

# Saint Charles Borromeo



March 29, 2015  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3: - 3:30 PM  
or by appointment

## Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

## Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

## If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

## This Week's Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 28	4PM - Leonel M. Cote by Paulette & Richard Angelini
Sunday, March 29	9AM - Kennedy & Shiel families by the family
Tuesday, March 31	9AM - Francoise & Joseph Labrecque by John Labrecque
Wednesday, April 1	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 2	7PM - Thurs. of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 3	3PM - Fri. of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, April 4	8PM - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sunday, April 5	9AM - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

We begin Holy Week. In the papers recently there has been discussion about teachers (in Cranston, I believe) being denied their request to have a day off on Good Friday. The reason given for the denial is that there is no demand by Christian churches that Christians attend church on that day. If there were such an obligation, then it would seem that the request would be granted. I was thinking that the Good Friday liturgy begins at three o'clock and by that time in the afternoon teachers are done anyway. So what is the big problem? There really isn't one except for the fact that it appears that civil society is again thumbing its nose at Christian sensibilities. I don't know the particulars of the case, but I think that if I were a teacher in Cranston, I would teach that day but make sure that I was in church at three o'clock. Or maybe I would just take the day off, pay or no pay, permission or no permission. What do you think?

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,085.00
Loose Money	\$ 204.00
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	\$ 2, 289.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of March 29, 2015

Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed.:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look. ~St. Francis of Assisi

Are you paying attention to the trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in Boston? I am interested to see what the punishment will be for this young man? How many will want blood for blood, revenge for his crimes? We must not be among them. Our church is against capital punishment. Why? Because it is always possible for a person to repent. Life in prison will give this young man time to think about what he has done and may even lead him to repent of his actions.

*Fr. Finnegan, S. J.*



# Announcements



*“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”.*

Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise. ENVELOPES IN PEWS. Thank you!**

This Sunday is also the time to return your Rice Bowls. Thank you.

## 2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

### “Faith and Good Works”

Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal helps to fund our 39 diocesan ministries that provide comfort and support to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Because of you and your unwavering generosity, the Catholic Church in Providence is able to:

- Care for the Poor
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- Comfort the Sick
- Bring Hope
- Educate Our Youth
- End Suffering
- Strengthen Faith
- Support Those With Disabilities
- Spread the Gospel Message

### Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal

Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 13,100 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.

**Our Parish Goal for the Catholic Charity Appeal this year is \$26,500. We have reached \$13,145. almost half of our goal!** Envelopes are in the pews and the church entrances. Please help us reach our goal and help countless Rhode Islanders in need.

### GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION

For many years our Holy Fathers have traditionally made the Holy Land a priority of their pontificates. They have been well aware of the challenges facing Christians in this area and have asked all Catholics to support Christianity in the Holy Land. **The Good Friday Collection is a Pontifical collection mandated by the Holy Father and one of the oldest customs associated with the support of the Holy Land Catholic Shrines. Your help with this annual collection is respectfully requested.**

### END OF LIFE DECISIONS:

The Catholic teachings on end-of-life care has been updated and is contained in a new booklet reflecting the Christian hope of preparing for our eternal destiny. We are sending the newly revised booklet including information on MOLST (Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) to every parish in the Diocese of Providence. For additional copies or if you have any questions, please call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 421-7833 ext 218.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>(Adoration in lower Church until 10 PM)</b>	
<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>3 PM</b>
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8 PM</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM</b>

## THE SMALL THINGS AND THE GREAT KING

In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a great crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of the local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it? The Gospel says he sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let those men simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know that donkey was there?

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It is Bethany (Luke 24:50), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

### **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)**

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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