

Saint Matthew Church



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~ Established 1909 ~

Pastor: Rev. Ronald J. Bengford

~ *Mass Schedule* ~

~THE LORD'S DAY MASSES~

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING 7:30AM & 9:30AM

DAILY MASS

7:00AM Monday-Thursday

HOLY DAY MASSES

7:00AM and 6:30PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM-3:30PM

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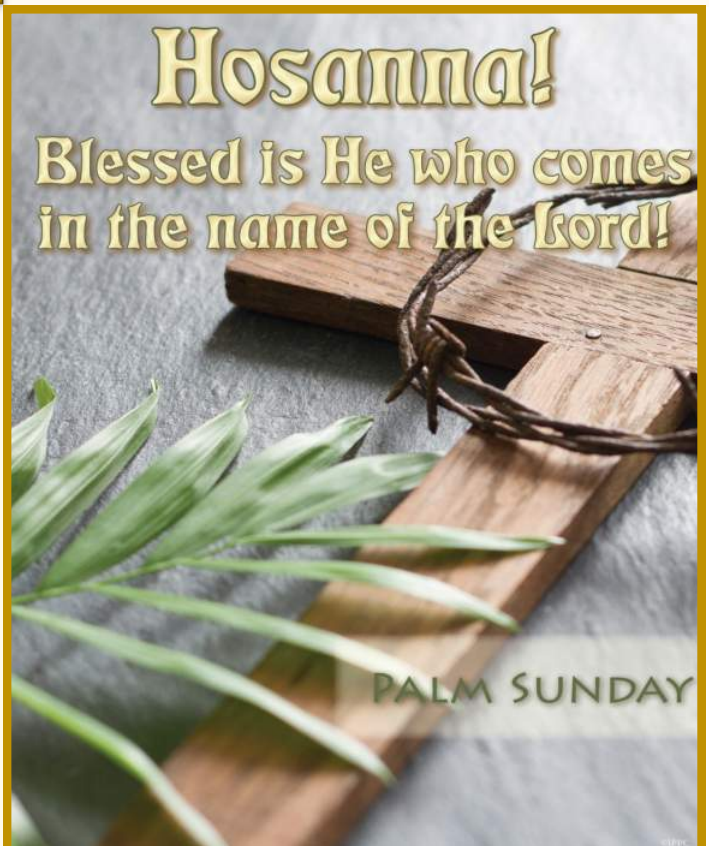
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Dear Parishioners,

Hosanna In The Highest! Yes, it is Palm Sunday! This weekend begins the holiest week of our liturgical year. I invite all of you to attend some or all of our Holy Week Liturgies.

Please note:

Holy Week services quick recap: Holy Thursday 04.17, The Mass of the Last Supper at 6:30PM, Good Friday 04.18, Stations of the Cross at NOON and The Passion of our Lord at 3:00PM. Our Easter Vigil 04.19 will take place at 7:30PM on Saturday evening. Finally, our Easter Sunday Mass is at 10.00AM on 04.20. There will be no 7:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday. There will be **No morning Mass or Stations of the Cross on Wednesday 04.16.**

Holy Thursday we will have the procession of the Eucharist to the altar of repose. Vigil hours will be until 10:00PM I encourage all who can to stay to pray and reflect upon Christ's suffering and death.

What is the Altar of Repose?... The Altar of Repose is a temporary altar where the hosts consecrated at mass on Holy Thursday are reserved for use on Good Friday. The procession of the Eucharist to the Altar or Repose symbolizes Christ's movement from the last supper to the Mount of Olives.

God Bless,

Fr. Bengford

OPERATION CRS RICE BOWL - 2025

The 'official' Rice Bowl Collection is on April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday). **Please do not return bags of loose coins.** The saving of coins is a symbolic gesture only. **Gather your sacrifice and write a check payable to: "SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH" or you may enclose cash paper bills in your envelope.**

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday-Passion of the Lord

Saturday April 12, 2025- 4:00PM

Sunday April 13, 2025- 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Mass of the Last Supper

Thursday April 17, 2025- 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Friday April 18, 2025 -12 noon

Passion of the Lord

Friday April 18, 2025 - 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday April 19, 2025- 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 20, 2025 -10:00 AM

**Please Note: NO 7:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday*

OFFICE CLOSED

April 18, 2025 & April 21, 2025

Please note that the Rectory office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday .

Thank you for your understanding!

PALM SUNDAY

Ask **FATHER**

Why do Catholics venerate the Cross on Good Friday?

Veneration of the Cross is a devotion, traditionally observed during the Good Friday liturgy. The Church invites the faithful to bow, kneel, or in some other way venerate the image of the crucified Christ.

While physically kissing a statue may seem unusual, the act is not about the object itself but about honoring the One it represents. Much like observing a moment of silence before a war memorial, we pause to remember and revere the greatest act of love. In this gesture, we express sorrow for sin, love for Christ, and gratitude for His saving victory.

Keep watch with Jesus

A Holy Thursday invitation



On Holy Thursday night, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray. In His anguish, He turned to His disciples and asked, "And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). Yet, they slept.

That same night, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, ensuring His presence would remain with us always. This Holy Thursday, set aside an hour to stay with Him.

Enter the Garden: Meditate on Matthew 26:36-46 or Luke 22:39-46. Listen to Jesus' prayer of surrender: "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42). Make it your own, trusting that God will bring all things to fulfillment in His perfect way. **Make a spiritual Communion:** St. Thomas Aquinas described this as a prayer of longing for the Eucharist when receiving it physically isn't possible. Though it cannot replace the Mass, it is deeply pleasing to God and nourishes the soul.

Simply be present: Prayer is not about many words or devotions but about being with Him. This Holy Thursday, offer Jesus your silent presence – attentive, open, and watchful – for He is always present to you.

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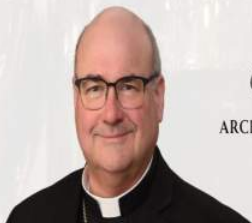
CHRISM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 6 P.M.

Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence



AT THIS HOLY MASS THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE RENEW THEIR PRIESTLY PROMISES. THE ARCHBISHOP WILL ALSO CONSECRATE AND BLESS THE SACRED OILS USED IN THE SACRAMENTAL RITES OF THE CHURCH FOR THE COMING YEAR. THERE WILL BE AN ASL INTERPRETER AT MASS. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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See Father Bengford before Mass.



SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

4:00PM LOUIS MAGGIACOMO *by wife Candy*

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday~

7:30AM MR. & MRS. ANTONIO ANDRADE *by Jaime Palmira*

MR. & MRS. MANUEL TOMAZ *by Jaime Palmira*

9:30AM

SIMAO FRAGOSO FAMILIA *by Fragoso family*

ANTONIO F. REBELO *by wife Fernanda*

MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025

7:00AM

TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025

7:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION *by a parishioner*

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2025

THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025 ~Mass of the Last Supper~

6:30PM

FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 ~ Friday of the Passion of the Lord~

12:00PM (Noon) Stations of the Cross

3:00PM

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2025 ~ Easter Vigil~

7:30PM

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025 ~ Easter Sunday~

10:00AM JOHN DAFONSECA *by wife & children*

MARIA KHA *by Dao family*

Readings for the Week – April 13, 2025

Monday Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Chrism Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Thursday Night Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Gen 1:1—2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22 Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Lk 24:1-12



APRIL 06, 2025 Weekly Collection \$ 3,217.00

APRIL 06, 2025 Online Collection \$ 325.71

APRIL 06, 2025 Monthly Collection \$ 735.00

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PASCHAL CANDLE- 2025

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Quinn Family

By JoAnne Quinn

SANCTUARY CANDLE- April 13, 2025



Burns in Memory of

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By Conceicao Santos

The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal



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Last year alone, the shelter provided over 4,000 bed nights for women and 18,000 bed nights for men, filling its capacity each night with those seeking shelter. By supporting the 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal, you ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island are given warmth, safety, food, and a place to rest

St. Matthew's 2025 Goal is \$55,338.00

2025 Year To Date \$3,823.00

COUNTING SCHEDULE:

- ◆ **APRIL 14, 2025 – Team 2**
- ◆ **APRIL 21, 2025 – NO COUNTING**
- ◆ **APRIL 28, 2025 – Team 4**
- ◆ **MAY 05, 2025 – Team 1**



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