

## LENT 2017 ACTIVITIES AT ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

### MORNING PRAYER

#### "THE OFFICE OF THE HOURS"

(every week of Lent Monday through Friday)

5:30 AM English (starting March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>)

#### CONFESSIONS:

Every Thursday 6:00 PM – 7:00

PM (during the adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament) -

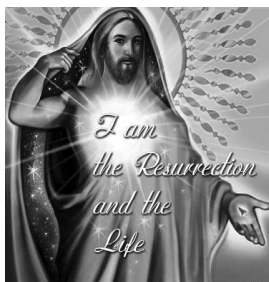
**except the Holy Week**

Every Saturday 4:00 PM – 5:00

PM (except the Holy Week and

**Palm Sunday vigil**) Before each

of the Sunday Masses – if the priest is available (except  
the Holy Week and Palm Sunday)



### Welcome the King... Palm Sunday marks an important

event in our Liturgical year, Christ fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies:

***They took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel." -John 12:13, NAB***

Christ came into the city and received a king's welcome. Less than a week later, they hung Him from the cross. It is the ugly truth of our Christian faith.

For many of us, we have accepted Christ as the King of our lives. We have publicly devoted our lives to Him and pledged our allegiances to Him. Yet, behind closed doors, have we truly lived up to this? Are we faithful subjects to the King of Kings? Or, like the earliest followers of Jesus, have we turned our back on Him? In what ways have we helped nail Him to the cross?

Many of us have already entered into celebratory mode as Easter approaches, but let us not forget that the season of Lent is a season of sacrifice and penance. It is a time to reflect on our mistakes and make the corrections necessary to not make those mistakes again.

As we enter Holy Week, do not think of these special days as times to celebrate, but as times to honor Christ for His sacrifice. Holy Thursday honors the establishment of the Eucharist, a foreshadowing of what was about to happen. Good Friday, we should feel the full sadness of every nail that we have helped pound into the cross. At the Easter Vigil, we must reflect on what the world would be like without Christ in our lives. Finally, on Easter Sunday, our Lenten tears can be wiped away as we celebrate the return of Christ the King!

*Make time this week to participate fully in any way that you can. Make time to honor the King of Kings. Just as we make time in our lives to devote at least one hour a week to Mass, we should be willing to do similarly as we give this one week out of the entire year to Christ. Let these most important days of our Liturgical calendar be a time of renewed faith, complete reverence, and total self-giving to our God, the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.*

## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday:** 5:00 PM (Sat.) & 7:30 AM — NO PROCESSION (Blessings of Palms in Church)  
9:00 AM MASS (Procession from Balcony) English  
10:30 AM POLISH (Procesja sprzed głównego wejścia do kościoła)  
12:30 PM SPANISH - MISA (precedida por la procesión del estacionamiento atrás de la iglesia)  
NO MASS AT 1:30PM IN SPANISH

**Holy Wednesday:** 7:00 PM EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) English

**Holy Thursday:** 8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (LAUDES) English  
6:30 PM MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER  
Trilingual

**Good Friday:** 8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (LAUDES) English  
8:30 AM LAST SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS  
Spanish  
8:30 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS English  
3:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY English  
5:30 PM CELEBRACION DEL VIERNES  
SANTO Spanish  
7:30 PM LITURGIA WIELKIEGO PIATKU  
Polish

**Holy Saturday:** 8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (LAUDES) English  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM BLESSING OF BASKETS  
Polish/English  
7:30 pm (Saturday) EASTER VIGIL MASS  
Trilingual

### EASTER SUNDAY

5:45 am (Sunday) REZUREKCJA Polish  
7:30, 9:00 am English; 10:30 am Polish  
12:00 pm Spanish- 1:30 pm Spanish

### EASTER MONDAY

6:30 and 8:00 am English  
7:00 pm Polish  
5:30 PM DINNER (FOR THOSE IN NEED)  
School Hall

### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY —

APRIL 23, 2017

3:00 PM THE HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY