



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
April 2, 2023*

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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**Palm  
SUNDAY**

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"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."  
And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city  
was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the  
crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from  
Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11

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**For both Churches**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday**

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

**St John's**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

**St Ann's**  
**Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &**  
**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass**  
**w/ Drive up option**

**Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Holiday Schedules will vary**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass**  
**Or by appointment.**

Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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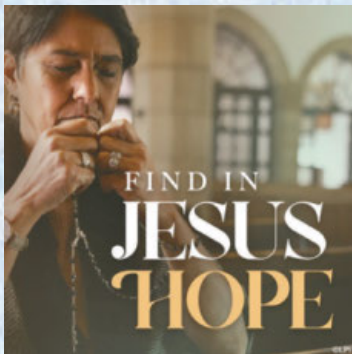
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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, April 2, 2023

7:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C Collaborative  
11:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C Collaborative  
6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

#### Sunday, April 9, 2023 — Easter Sunday

7:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative  
11:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 – Felice Rondeau — 20th Anniversary

#### Sunday April 2, 2023

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

#### Saturday, April 8, 2023 — Holy Saturday

4:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

#### Sunday, April 9, 2023 — Easter Sunday

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative



April 2 — Palm Sunday  
April 4 — Tenebrae — 7:00 PM — St. Ann’s  
April 6 — Mass of the Lord’s Supper — 7:00 PM  
St. John  
April 7 — Seven Last Words — 3 PM St. John  
Friday of the Passion of the Lord 7 PM St.  
Ann  
  
April 8 — Holy Saturday (Vigil Mass) 8 PM St. John  
April 9 — EASTER SUNDAY — see page 5  
(There is a change in the 8:00 Mass to 7:30 on Easter)  
  
April 22 — Ecumenical Bi-Centennial Celebration —

### Mass Location/Time Changes effective April 15 & 16

#### Saturday

3:00 pm — St. Ann’s (confessions)  
4:00 pm — St. Ann’s Mass

#### Sunday

8:00 am — St. John’s Mass  
9:30 am — St. Ann’s Mass  
11:30 am — St. John’s Mass  
6:15 pm — St. John’s Mass

Daily Masses will remain the same.

#### Daily Masses

Wed. & Fri. — St. John  
Thurs. & Sat. — St Ann

My Dear Friends in Christ,



If someone were to ask you, “what is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be? Most, I dare say, would answer “Christmas”...and they’d be wrong! Now, don’t get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, and in my life as a Franciscan the Incarnation has taken on a whole new meaning, but (liturgically, at least) it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services) with today’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Both read at today’s liturgy serve as “bookends” to our Holy Week services. The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus’ earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul

## MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### **Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

Our monthly sandwich making project for the homeless of Boston continues this month. Join us on Monday, April 17th at 6:30 pm at St. Ann as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the Capuchins to give out. If you plan on join us, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/FcbV9jgeKaTAXR6U8>.

### **Adult Bible Study Continues**

Our new Adult Bible Study continues to meet every Wednesday at 7 pm. We will gather in the conference room in the lower church. Our focus is the Sunday Gospel and what it means for us as disciples. All are welcome!

### **Tenebrae Service:**

On Tuesday of Holy Week (4/4) at 7 pm at St. Ann we will hold our first ever Tenebrae Service. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "darkness," and this service remembers Jesus' passion and victory over evil. It features the gradual darkening of the church by extinguishing candles so that at the end of the service we depart in darkness to await the light of the resurrection. Please join us!

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## Holy Week Schedule:

Tuesday (4/4): Tenebrae Service at 7 pm at St. Ann

Holy Thursday (4/6): 7 pm Mass at St. John

Good Friday (4/7):  
3 pm Seven Last Words at St. John's  
7 pm Service at St. Ann

Easter Vigil (4/8): 8 pm

## Easter Sunday Schedule:

**7:30 am St. Ann — \*\*\*\***  
9:30 am St. John  
11:30 am St. Ann

There will be no 6:15 Mass

**\*\*\*7:30 is a change due to the need for travel time.**



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

For Francis of Assisi, it is the love of God, the self-offering and surrender of control that comes with the Incarnation that is at the heart of what it means to talk about the suffering of Jesus on the cross. This sense of giving up control is seen in the way scholar Zachary Hayes describes the place of the cross in the spiritual world-views of Francis and Bonaventure. When we look at the mystery of Jesus, this evokes quite a different sense of the divine. When we think of the historical origins of Jesus, the poor circumstances of his life, the tragic historical ending on the cross, we must ask in what sense this is truly the incarnation of divine love.

**For St. Francis and Bonaventure, such historical realities point our attention to the humble, tender elements of the world in order to discover important signals of the presence of the divine. How can one look at the figure on the cross without asking: What is the nature of creative and redemptive love? What is truly creative power? (Hayes, "Works of Bonaventure")**

What it means to talk about love is laid out for us on the cross. And it is this sense of divine love—made concrete in the Incarnation and completed in the suffering on the cross—that was so transformative in the saint's own life. We must not forget how the legend of his initial conversion to religious life begins before the cross in the form of the now-famous San Damiano crucifix. Vorreux describes that experience of the saint before the cross and how the young would-be saint would understand what was depicted before him: God waiting for him over the altar was a great Byzantine Jesus that the poor man of Assisi particularly liked because it represented a redeemer at once friendly and triumphant. This savior did not seem to say to the faithful, "Look how I suffered for you!" but "Look how much I love you!" It was "a Christ of peace and persuasion." It is not a God who is vindictive, vengeful, sadistic, or punishing that speaks to the heart of believers, but a God of love. It is a God who suffered on the cross precisely *because* of love, not despite it. And this love, this passion for humanity, touched the life of this Italian saint's in a permanent, life-altering way.

After Francis' death, Bonaventure will talk about the "transformative power of love." Love is what moved the heart and mind of the saint from Assisi, and it is love that is the greatest force for change and good in our world. The cross, therefore, was not a sign of sin and death, but a sign of the tremendous power of love that speaks through the centuries, across all times and places, to the daily human experiences of true love. May we feel that self-sacrificial love as we enter into the mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicoliar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Meg Weljkvic & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

*If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.*

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**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

*Monday, April 3, 2023  
Monday, April 17, 2023*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute that large sums., ie \$100

**BINGO IS IN FULL SWING**



**Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo  
Doors open at 4 PM  
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP**

**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo  
Doors open at 4 PM  
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP**

**St Ann Prayer Line:**

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.



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We at SVdP at St Ann's want to thank everyone who donated to our calendar and all those who purchased calendars from us. All the funds raised will benefit those in need.

Thank you and God Bless.



There is nothing like beautiful flowers to make the altar look festive to celebrate the Easter Season.

Please use your Easter Flower Envelope or any envelope from home designated for the flowers to help us provide an altar worthy of this wonderful Holy Day in honor of Jesus' Resurrection.

If anyone has been having problems receiving their envelopes, please let the office know. We are working with the envelope company to resolve this issue. (508-378-4207)

In the meantime, please write your name and number on the outside of a regular envelope so you can be given credit for your donation.

# NEWS

Consider yourself invited to discern a wonderful Retreat opportunity at the Holy Cross Retreat House held on various weekends from October-April. Kevin and I have lived in Cursillo, and either of us would be happy to sponsor you!

Cursillo means “a short course in Christianity”.

Cursillo is more than a retreat. It is a dynamic Christian seminar. Participants are given practical insights into the everyday life of faith and service. Through prayer, reflection, group activities, and fellowship, the weekend is designed to deepen and round out what one has learned about Christ.

There is time for reflection and silence, and plenty of songs, laughter, discussion, prayer, liturgies, and breaks to make it a most enjoyable experience.

### Winter & Spring Dates

March 23-26 (Men)  
April 20-23 (Women)

The retreat costs \$195 for the weekend and includes program materials, lodging, and meals. Please reach out if the cost prevents you from joining us, as help is always available.

To register/obtain more information, contact:

Holy Cross Retreat House  
490 Washington St.  
North Easton, MA 02356  
508-238-2051



Join with Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group for the following events (sponsored by the Flatley Foundation):

**Mass 4 Life: Thursday, April 13th at 7pm**  
Sacred Heart Church, 386 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171  
with Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston

**Youth 4 Life: Friday, April 14, 2023 from 6-9pm**  
The Marriott Ballroom in Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169  
with Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston

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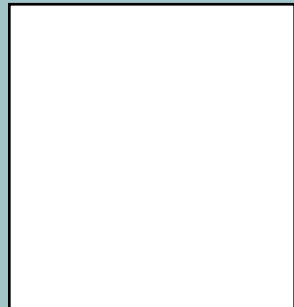


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