



2 april 2023  
palm sunday of the  
passion of the lord



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#### **Are you new? Welcome!**

We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home! Learn more by emailing us at [welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org).





# Palm Sunday Homily of Pope Benedict (2012)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Palm Sunday is the great doorway leading into Holy Week, the week when the Lord Jesus makes his way towards the culmination of his earthly existence. He goes up to Jerusalem in order to fulfill the Scriptures and to be nailed to the wood of the Cross, the throne from which he will reign forever, drawing to himself humanity of every age and offering to all the gift of redemption. We know from the Gospels that Jesus had set out towards Jerusalem in company with the Twelve, and that little by little a growing crowd of pilgrims had joined them. Saint Mark tells us that as they were leaving Jericho, there was a "great multitude" following Jesus (cf. 10:46).

On the final stage of the journey, a particular event stands out, one which heightens the sense of expectation of what is about to unfold and focuses attention even more sharply upon Jesus. Along the way, as they were leaving Jericho, a blind man was sitting begging, Bartimaeus by name. As soon as he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing, he began to cry out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:47). People tried to silence him, but to no avail; until Jesus had them call him over and invited him to approach. "What do you want me to do for you?", he asked. And the reply: "Master, let me receive my sight" (v. 51). Jesus said: "Go your way, your faith has made you well." Bartimaeus regained his sight and began to follow Jesus along the way (cf. v. 52). And so it was that, after this miraculous sign, accompanied by the cry "Son of David", a tremor of Messianic hope spread through the crowd, causing many of them to ask: this Jesus, going ahead of us towards Jerusalem, could he be the Messiah, the new David? And as he was about to enter the Holy City, had the moment come when God would finally restore the Davidic kingdom?

The preparations made by Jesus, with the help of his disciples, serve to increase this hope. As we heard in today's Gospel (cf. Mk 11:1-10), Jesus arrives in Jerusalem from Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, that is, the route by which the Messiah was supposed to come. From there, he sent two disciples ahead of him, telling them to bring him a young donkey that they would find along the way. They did indeed find the donkey; they untied it and brought it to Jesus. At this point, the spirits of the disciples and of the other pilgrims were swept up with excitement: they took their coats and placed them on the colt; others spread them out on the street in Jesus' path as he approached, riding on the donkey. Then they cut branches from the trees and began to shout phrases from Psalm 118, ancient pilgrim blessings, which in that setting took on the character of messianic proclamation: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" (v. 9-10). This festive acclamation, reported by all four evangelists, is a cry of blessing, a hymn of exultation: it expresses the unanimous conviction that, in Jesus, God has visited his people and the longed-for Messiah has finally come. And everyone is there, growing in expectation of the work that Christ will accomplish once he has entered the city. But what is the content, the inner resonance of this cry of jubilation? The answer is found throughout the Scripture, which reminds us that the Messiah fulfils the promise of God's blessing, God's original promise to Abraham, father of all believers: "I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you ... and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves" (Gen 12:2-3). It is the promise that Israel had always kept alive in prayer, especially the prayer of the Psalms. Hence he whom the crowd acclaims as the blessed one is also he in whom the whole of humanity will be blessed. Thus, in the light of Christ, humanity sees itself profoundly united and, as it were, enfolded within the cloak of divine blessing, a blessing that permeates, sustains, redeems and sanctifies all things.

Here we find the first great message that today's feast brings us: the invitation to adopt a proper outlook upon all humanity, on the peoples who make up the world, on its different cultures and civilizations. The look that the believer receives from Christ is a look of blessing: a wise and loving look, capable of grasping the world's beauty and having compassion on its fragility. Shining through this look is God's own look upon those he loves and upon Creation, the work of his hands. We read in the *Book of Wisdom*: "But thou art merciful to all, for thou canst do all things, and thou dost overlook men's sins, that they may repent. For thou lovest all things that exist and hast loathing for none of the things which thou hast made ... thou sparest all things, for they are thine, O Lord who lovest the living" (11:23-24, 26).

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## Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Church
- 2 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 3 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 4 Guadalupe Hall
- 5 School & School Offices (Lourdes Hall)
- 6 & 7 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima
- 8 Blessed McGivney Community Center & Library
- 9 Pope Francis House
- 10 Walsingham Hall
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14



= where you see this symbol, it means live broadcast simultaneously on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

# Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT | Readings are Year A

<b>sunday, 2 april</b> palm sunday of the passion of the Lord	<b>monday, 3 april</b> monday of holy week	<b>tuesday, 4 april</b> tuesday of holy week
8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) 10a Mass Carol Mullman+(FCS) LB 12.30p Latin Mass Philip F Sullivan+(FRT)	No Mass	No Mass (11a Chrism Mass in Charleston) 5.30p Vespers
<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>1.30p latin mass potluck pac</i> <i>6.30p catholic youth organization</i> <i>8p basketball pac</i> <i>svdp in narthex</i>	<i>10.30a svdp pope francis house</i> <i>6p volleyball pac</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall</i> <i>6.45p young adults mcgivney ctr</i>	<i>6.30p fraternus &amp; fidelis</i> <i>7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</i>
<b>wednesday, 5 april</b> wednesday of holy week	<b>thursday, 6 april</b> holy thursday of the Lord's supper	<b>friday, 7 april</b> friday of the passion of the Lord (good friday)
8.30a Mass Anthony Scchetti+(FRT) 12p Latin Mass Clementina Larosk+(FCS) Adoration Chapel Closes at 12p 5p Liturgical Practice for Tenebrae LB 6p Tenebrae (FCS)	8a Office of Readings & Lauds in the Chapel 4.30p Server & Clergy Dinner in PAC 5p Liturgical Practice for Lord's Supper 6p Vespers in the Chapel LB 7p Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament For all Priests (FCS) 8.30p Compline in the Chapel LB Adoration until Midnight	8a Office of Readings & Lauds in the Chapel 12p Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Chaplet 1.30p Liturgical Practice for Passion LB 3p Celebration of the Lord's Passion (FRT) 6p Vespers in the Chapel 6p Liturgical Practice for Dead Christ 7p Procession of the Dead Christ (FCS) 8.30p Compline in the Chapel
<i>7p confession</i>	<i>5.30p aoh mcgivney ctr</i>	<i>1p passion practice for singers</i>
<b>saturday, 8 april</b> holy saturday	<b>sunday, 9 april</b> easter sunday of the resurrection of the Lord	<b>prayer requests</b>
8a Office of Readings & Lauds in the Chapel 9a Blessing of Easter Baskets 1p RCIA Practice 1.30p Liturgical Practice for Vigil 6p Vespers in the Chapel LB 8.30p Great Paschal Vigil (FCS)	8a Mass Edward Rauch+(FRT) LB 10a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FRT) 12p Latin Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS)	All those serving our country, Gena Cunningham, Julie Mallory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Wrenn Calcutt, Jim Bannister, Stephen Wiltberger, Lillie Nesbitt, Kevin Stanton, Doris Pratt, Sarah Williams, Kenneth Price, Jackie Andrejack, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Christy Smith, Shannon Harkins, Gloria Dussich, Rose Schil-laci, Kristina Murphy, Laurie Taylor, Carl Jones, Luigi-na Warga, Marlene C. Eugenia Kolinko, Susan Subrizi, Mary Jean Heap, Stella Boris, Rosemary Craig, Janine Moore, Jean Casey, Thomas Dorsey, Jennifer Gregory, Kathleen & Dan Mottl, Peter McPherson, Lola Hartman, Annmarie Egas, Tammy Lopez, Frank Cespedes, Joanne P, Mary Ann Egan, Julia Chatignyblais, Connie Meiners, Joe Valitchka, Juan & Laura Pachur, Elizabeth Nowlan, Betty Baker, Deborah Baker, Drew Butterfield, Andrew Frisari, Madelina Mello, Ed Matthews, Yanini Smith, Martha Catel, Jean Crittenden, Anna & Casey Chevalier, Christine Tallman, Curtis Hagler, Kayla Whatley, Robert Dobbins, Matt Smith, Jenny Pfaffl, Valerie Pachur, Jim Eagan, Kathy Melone, Karen Granger Quinn, and Vanessa Baugh.
<i>no confession</i>		
<p><i>Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list. We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.</i></p>		



# Happenings & Needs

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## homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at [mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## widows and widowers—"bounce"

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a spouse on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in the Pope Francis House. Call Jean Casey at 864.423.7010 to learn more.

## weekly children's holy hour

Every Thursday between 10-11a, parents are invited to bring their children to the Adoration Chapel. In this hour, it is understood that there will be some noise in the Chapel. Contact Adrienne Haverland at [jahaverland@gmail.com](mailto:jahaverland@gmail.com) with questions.

## help needed: ushers and greeters

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Contact Marco De Maria at 864.631.7713 or [mad4jen@msn.com](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## mom's group meeting

Join a group of moms who meet the first Friday of each month between 9.30-11.30a in parish house for socializing. Questions? [hokiegirl17@yahoo.com](mailto:hokiegirl17@yahoo.com).

## lay dominicans

Learn about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, by emailing Janice Carl, OP at [janice.carl@gmail.com](mailto:janice.carl@gmail.com).

## perpetual eucharistic adoration



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

John 6:35

Please consider adopting an hour or become a substitute. Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org)!

- Contact Lisa Buss for the door code.
- **Hours in need of adorers (urgent\*):**  
Tues: 8pm / Wed: 11p / Thurs: 2a\* & 4a\* / Fri: 8a & 5p

The Chapel will close before the noon Mass on Wednesday, 5 April and will reopen on Tuesday, 11 April after the 9a Mass.

## baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 13 April at 6.30p in the Walsingham Hall Art Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864.420.0497 or [gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org)  
⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

## men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson leads a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p studying the Book of Luke! Contact Deacon at 864.365.8178 to learn more.

## Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



sanctuary candle \$20  
donated by Martin G Leo  
in memory of  
Gerard Leo



bread & wine \$20  
in honor of  
Treesa & Dominic Abraham



flowers \$200



music \$300

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## happy birthday!

Join us in wishing our parish staff a Happy Birthday:

- Maria Barontini, 30 March

## donations for easter lilies

If you wish to donate toward the cost of Easter flowers in memory or honor of someone:

- use the envelope provided in your envelope packet OR
- a plain envelope with your name & the name of your loved one (please print clearly), mark the envelope Easter Flowers.



Place envelopes in the collection basket, to be published in the Easter bulletin. **Deadline is 9a on Monday, 3 April.**

## holy week schedule

- **Fig Monday, 3 April: No Mass**
- **Temple Tuesday, 4 April: No Mass** (11a ChrisM Mass in Charleston)
- **Spy Wednesday, 5 April**
  - Mass 8.30a English & 12p Latin
  - 6p Tenebrae
  - 7p Confession
- **Holy Thursday, 6 April**
  - 8a Office of Readings & Lauds in Chapel
  - 6p Vespers in Chapel
  - 7p Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
  - 8p-Midnight: Adoration in Chapel
  - 8.30p Compline in Chapel
- **Good Friday, 7 April**
  - 8a Office of Readings & Lauds in Chapel
  - 12p Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Chaplet
  - 3p Celebration of the Lord's Passion
  - 6p Vespers in Chapel
  - 7p Procession of the Dead Christ
  - 8.30p Compline in Chapel
- **Holy Saturday, 8 April**
  - 8a Office of Readings & Lauds in Chapel
  - 9a Blessing of Easter Baskets
  - 6p Vespers in Chapel

## prayer request

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tim Seger**.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## fraternus & fidelis ministries

Fraternus & Fidelis are mentoring programs for 6th-12th graders—fraternus is for boys & fidelis is for girls. Mentors form a brotherhood/sisterhood of virtue and invite the teens into it. **Events are Tuesdays at 6.30p. The last event is on 30 May.**

- families of 6th-12th grade boys should contact Billy at [upstatefraternus@gmail.com](mailto:upstatefraternus@gmail.com)
- families of 6th-12th grade ladies should contact Kelly at [upstatefidelis@gmail.com](mailto:upstatefidelis@gmail.com)

## prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialyses centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn is always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

## welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at our parish? From emails to phone calls to events, there's a way to pitch in! Contact Tracy Rozsa at [welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org) to learn more about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

## welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming the following new parishioners: Joshua & Mirian Houston and welcome back Nick & Katie Wenzel.

## social opportunities

- All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast on Thursday, 6 April at 8a at Denny's on Wade Hampton Blvd. Contact Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810.
- All ladies of the parish are invited to Lunch Bunch at Longhorn Steakhouse on Tuesday, 11 April at 11.30a. RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

## easter mass schedule

- **Saturday, 8 April**
  - 8.30p Great Paschal Vigil (English)
- **Sunday, 9 April**
  - 8a English Quiet Low Mass
  - 10a English Solemn Mass
  - 12p Latin High Mass



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## triune mercy kitchen—feed the hungry

Make a **corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry** of Triune Mercy Kitchen on the first Sunday monthly. Please [sign up here](#). Contact John Olson with questions at [jamolson@gmail.com](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com).

## st vincent de paul news

St Vincent de Paul has a collection box (wood) in the Narthex. Do not place expired food items in the box. Gently used and clean clothing is appreciated. Household items and other items require pre-approval. Below is a list of particular needs:

- laundry detergent, toothpaste
- white rice, brown rice
- jelly and peanut butter
- canned mixed vegetables

## guardians of the tradition tshirts

Guardians of the Tradition shirts are available at the parish office! The cost is \$20 with sizes XS-4XL. Shirts are buttery soft Canvas + Bella brand with “Guardians of the Tradition” on the front and the parish & school logo on the back. Send us your photo in the shirt at [communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org)!



## save the date—14 june

Did you know that Lee Road United Methodist Church was instrumental in getting our parish community started? They allowed us to use their sanctuary for Mass on Sundays while the acreage of Brushy Creek was purchased and church built. We would not be where we are today without their Christian friendship in the early days. On 14 June at 7p, we'll have a joint service to celebrate that special relationship and its history. This service follows ecumenical guidelines from the Vatican.

## st isidore garden news

Children’s Garden Hours are from 3.30-4.30p, weather permitting. Contact Katie Bein with questions at [katiemwilliams88@gmail.com](mailto:katiemwilliams88@gmail.com).

- Thursday, 20 April - Plant Propagation
- Thursday, 27 April - Good Bug, Bad Bug

## st clare’s home

St. Clare's Home is the only upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. It is a ministry of the Diocese of Charleston.

- Donate financial gifts [here](#).
- Apply to be a volunteer [here](#) or contact [stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org).
- Pick out items from their Amazon Wish List [here](#).
- Specific needs: extension ladder, gift cards for groceries, gift cards for gas, fruit trees, vegetable garden supplies, and St Michael Statue.

## latin mass community news

The Latin Mass community hosts a community-wide potluck the first Sunday of each month in Croghan Hall after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Help set up and clean up!

## parish offertory | february

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Options to give to special projects are available. Keep supporting your parish home when you are on vacation with this convenience!



Offertory	As of February 28, 2023		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 150,950	\$ 122,308	\$28,642
Year-To-Date	\$ 1,170,777	\$ 1,100,192	\$70,585

## bright week schedule (daily mass)

There will be no Mass on Monday, 10 April. On Tuesday-Friday, 11-14 April, there will be an English Mass at 9a. There is no daily Mass on Saturday, 15 April.

## help plan saturday night life 2023

Saturday Night Life is scheduled for Saturday, 7 October. Join the planning committee by emailing [Theresa.Barnett92@gmail.com](mailto:Theresa.Barnett92@gmail.com).

## parish school enrollment

It’s time to learn more about our parish school’s K3-8th grade program. Schedule a tour of our parish school by calling 864.971-4POP!

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## liturgy of the hours

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours are encouraged by Holy Mother Church and will help bring about a deeper prayer life which, in turn, will build a strong foundation for a life of holiness. Though called 'Hours,' this refers to the time of day, not how long it takes to pray; each prayer takes less than 15 minutes. Join your spiritual family at Our Lady's Altar for one or more Hour Prayers (prayer books are available for your use!):

- Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 7:40am -- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- Vespers (Evening Prayer) 5:30pm -- Tuesdays and Fridays

For more information, contact Lisa at 864-508-7123 or [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

## fridays of lent

The present laws of the Church regarding fasting and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

- **Good Friday** is a day of fasting. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
- **All Fridays** of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14 year.

The obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially" the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states: "On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

## catholic radio app

Catholic Radio in SC has released a new app called MediaTriX with 24/7 Catholic broadcasting.

## south carolina abortion facts

In South Carolina, abortion is presently legal up to 24 weeks post-conception. With the recent ruling by the state Supreme Court striking down a Fetal Heartbeat Law, South Carolina serves as a safe haven for abortionists. There are two avenues to solve this crisis:

- Gov. Henry McMaster has pledged his commitment to fighting this injustice in court. He has petitioned to re-appeal at the S.C. Supreme Court.
- The state General Assembly has re-filed its Human Life Protection Act, which significantly limits abortion post-conception and protects the lives of mothers.

The South Carolina Catholic Conference, a public policy voice for Catholics, supports these causes and is actively working this legislative session to pass the Human Life Protection Act. To stay updated on advocacy efforts of the SCCC, visit [sccatholicconference.org](http://sccatholicconference.org) or email [advocacy@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:advocacy@charlestdiocese.org).

## 40 days for life campaign

40 Days for Life is a national, and international, campaign of prayer and fasting, of public vigil at abortion facilities, and of community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. **With the failure to approve prolife laws in both the S.C. legislature and the S.C. Supreme Court, the number of abortions performed at the Greenville Women's Clinic has greatly increased. Out-of-state traffic into the Greenville Women's Clinic is at record levels.**

- **Closing Celebration:** Sunday, 2 April (Palm Sunday), from 3-4:15 pm in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center.

## teaching job openings

Prince of Peace Catholic School is accepting applications for full time teachers for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with a degree in education or related field (advanced degree preferred) and experience with teaching in an academically rigorous setting. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Please email a cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Cunningham at [principal@popcatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicsschool.org).



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## vacation bible school (vbs)

Prince of Peace VBS 2023 will be 16-21 July 2023. We are currently on the waitlist for Totus Tuus, so please continue to pray that the Diocese of Charlotte will be able to staff three missionary teams. Registration forms are only available by contacting [maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org). All 90 spots for the elementary program (entering 1st-6th) have been claimed, however please continue to register to be added to our waitlist. If we cannot get a team from Charlotte we will be putting VBS on in-house and will be able to open registration for more elementary children.

Our **youth program** for entering 7th-12th graders is accepting registration forms now and has unlimited spots available. Please register your child(ren) by 26 May so your child receives the correct size t-shirt.

Please mark your calendars for our VBS potluck on 19 July. All parishioners are welcome to enjoy an evening of fellowship, even if you do not have children participating in the program.

Program needs (contact Maria Barontini):

1. VOLUNTEERS to help 16-21 July.
2. Tentative dinner host families for the missionary team on Sunday evening, Monday evening, Tuesday evening, and Friday evening. You can host dinner in your home, at a restaurant, or with delivery for the four member team. Another option is getting together with friends and donating a few gift cards together for a restaurant and we will take care of the rest.
3. We are also looking for pizza sponsors and team lunch sponsors.

## give to the anatolian fund

With the recent devastating earthquakes and mini-tsunami experienced in Turkey resulting in death, injury, and destruction of cathedrals, Fr Smith in consultation with Turkish colleagues is directing giving to those impacted. Give today [online](#) or by check marked for the Anatolian Fund. Monies will go to Caritas in Turkey.

## archconfraternity of christian mothers

Prince of Peace has launched a chapter of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers. The organization was founded in France in 1850. Zelig Martin, the mother of St. Therese of Lisieux, was an early member. Under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows, its purpose is to offer spiritual support and nourishment to Christian women so that they may unite their hearts to Christ and live more fully their vocation as wives, mothers and members of the parish and community.

- Our next event will be a solemn English Mass on Saturday, 24 June, the Nativity of John the Baptist, at 9a, followed by a reception in Parish House.

## ignatian silent retreat

An Ignatian Silent Retreat lead by Fr. William Frei will be hosted at Heart Ridge Retreat Center (Sunset, SC) 5-7 May. There will be sessions led by Fr. Frei as well as Mass and Confession, but most of the time will be spent in silence so that the retreatants can spend time discerning, praying, and resting in God's care. All food and lodging provided at the mountain retreat center. For more information

[www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html](http://www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html)

## mother/tween daughter retreat

If you have a tween daughter, don't miss this opportunity to build friendship and communication so important in the upcoming teen years. At this one night retreat on 22-23 April at Heart Ridge in Sunset, SC, moms and daughters will do crafts, play games, hike, and spend time in communication and discussion activities. There will also be a couple of expert talks on puberty and the beauty of being a woman. Price includes all activities, materials, food, snacks, and comfortable lodging.

[www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter.html](http://www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter.html)

## donations to sanctuary lamp & bread & wine

If you would like to donate bread and wine, a sanctuary lamp, flowers, or sacred music, in honor or memory of someone, please pick up a donation envelope in the Narthex. Envelope can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office.





# Contact Us

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## Clergy

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# Happenings & Needs

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Let us return to today's Gospel passage and ask ourselves: what is really happening in the hearts of those who acclaim Christ as King of Israel? Clearly, they had their own idea of the Messiah, an idea of how the long-awaited King promised by the prophets should act. Not by chance, a few days later, instead of acclaiming Jesus, the Jerusalem crowd will cry out to Pilate: "Crucify him!", while the disciples, together with others who had seen him and listened to him, will be struck dumb and will disperse. The majority, in fact, was disappointed by the way Jesus chose to present himself as Messiah and King of Israel. This is the heart of today's feast, for us too. Who is Jesus of Nazareth for us? What idea do we have of the Messiah, what idea do we have of God? It is a crucial question, one we cannot avoid, not least because during this very week we are called to follow our King who chooses the Cross as his throne. We are called to follow a Messiah who promises us, not a facile earthly happiness, but the happiness of heaven, divine beatitude. So we must ask ourselves: what are our true expectations? What are our deepest desires, with which we have come here today to celebrate Palm Sunday and to begin our celebration of Holy Week?

Dear young people, present here today, this, in a particular way, is your Day, wherever the Church is present throughout the world. So I greet you with great affection! May Palm Sunday be a day of decision for you, the decision to say yes to the Lord and to follow him all the way, the decision to make his Passover, his death and resurrection, the very focus of your Christian lives. It is the decision that leads to true joy, as I reminded you in this year's World Youth Day Message – "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil 4:4). So it was for Saint Clare of Assisi when, on Palm Sunday 800 years ago, inspired by the example of Saint Francis and his first companions, she left her father's house to consecrate herself totally to the Lord. She was eighteen years old and she had the courage of faith and love to decide for Christ, finding in him true joy and peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!", and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift, that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died and rose for us. The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their coats before the Lord. Before Christ – the Fathers said – we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration. As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, Saint Andrew, Bishop of Crete: **"So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ ... so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet ... let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the conqueror of death. Today let us too give voice with the children to that sacred chant, as we wave the spiritual branches of our soul: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!'"** (PG 97, 994). Amen!

## volunteers needed for musical

Volunteers are needed to help paint sets, prep costumes, work as stage hands, and lend a hand (or some muscle) for our upcoming parish school musical, Disney's FROZEN Kids. Donations (financial and in-kind) are also appreciated to support props, costumes, printing and designing t-shirts. If you are interested in contributing, please email Ms. Eranga Goonetilleke [by email](#).

## altar server annual dinner—RSVP 3 april

Our annual altar server dinner is Thursday, 6 April at 4.30p in the PAC. We will have Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, chips, fruit and drink. Please be on time as liturgical practice for Holy Thursday begins at 5p. Please RSVP to [maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or 864.331.3901. RSVP is required to attend. **Deadline is Monday, 3 April at 9a.** If anyone would like to donate to cover the cost or portion of the dinner please contact Maria.

## join the charity golf outing committee

The 3rd annual Charity Golf Outing benefitting the parish and school is scheduled for 18 September at Cherokee Valley Golf Club! The event features a golf day, dinner and silent auction. Dcn Michael Thompson is chairing the 2023 event and invites anyone interested in organizing it to contact him [by email](#).

## holy week liturgical practices

- **Wed, 5 April** Liturgical Practice for Tenebrae 5p
- **Thurs, 6 April**
  - 4.30p Server & Clergy Dinner in PAC
  - 5p Liturgical practice for Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Friday, 7 April**
  - 1.30p Liturgical Practice for Lord's Passion
  - 6p Liturgical Practice for the Procession of the Dead Christ
- **Saturday, 8 April (changed times)**
  - 1p RCIA practice
  - 1.30p Liturgical Practice for Great Paschal Vigil

## no st rafka's dinner

There will be no pasta dinner at St Rafka in April due to the first Thursday falling on Holy Thursday.





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