

# Saint Charles Borromeo



April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

## Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

## Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

## 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, April 8	4PM - Domenic Gizzarelli by the family
Palm Sunday, April 9	9AM - John R. Bibeault by Celeste Fregeau
Tuesday, April 11	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, April 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 13	7PM - Holy Thursday Service
Friday, April 14	3PM - Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 15	8PM - Holy Saturday Service
Easter Sunday, April 16	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-54

### Focusing the Gospel

*To the point:*

Jesus warns the disciples at the Last Supper that their faith would be shaken, but the disciples deny that this will ever happen. Nonetheless, faith is greatly threatened when there is great cost, and we instinctively protect ourselves: the disciples flee; the Jewish leaders are adamant about destroying Jesus. Jesus alone remains unshaken in his faith: in the Garden he says yes to his Father's will, he is silent before his accusers' false accusations, he willingly gives up his spirit on the cross. Instead of protecting himself, Jesus embraces the cost of his suffering and death—the great sign of his own faithfulness. An even greater sign is yet to come.

### Connecting the Gospel

*To the First Reading:*

The selection from the third Suffering Servant song in Isaiah poignantly underscores Jesus' conscious and active choice to remain faithful to his saving mission no matter what the cost: "I have not ... turned back" and "I gave my back to those who beat me."

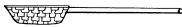
*To Experience:*

The more something costs us, the greater the demand on our resources and personal commitment. The cost of our salvation was Jesus' very life; he did not shy away from the demands or cost or personal commitment. And remains even now so committed to us.

## Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,692.00
Loose Money	\$ 240.00
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*Thank you*



### Scripture Readings for the week of April 9, 2017

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	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, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-3

# Announcements



**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** is the Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl. Time to bring back your Rice Bowls. Envelopes are in pews.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY, April 14, 2017** - 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 not an optional collection nor is it a Diocesan collection. It 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 in conducting this annual collection is respectfully requested.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES 2017** - This week's service (on Good Friday 4/14) St. Mark Lutheran Church will be joining St. Paul's Catholic Church in the Annual Good Friday Walk. The service will begin at St. Mark's, 871 Harris Avenue, Woonsocket at 11 AM (Pastor Ed Sproul) then walk to St. Paul's, 48 St. Paul Street, Blackstone MA (Rev. D. Timothy O'Mara) carrying the Cross to conclude the rest of the service. Lunch will be offered following the service. Please join us! Please note: Walking to St. Paul's is optional.

**SEVEN CHURCH TOUR - HOLY THURSDAY** - Join us at St. Pius V Church in Providence for the ancient tradition of keeping watch with our Lord on Holy Thursday while He endures His imprisonment by visiting seven churches in Providence. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Pius V will begin at 7:30 PM and then two buses will depart from the front of the church at 9 PM for the Seven Church Tour and return to St. Pius by 11 PM. If you wish to join us on the buses, please reserve your seat by emailing [t3rowley@gmail.com](mailto:t3rowley@gmail.com). Anyone is welcome to follow the buses in their car.

**CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL** - The Catholic Charity Fund supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year regardless of race, creed or background. The ministries supported by the Fund range from social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration and refugee services, and to emergency rent and medical aid. Additional

services include prison ministry, justice and peace education which works to end violence in the inner city, and community advocacy for needs in the community. The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our diocese and the mission of the Church. Our parish goal this year is \$26,500. Actual collected to date is \$12,980 which is almost 49% our goal with 21.37% participation. Amount needed to reach our goal is \$ 13,520. Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Appeal? We need each of you to help us be the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence. Thanks to all who have participated.

**TRIDUUM RETREAT AT ENDERS ISLAND** - with Fr. Ed Dempsey on Thursday, April 13 to Sunday, April 16. The theme of the retreat is *THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS*. \$330. SHARED ROOM RATE. Come encounter God by the sea during the holiest week of the entire year! The retreat begins with dinner and blessing on Holy Thursday followed by a special Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption. On Good Friday, Fr. Dempsey will provide a conference, Stations, and the Liturgy of the Passion. Spend Holy Saturday with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, another conference, and silent reflection roaming the scenic grounds. Then wake up to a gorgeous Sunrise Mass overlooking the water on Easter Sunday preceded by a music prelude by the Connecticut String Trio and followed by a marvelous breakfast. If you want to experience the Passion like never before, this is the retreat you've been waiting for. For more info and to register call (860) 536-0565.

**"THE BEAUTY OF BEING REAL"** is the May mini-retreat by Peggy Patenaude, being presented on May 3rd at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA, from 10AM - 12:30PM. (Coffee at 9:30AM) Cost \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508 548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net) Isn't it a joy to be in the company of people who are real? Their authenticity invites and frees us to be ourselves. Though becoming the person we are meant to be takes time and includes pain, inner beauty is the end result, and "Once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand." *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

# SUFFERING

Today we celebrate Jesus, the suffering Messiah. He is the one of whom Isaiah foretold: "My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. He is the Christ who took the form of a slave, ... obediently accepting even death, death on a cross." He is the savior who "suffered willingly for sinners" and whose suffering makes us pleasing to God.

We all suffer in our own way. We experience physical pain and hardship. We suffer watching our friends and relatives suffer. We are often offended or abandoned by others, and we add to our suffering by our own sinfulness.

The world around us is filled with suffering: the victims of war and poverty; people living in streets or in shantytowns; starving children; lonely elderly; people dying of AIDS, cancer, or some other disease.

Today's liturgy teaches us "to welcome our suffering," to bear witness to God by following Christ's example of suffering. We pray that the world "united with him in his suffering on the cross may share his resurrection and new life."

Had Jesus merely said that his mission was to set people free from sin and all forms of oppression, his words would have fallen on deaf ears. He had to work at this task of liberation. He not only talked about freeing the poor and oppressed but, undeterred by criticism, actually welcomed the poor and sinners to share at his table. Like Jesus, we must be able to accompany others in their suffering and be willing to suffer with them.

U.S. Bishops, *To the Ends of the Earth*, 1986, 48.

Gerald Daring

## 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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