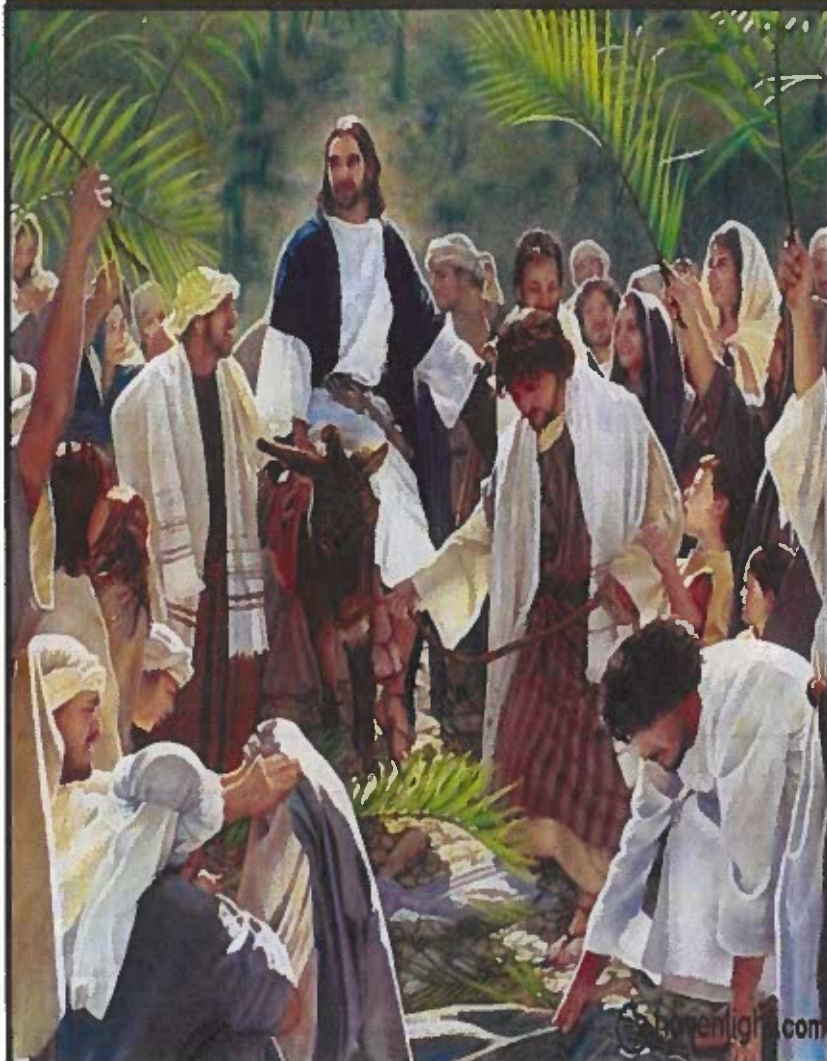


# The CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM**

**Saturday 4:30 PM**

**Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

## **ADORATION**

**Friday 9:00 am - Noon**

## **RECONCILIATION:**

### **SATURDAY**

**3:45 pm - 4:15 pm**

**Also by Appointment**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm**

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FORT OGLETHORPE, GA 30742**

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**706-401-4175**

Palm Sunday Be

*Blessed*

And the multitudes that  
went before, and that  
followed, cried, saying,  
**HO-SAN-NA TO THE SON  
OF DAVID; BLESSED IS HE  
THAT COMETH IN THE  
NAME OF THE LORD;  
HO-SAN-NA IN THE  
HIGHEST.**

Matthew 21:9 KJV

## From the Pastor's Desk

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus urges His disciples to stay awake and that is what should happen with us as we meditate on Jesus' passion – it should awaken us.

If we have been spiritually asleep through a lack of prayer, a lack of church attendance, or living a disoriented life, then we are called to awaken ourselves during Holy Week and reconfirm our desire to being committed to our covenantal responsibilities.

Paul tells us that our attitude must be the same as Christ. While our actions are important, our attitude must be in conformity with Jesus because it is our attitude that shapes our lives, our behavior, and our outlook on the world. The Philippians hymn sings about Jesus' attitude towards life and if we are to be successful in taking up our cross then we must have the same attitude towards life that Jesus has.

The hymn says that Jesus "emptied himself;" Jesus emptied Himself of His divine glory when He became incarnate to bring fullness into our lives. Jesus' attitude toward life was always one of self-giving love. Jesus was so completely dedicated to self-giving love that He went all the way to the cross to fill the emptiness in our lives that had been created by sin.

Peace,

Fr. Brian

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23,

**4:30 PM**

**MARY BETH SMITH+**

(Sandra Meade)

**SERVERS:**

Nick, Leo & Troy Velk

**LECTORS & EM'S TBD**

**USHERS:** Don Hays

Kieron Gleeson

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 9 AM

**FRANCIS PATRICK DUFF+**

(Jim Dwyer)

**SERVERS, LECTORS & EM TBD**

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 11 AM

**MARY & RALPH BROWN**

(Libby Simons)

**SERVERS, LECTORS & EM TBD**

**USHERS:** T. Hughes,

Scott Fisher

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 9 AM

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28,

**7 PM**

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29,

#### MARCH 30, EASTER VIGIL,

**7 PM**

**7 PM**

**MARCH 31, EASTER, 9 & 11 AM**

### **ST. GERARD'S LENTEN BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

**Bottles need to be returned by  
Palm Sunday.**

### **TECH CORNER**

The sound system in the PLC is for use by anyone. Follow the directions on the cabinet door. Try the Alexa mounted on the door! (sound system must be ON for Alexa to talk to you...). The microphone on the stand is always ready and there is a connection inside the door for your phone if you like. When you are done, remember to turn the system OFF.

Questions or suggestions? Call Jim Tahler  
423-505-1648 or

[jim@tahler.net](mailto:jim@tahler.net). **TECHWIZARD**





**Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners**

**Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing:**

Scotty Auten, Asher Barhite, David Bensley, Nancy Brabner, Candace Carne, Mason Cobble, Tracy Congdon, Carol Corkum, Nancy Jane Edwards, Sheri Fava, Cynthia Fulton, Matthew Gaudet, Daniel Hamby, Megan Hoette, Anne Janecjii, Pamela Kanter, Phyllis Lampert, Laura McClung, Linda Meeks, Emilie Meyer, Sandy Murphy, Dale & Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Bill, Jeff & Rose Pugliano, Nicholson Richardson, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Jim Staub, Helen Telford, Ross Vecchio Sr. & Jr., Wright Family & baby Nalayva Rose Marie.

**Weekly Offerings**  
**3/17 Offertory Received: \$4,058**  
**(Online Giving): \$630**  
**Weekly Offertory Goal \$6,000**  
**St. Vincent de Paul \$1,750**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Wednesday, March 27, Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting.**
- **Holy Thursday, March 28, Mass at 7 pm.**
- **Good Friday 7 pm.**
- **Saturday, Blessing of Easter Baskets 10 am. Easter Vigil 7 pm.**
- **Sunday, Happy Easter! Egg Hunt at Noon.**

**Knights of Columbus**

Any male 18 or older and a practicing Catholic can become a Knight. If you are interested, please contact **Kleron Gleeson** at **423-240-1798** or [klerongleeson@gmail.com](mailto:klerongleeson@gmail.com)

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**MARCH 31st**

**AFTER THE 11 am MASS**

**NEED DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY**

**CHILDREN'S BICYCLES**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**Saturday, Blessing of Easter Baskets at 1 pm**



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**LIGHT**

Spring is the season when light and it's warmth daily increase.

Easter is the season that proves "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" - John 1:5

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" - Matt 5:16

"If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted: Then your light shall rise in darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday." - Isaiah 58:10

We ask that you continue your good deeds and generous giving. Our neighbors depend on you for food, financial help, and kindness. Be their light. Thank you.

**Karen Baldwin 815-712-6658.**

**HELP LINE 678-892-6163.**


**SVdP meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00.**

**Women in Prayer**

We have prayer shawls available for anyone who needs one. Please contact **Irene or Linda**, and also if you have any prayer requests.

Contact **Irene Staub** at [istaub1014@aol.com](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or **Linda Swope** at [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto:rlswope374@comcast.net).

**American Heritage Girls Catholic Troop** is open to girls ages 5-18 who are looking for a Catholic-centered scouting experience! Meetings are held every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Lee Highway. Come check us out! Parents and grandparents welcome! For more information, please email [ahgchattanooga@gmail.com](mailto:ahgchattanooga@gmail.com).



# Holy Week Journey To The Cross.

*Kelly's Freehouse*

**Palm Sunday-** Jesus entered as king; God prepared his sacrifice.

**Monday-** Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree; God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice.

**Tuesday-** Jesus teaches in the temple for the last time; God sends the invitation to come enjoy His sacrifice.


**Wednesday-** Judas betrays; Mary perfumes; God waits for the responses to the invitation.

**Thursday-** Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper; God offers His sacrifice.

**Friday-** Jesus dies on the cross; God accepts His sacrifice. (A sweet smelling aroma)

**Saturday-** Jesus takes the saints from Hades to Paradise; God receives His saints to him.

**Sunday-** Jesus is risen; God gives us eternal life in Jesus. The purest treasure.



*Every Day is Easter*

"Easter comes but once a year,"  
So many people say,  
But, to a person saved from sin,  
It's Easter every day!

A man, when saved or "born again"  
His life, to Christ, will give,  
And, as a new-born babe in Christ,  
He's just begun to live.

"I am the resurrection, life",  
The Saviour, one day, said:  
"And he, believing in my Word,  
Shall live, though he be dead."

And that well known Apostle, Paul,  
In Philippi made plain:  
"For me to live is Jesus Christ.  
For me to die is gain."

So when the Blood of Christ, our Lord,  
Redeems a soul from sin;  
Every day is Easter,  
For Jesus lives within!

~Carolyn Orr

## **The Roueché Chorale & Orchestra will present dramatic Holy Week Program, "Colors of Grace"**

The Roueché Chorale and Orchestra, an interdenominational Christian Chorale based here in Chattanooga, will present a sober and somber Holy Week work entitled, "Colors of Grace." The program will include chorus, orchestra, cast, and narrator. The work will portray the lessons to be learned from the example of Christ and are visually represented by a colored cloths and appropriate symbols. "Take My Yoke Upon You," taken from the Gospel of Matthew, is stated after each anthem in the work. The program will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Brainerd United Methodist Church, 4315 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN, 37411.**

**THE PROGRAM IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

For more information or directions to the church please call and leave a voice message at 423-774-0317 or [www.therouechechorale.org](http://www.therouechechorale.org).

## **The Pope's March prayer intention:**

**"For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ."**

