many slots still needing to be filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.

St. Vincent DePaul

During this season of Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Please consider giving to SVdP as part of your almsgiving.

"For God loves a cheerful giver"

2Co 9:7

Thank you for your ongoing and unselfish generosity. If you know anyone in need our **Helpline # is 678-892-6163**.

A donation was made to SVdP in **Memory of the Fathers of Jane & Jeff McKinley by Jim & Irene Staub**. Thank you!

Women In Prayer

If you have any prayer requests, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630(Cell), or istaub1014@aol.com or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or rlswope374@comcast.net.

We have prayer shawls available for anyone who needs one.

Please contact Irene or Linda.

Please write to Fr. Bill Williams at:

Archdiocese of Atlanta
c/o Lisa Zayas
2401 Lake Park Dr. SE
Smyrna, GA 30080

Write to Fr. John Pham at:

Basilica of Sacred Heart of Jesus
353 Peachtree St., Nw
Atlanta, GA 30308

REMINDER:

We still need **Volunteers for monthly Church cleaning**. It is being considered on getting a service to clean the bathrooms weekly and the rest of the Church twice a month. We would need someone to vacuum the Church every other week that the cleaning service would not be doing it. The Signup Sheet is still in the vestibule. Please consider helping to keep our Church clean.

