

St. Augustine R. C. Parish Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024



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St. Augustine parish is an open, diverse, and active Roman Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and founded in the Augustinian Tradition. We invite all to participate in our worship, service to others, and our faith development. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each other.

Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.

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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com



Office Hours:
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on masslivestream.com)

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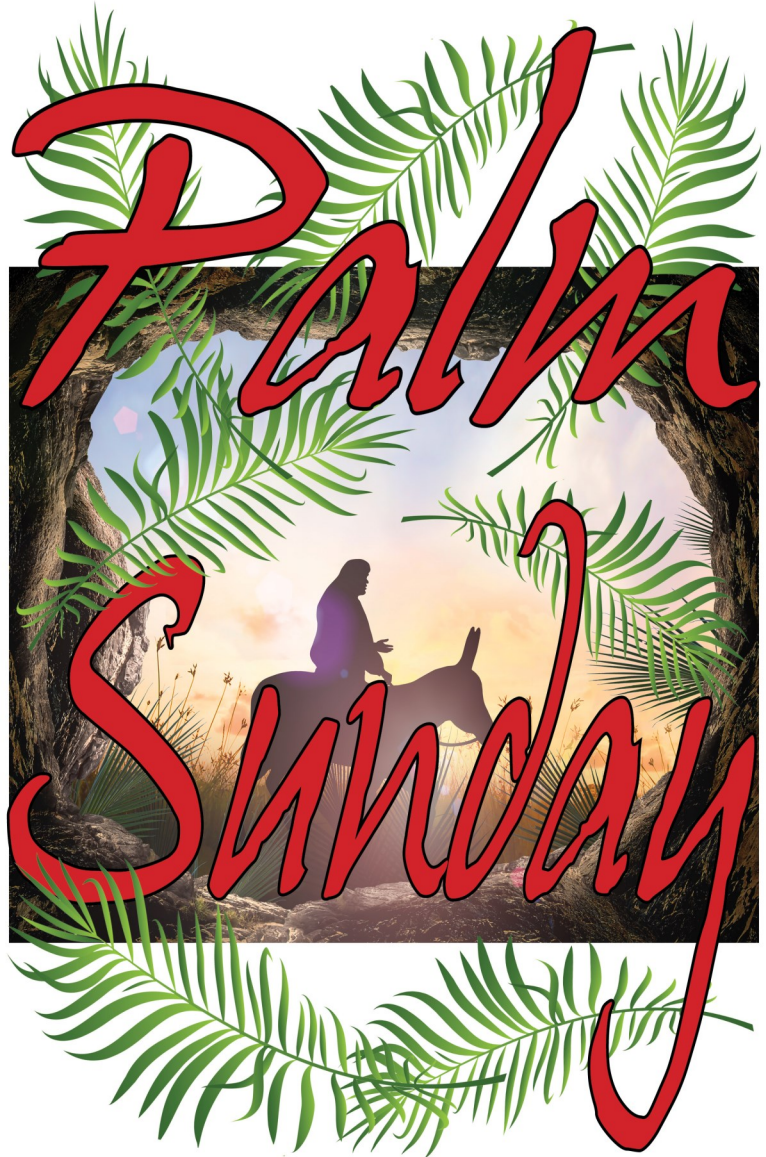
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

Operation Rice Bowl

Now that Lent is coming to a close, we would like to remind you to return your Operation Rice Bowls. Please place them in the Collection Basket at any Mass.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on:
Good Friday, March 29th
 and
Easter Monday, April 1st

Give Back to the Augustinians The Augustinian Friars need your help! Tolle Lege Day is the Augustinian Friars' annual day of giving, which takes place on April 24, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Augustine. Please consider becoming a Tolle Lege Day Ambassador! It's easy: you simply ask your family, friends, and colleagues to join you in supporting the Augustinians with a gift of any size (no matter how small!) on Tolle Lege Day. You can reach out via mail, social media, texts, phone calls, or word of mouth, to inspire those around you to join in celebrating all that makes the Augustinians great. We even provide you with text and images to share! All Ambassadors receive a thank you gift for their efforts, in addition to the satisfaction of making a very real difference in the lives of the Augustinian Friars. You can sign up directly online at www.augustinian.org/ambassador, or if you'd like more information you can contact Brian Kelley, associate director of advancement, at brian.kelley@augustinian.org or at 610-527-3330, ext. 239.

We are truly thankful for our cantors and their ministry leading us in singing at each of the Masses here at St. Augustine.



You may have noticed that at some Masses recently, Kim, our Music Director, has been singing solo. That is where you come in.... We need some new additional cantors. If the Spirit is calling you, we can use your help!

Qualifications needed to be considered for a cantor are:

- You must know the Catholic Liturgy / Mass Parts
- Have a knowledge of reading music
- Someone who is open to singing all styles of liturgical music
- Open to joining the main choir(s), if needed, for special events in the parish
- You must love the Liturgy

So, if you or you know of a friend or family member who might be a perfect fit for our parish, please contact:

Kim Barroso, Music Director
kim.barroso@gmail.com

SAINT AUGUSTINE HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING.....
"When we sing, we pray twice"



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
 9:00 AM The Parish Community
 11:00 AM
 7:00 PM

Monday, March 25, 2024
 12:05 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
 12:05 PM † John Cronin

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
 12:05 PM † Susan Marascio

Thursday, March 28, 2024
HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:30 PM For the People

Friday, March 29, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY
 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord
 7:30 PM The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Saturday, March 30, 2024
HOLY SATURDAY
 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
 7:30 PM † Dave Wall
 † = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 229 Percentage: 130.9816%
 Amount Pledged: \$982,361.68
 Pledges Received: \$927,011.68
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$937,449.39

Sacrificial Giving March 17, 2024

Number of Envelopes Used: 23
 Amount in Envelopes: \$717.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$31.17
 Electronic Giving: 46
 Amount Electronic: \$1,533.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$33.33
 Loose Money: \$630.00
 Total Collection: \$2,880.00

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
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"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024
 12:30 PM Movie: The Passion of the Christ

Monday, March 25, 2024

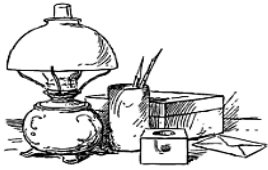
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council—Zoom

Thursday, March 28, 2024
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, March 29, 2024

Saturday, March 30, 2024
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Today, we begin the holiest week of the year. Thus, it is called, "Holy." The three most important days on our Catholic calendar are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. These three days are one continued celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During these days which we call "The Triduum" we celebrate:

- The gift of the Eucharist. Jesus said, "Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you do not have life in you." Understandably, it was hard for people to comprehend. They thought he was talking about cannibalism. They walked away. Jesus repeated it several times. He never watered down what he was saying or said that they misunderstood him or that they were taking him out of context, or that they were taking him too literally. He gives Himself, Body and Blood, as food for our journey. It also on Holy Thursday that we celebrate the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
- The command of Jesus to serve each other. How do we respond to the needs of others? Only when it is convenient? Jesus took on the role of a slave as an example of service when he washed the feet of the apostles. St. Augustine said when we put the needs of another before our own, that is when we know we grow in charity.
- The death of Jesus, preceded by his pain and suffering, so that we could have the opportunity of Heaven. Did he want to die this way? "No!" In last week's Gospel we heard him say "I am troubled." The night before he died he prayed that this "cup" be taken from him, but if it was the Father's will, then he would yield to that. "Not my will but your will be done." What love!!!!
- The lessons Jesus gave us from the Cross by what he said on the cross. We are able to reflection what his last words were and the lessons he gives us from the Cross about forgiveness, acceptance of repentant sinners, the feelings of being forsaken, care for others, accepting death, etc.

The Resurrection, the central mystery of our faith. St. Paul said if Jesus did not rise from the dead then our faith is in vain. This is the event where Jesus proved his divinity. He destroyed death and restored life. He has given us all the hope of eternal life with total peace, joy and happiness.

The opportunity to recommit ourselves to the faith by renewing our baptismal promises.

Wow, that is a lot. All in one week! It is for good reason that it is called "Holy Week."

It is "only right and just" that we celebrate all these central and essential aspects of our faith, the Paschal Mystery, ritually and communally. As has been announced by the flyers in the bulletin and has been posted on our website for the past few weeks, we will be celebrating all of these with great solemnity on:

Holy Thursday, 7:30 PM "The Celebration of the Lord's Supper" "Washing of feet and acceptance of Holy Oils blessed by Archbishop Perez earlier that day.

Good Friday, 3:00 PM "The Celebration of the Lord's Passion" Opportunity to reverence the Cross

Good Friday, 7:30 PM "The Seven Last Words" Reflections on each "Word" by Briana Abrams, Bill and Maureen Castro. Linda Halpin, Marie Keith, Michael Riggs, OSA, Anthony Smith, and Ferdi Lunyun. Please see an enclosed flyer which explains on which "Word" each is reflecting.

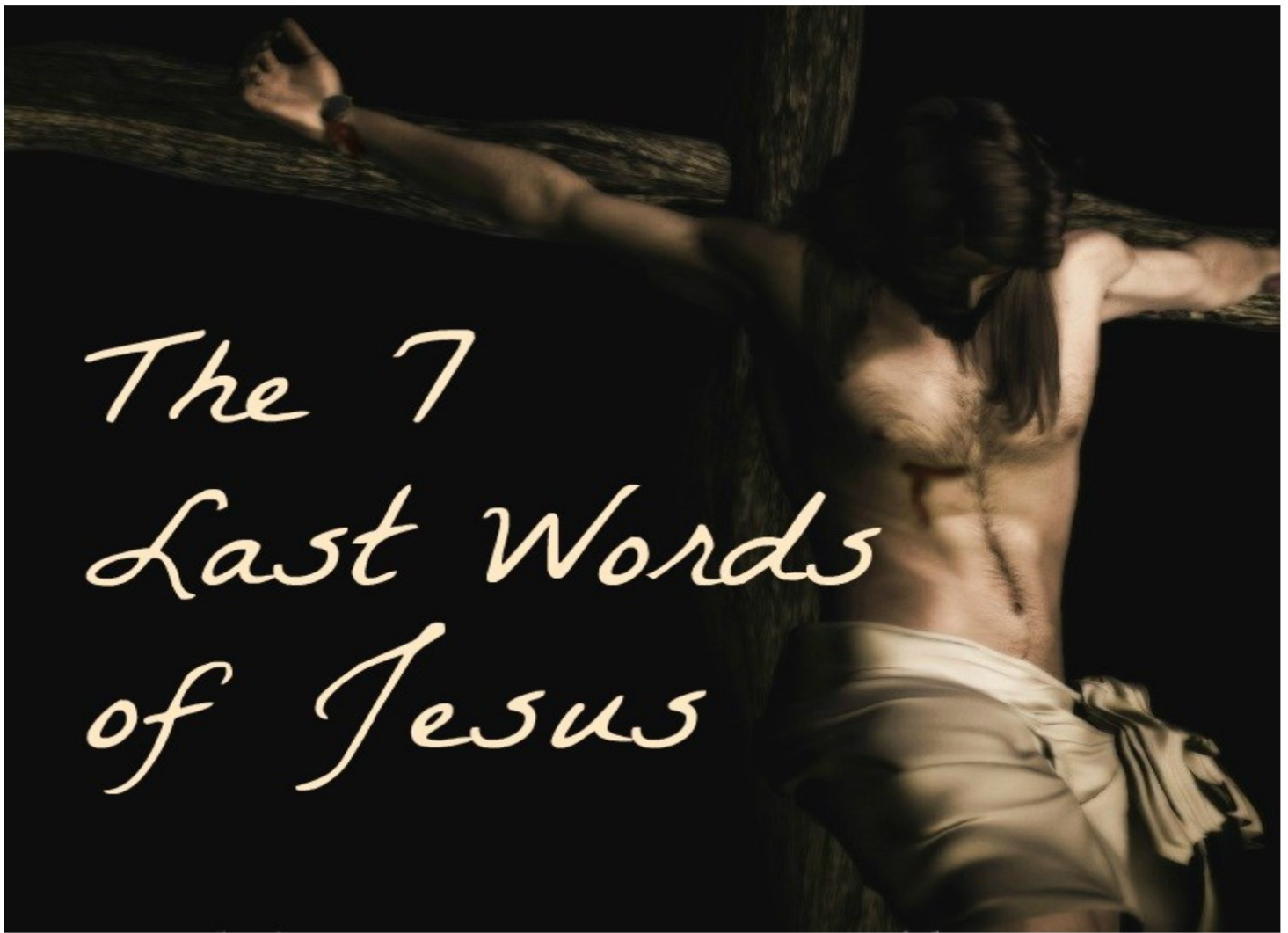
Holy Saturday, 7:30 PM "The Easter Vigil" Blessing of the Easter Fire and Easter Water, Hearing from scripture the story of Salvation History, Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Easter Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Celebration of the Resurrection and Renewal of Baptismal Promises
(No 7 PM Mass)

May this truly be a Holy Week for all of us.

Fr. Bill





The 7 Last Words of Jesus

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invites you to participate in the service of

“The Seven Last Words of Jesus”

Good Friday, March 29th at 7:30 PM

The service (approximately 90 minutes) will consist of a scripture reading of each of the words, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

Everyone is welcome!

The Seven Last Words and those sharing reflections on them are:

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Luke 23: 26-37 **Briana Abrams**

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23: 39-43 **Bill and Maureen Castro**

“Woman, behold your son..... son, behold your mother.”

John 19: 26-27 **Linda Halpin**

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mark 15: 33-39 **Marie Keith**

“I thirst.”

John 19. 28-29 **Bro. Michael Riggs, O.S.A.**

“It is finished.”

John 19:29-30 **Anthony Smith**

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Luke 23: 44-49 **Ferdi Luyun**



LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK?

The newly-formed nonprofit **ST. AUGUSTINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION** (legally independent from the parish) is seeking applicants for **BOARD MEMBER** consideration.

The vision of the Foundation is "*to help in the areas of preserving, restoring and improving our historic buildings, grounds and our valuable artwork, as well as supporting historical, civic, educational and cultural programs.*"

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being considered, we would love to connect. As only 40% needs to be parishioners, non-parishioners and non-Catholics are also welcomed. We are seeking candidates who are enthusiastic and self-motivated, perhaps with a passion for historic preservation, art, churches or, just "giving back". Life skills and experience in one or more of the following areas would be helpful:

- historic preservation
- art restoration
- fundraising
- communications/marketing
- construction
- grant writing
- non-profits
- local government

As a **volunteer** board member, you hold a valuable position with responsibilities providing a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

Our Board Members will meet, mostly via ZOOM, 3-4 times a year for approximately 2 hours.

If you would like to learn more, please email us at marieckeith@icloud.com, or call/text Marie Keith, Board Consultant, 215-360-1936.



HOLY WEEK 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Blessing and Distribution of Palm within all Masses.



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 28, 2024

7:30 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Private Adoration at Repository until 10 PM



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

3:00 PM

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ



HOLY SATURDAY

March 30, 2024

7:30 PM

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter



EASTER SUNDAY

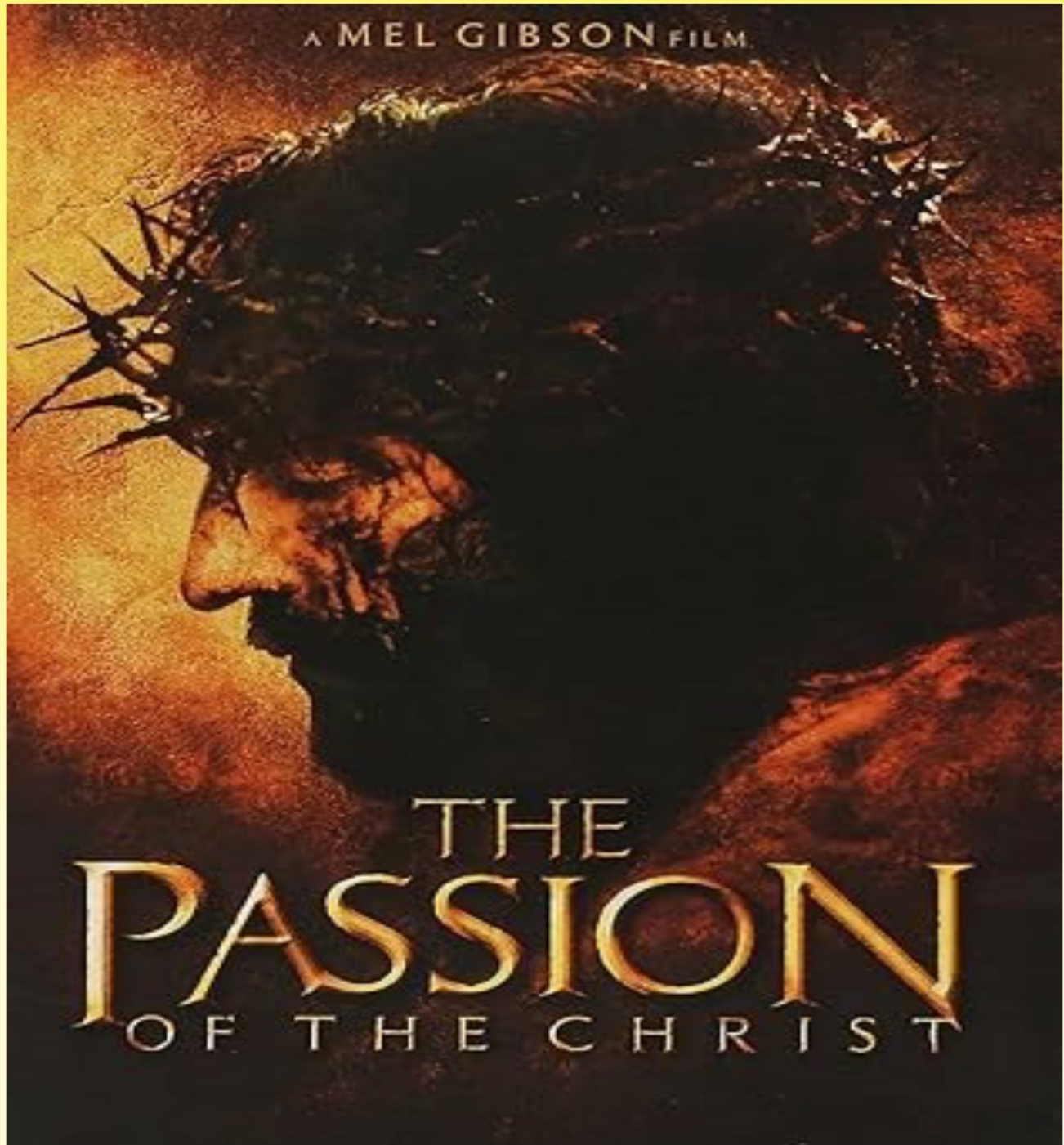
March 31, 2024

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

(No 7:00 PM Mass)

Please join us for the showing of the movie,
"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" on Palm Sunday,
March 24, 2024 at 12:30 PM in the Rev. Matthew Carr, OSA Hall.

Refreshments will be served.



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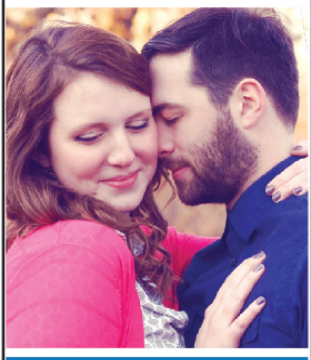


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