

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 23, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Matozzo
12:00 p.m.	† Justin Mize
5:00 p.m.	† Sylvia Michaels
Sunday, March 24, 2024 <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† Geraldine Jerome
Monday, March 25, 2024 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Maria He
12:00 p.m.	† Lucy Stefano
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Ray Vernose Testa
12:00 p.m.	† Vincent Vernose
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Dr. Patrick S. Pasquariello, Jr.
Thursday, March 28, 2024 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
7:30 p.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
Friday, March 29, 2024 <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>	
7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, March 30, 2024 <i>Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter</i>	
8:00 p.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
Daniel & Marie Cavaliere (†)	
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Mk 14:1 – 15:47
Mon	Is 42:1-7		Jn 12:1-11
Tues	Is 49:1-6		Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	Is 50:4-9a		Mt 26:14-25
Thurs	Ex 12:1-18, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-15
Fri	Is 52:13 – 53:12	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jn 18:1 – 19:42
Sat		Rom 6:3-11	Mk 16:1-7

In observance of the Paschal Triduum and start of Easter, the Shrine Office and Gift Shop will be closed on Holy Thursday, and will remain closed on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday.

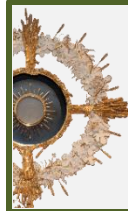
On Easter Sunday, the Shrine will close after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and on Easter Monday the Shrine will close after the 12:00 p.m. daily Mass. We will resume our normal office hours and liturgical schedule on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.



Healing Mass: April 21, 2024

12:00 p.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Confessions

Do you find yourself mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, or emotionally burdened? We invite you to join us for our next Healing Mass! We will gather on Sunday, April 21, 2024 to pray for Saint Rita's healing intercession, and receive a special blessing with Saint Rita oil. All are welcome!



You're invited to join us **every Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you stay for a few moments, or you commit to a full hour, please prayerfully consider stopping by the Lower Shrine Chapel.

Saint Rita, help of those in need, pray for us!

Please pray for our sick:

Anthony Acchione, Steven E. Addeo, JoAnn Alessio, Judy Alonzo, Mia Andrilla, Cecilia Anguera, Carol Antonelli, Alene Avetian, Isaiah Baker, Marissa Biancaniello, Marie Bidy, Sarah Bidy, Sharon Bishop, Bo Botto, Joseph Botto, Lula Bottoms, Samuel A. Bowlen, Elizabeth Boyer, Anna Boyle, Zack Bove, Kevin & Elizabeth Brennan, Deborah Brown, Kay Brown, Pat Bruno, Alice Butterworth, Mikey Calabretta, Frank Cammarata, Rose Campolongo, Katie Cassidy, Aurora Cassidy, Christine Castelli, Sonia Celia, Noah Checchia, Cindy Chen, Anthony Cimini, Lynn Costello, Robert Cox, III, Rosemary Crescitelli, Ralphal Curry, Jr., William D'Amato, April L. DeMatto, Dora Di Costanzo, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Dougherty, Ryan J. Dougherty, Madeline Farnese, Anthony Ferrara, Cristina Field, Nova A. Fields, Alicia Fiocca, Jeannette Forcina, Patricia Fueschlin, David Gavin, Jeanne Giaccia, John Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Stella Gualtieri, Marie Guan, Eileen Hammel, Dean Hardwick, Gavin Horn, Christina Houser, Sister Mary Joan Huggard, Ray Huxen, Sr., Richard Iezzi, Carolyn Jenkins, Rosalie Jones, Ignation José, Mila José, Kathy Kelly, Sheila Kendall, Brian Kuran, Rose Marie Lattanzio, Dina Levine, Mikey Ludwig, Bill Maffucci, Catherine Mahoney, Alexis Makowiec, Jilian Mariutti, Bernadette Mastromarco, Rocco Mattio, Tara McCabe, Marie McKenna, Blaise Michaels, Greg Michaels, Jeanette Million, Lynn Minko, Robert Monroe, Natalie Deal Mullen, Josephine Neilson, Dennis O'Hara, Elizabeth Paglia, Kate Pepper, Courtney Pisano, Rita Pisano, Annamaria Ranieri, Joseph & Maureen Reihl, Michael Reihl, George Richardson, Robin Rosenfeld, Roberta Ruskowski, Joseph Russo, Carolyn Sabatina, Nicholas Salmieri, Maria Scocca, Martha Sechuck, Audrey Seebarath, Javon Welch Smith, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 16 & 17, 2024 | \$3,296

Second Collection for the Augustinian Missions | \$1,195

A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Join us for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

As you already know, the Catholic Church is about to embark on the holiest, most profound week of its liturgical year. And even though many of us are quick to limit our focus and reduce our energies to Easter Sunday alone, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, that is, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, offer us the richest celebrations of our faith, second to none. Why then, does it seem as though the Triduum remains one of the Church's best-kept secrets?

Maybe it's because they aren't Holy Days of Obligation? Maybe it's because they fall during the work week packed full of activities for the family? Maybe it's because three extra visits to church in the same week feels like a bit much? Whatever the reason, I want to assure you that the Triduum is worth the effort! Believe me. If you're waiting for a sign or an invitation, let this be it.

The Paschal Mystery is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. From the Nativity to His public ministry, from the Last Supper to His passion and eventual death, from His Resurrection to His Ascension, we "know" all about Jesus, and yet we are left with a lot of questions. No matter how hard we try to piece together the parables taught or the final stations of His earthly life, our finite nature as human beings will never grasp the full story. We will never fully understand the joys and trials that Christ experienced, and yet He experienced them for us. To think that God became human so that He might be like us and ultimately, save us, is a gift.

So, please join us next week as we celebrate this gift, the central mystery of our faith, with deep intention and purpose. You won't be disappointed!

A Quick Recap of the National Day of Service

Thanks to Paul Koenig and his stellar work coordinating our inaugural Saint Rita Day of Service, we had over 918 people from five states participating this year! Our goal was to get 22 groups involved, and by the end of the day on Friday, we had exactly that many doing some type of service around the country in honor of Saint Rita! What a great success! If you haven't checked out our social media lately, you can see pictures from throughout the day there!

Stations of the Cross



Join us immediately **following the 12:00 p.m. Mass in the Upper Shrine each Friday** of Lent for the Stations of the Cross.

To learn more about other local events and programs, visit:
www.SaintRitaShrine.org/virtual-bulletin

The readings for Palm Sunday (Year B), begin at **number 994 in the hymnal.**

BATHROOM CODE: 1-2-5-6

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



HOLY WEEK @ THE SHRINE

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 p.m.	"Pray Your Way" Evening

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday | March 28, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass
10:30 p.m.	Altar of the Repose Closes (Cascia Center)

Good Friday | March 29, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday | March 30, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass

The Vigil Mass will begin in the Cascia Center Plaza

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass*
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Easter Monday | April 1, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass*

**The Shrine will close after this Mass until the following day.*