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Rev. Carlos A. Sierra T.



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (Italian)

11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

## WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

*Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.  
on weekday statutory holidays.*

## DEVOTIONALS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mass & Novena

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

## ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples engaged to be married must contact the Parish office one year in advance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

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, as it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

### SPECIAL THANKS ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

On behalf of Father Carlos Sierra, we wish to thank everyone that participated in last Saturday's Good Friday Passion Play & Procession Fundraiser. We gathered as a community to celebrate our annual feast and to enjoy the offerings of an authentic Italian dinner.

This event would not be possible if it were not for the generosity of all our volunteers that took the time to help prepare for this event. Thank you to those that sold tickets, prepared delicious food, donated wine, door and raffle prizes, floral center pieces, and to those who helped to set up, clean up, and much more. Your generous gift of time is greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thank you to our parishioners and our community members for supporting this annual event. Your financial contributions will go towards offsetting the costs associated with the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession. May God Bless You!

### SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THE DEAF COMMUNITY

Imagine you were a deaf child and your parents and siblings did not know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? **Silent Voice** teaches American Sign Language and deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. *"I am so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation."* Last year more than 750 deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

**The second ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. Please continue to give generously!**

## WORLD DAY OF YOUTH 2018

Today, **Sunday, March 25th**, is World Day of Youth. The theme for this year is *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God"* (Luke 1:30). Pope Francis encourages today's youth to open wide the doors of their lives and stresses the importance of filling their time and space with meaningful relationships and with real people with whom to share authentic and concrete experiences of daily life. *"Look for God in prayerful silence and the sacraments so you could draw on the needed courage, wisdom and grace, and to turn to members of the church for encouragement and support..."*

### SEASON OF LENT

As we enter Holy Week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Lenten season is a time of reflection and a time to be thankful for our blessings. Through **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving** and **Sacrifice** we are called to remember these inseparable pillars as a sign of our care for those in need, and an expression of our gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. The **Purple Lenten Bag** is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial. All proceeds will go towards our brothers and sisters in need through the Saint Vincent de Paul and the Out of the Cold programs. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

*Due to an extended Mass on Easter Sunday, the Italian Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 am.*

### HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO: MAR. 29

**7:30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**10:00 pm** Holy Hour and Adoration - until midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO: MAR. 30

**11:00 am** Stations of the Cross (Outside)  
**1:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)  
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione  
**3:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)  
**6:00 pm** Passion Play & Procession

### HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO: MAR. 31

**11:00 am** Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation  
**8:30 pm** Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APR. 1

8:30 am / 9:45 am / 11:00 am

### EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA: APR. 2

**9:00 am** Holy Mass (Chapel)

## Mass Intentions

### GOOD FRIDAY EVENTS: MARCH 30

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 11:00 am

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during this season of Lent. You will have one last opportunity to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 11:00 am. All are welcome.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 3:00 pm

Calling all children, ages four to 13 years old! You are invited to attend a special children's liturgy at 3:00 pm on Good Friday (March 30th). The children will participate in a variety of prayers and activities designed to support their understanding of Good Friday devotions.

#### PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION: 6:00 pm

Please join us on Friday, March 30th at 6:00 pm as we gather together as a community to celebrate the 29th Annual Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 18th, 2018 was \$3,704.40. Please remember St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!

### DOMENICA DELLE PALME E DELLA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE / B

Vertice della liturgia della Parola è la lettura della Passione: è a questo centro che occorre volgere l'attenzione, più che alla processione delle palme. I ramoscelli d'olivo non sono un talismano contro possibili disgrazie; al contrario, sono il segno di un popolo che acclama al suo Re e lo riconosce come Signore che salva e che libera. Ma la sua regalità si manifesterà in modo sconcertante sulla croce. Proprio in questo misterioso scandalo di umiliazione, di sofferenza, di abbandono totale si compie il disegno salvifico di Dio. Nell'impatto con la croce la fede vacilla: il peso di una forza schiaccia il Giusto per eccellenza e sembra dar ragione alla potenza dell'ingiustizia, della violenza e della malvagità. Sale inquietante la domanda del «perché» di questo cumulo insopportabile di sofferenza e di dolore che investe Gesù, il Crocifisso, e con lui tutti i crocifissi della storia.

#### DA PAPA FRANCESCO

Vi proponiamo una frase del messaggio di papa Francesco nel quale il pontefice spiega come evitare di avere un "cuore freddo": infatti, "anche se a se a volte la carità sembra spegnersi in tanti cuori, essa non lo è nel cuore di Dio".

#### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 18 Marzo 2018 e' stata \$3,704.40. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

#### Saturday, March 24th ~ *BL. Óscar Romero*

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Carmela, Pietro & Michelangelo Zito, req. by the Family
- 5:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Michelangelo Nocera, req. by the Family +Elpidio & Peter Ferroni, req. by the Family

#### Sunday, March 25th ~ *Palm Sunday / Domenica delle Palme*

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Oto Corsano, req. by the Corsano Family  
+Francesco Iurato, req. by the Family  
+Luciano Valentini, req. by Maria Valentini  
+Mattia Tafaro, req. by the Family  
+Incoronata Cornacchia, req. by Angelo Cornacchia  
+Giovanni Agosta, req. by the Family  
+Tommaso Morlando, req. by Giuseppe Morlando & Family  
+Maria De Luca, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. +Giuseppe Spataro, req. by the Family  
+Corrado, Salvatore & Sarina Meli, req. by the Family

#### Monday of Holy Week: March 26th

- 12:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Joseph, req. by Sara Meglio +Domenico & Concetta Iacovelli, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

#### Tuesday of Holy Week: March 27th

- 12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande

#### Wednesday of Holy Week: March 28th

- 9:00 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Mass**
- 12:00 p.m. +Emilia Frassica, req. by the Family
- 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

#### Thursday of Holy Week: March 29th

- 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Adoration (until Midnight)

#### Good Friday: March 30th

- 11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Outside)
- 1:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord Passion (Italian)  
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione
- 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)  
Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Passion Play & Procession

#### Holy Saturday: March 31st

- 11:00 a.m. Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation
- 8:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

#### PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Jesus my Lord, let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be "truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life. Amen.


#### PREGHIERA PER LA SETTIMANA SANTA

Se dovessi scegliere una reliquia della tua Passione, prenderei proprio quel catino colmo d'acqua sporca. Girare il mondo con quel recipiente e ad ogni piede cingermi dell'asciugatoio e curvarmi giù in basso, non alzando mai la testa oltre il polpaccio per non distinguere i nemici dagli amici, e lavare i piedi del vagabondo, dell'ateo, del carcerato, e di chi non mi saluta più, in silenzio finché tutti abbiano capito nel mio tuo amore. Amen.



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