

April 4, 1971

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: PALMER: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

WASILLA: 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

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DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. daily (except Saturday) in the Palmer Church. (HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE below.)

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAYS BEFORE ALL MASSES.

THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS EACH SUNDAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

TODAY IS KNOWN AS PASSION SUNDAY OR PALM SUNDAY. PALMS ARE BLESSED AND DISTRIBUTED AT ALL Masses today. Palm Sunday is the opening scene of the great drama of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ which we are going to celebrate and participate in during Holy Week. The Palms are symbols of our acceptance of the Kingship of Jesus Christ. We recognize our duty of obedience and love to Him. These Palms are blessed and are Sacramentals. They may be taken home and hung over a picture or crucifix.

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY ESPECIALLY TODAY AT MASS FOR THE SUCCESS OF ARCHBISHOP RYAN AND THOSE who accompany him to Hanoi in their efforts to relieve the situation of the Prisoners of War there. He has asked that today be consecrated in a special way to that intention.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S, PALMER:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY: Confessions at 6:30 p.m.

Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m., followed by Confessions.

Confessions at 6:30 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

(Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The Collection taken up on

Good Friday will be for the Holy Land.)

HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (No Confessions from 7 p.m. on due to preparations for ceremonies.)

Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection and Easter Mass at 8:00 p.m.

(This Holy Saturday Mass satisfies the Sunday obligation.)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 8 a.m. in Wasilla; 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in Palmer.

LECTORS FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THIS WEEK.

ACOLYTES: Holy Thursday ---David Taylor, Jay Restad, Barry Mothershead, Craig Butler

Good Friday ---Elroy Ashmore, Ben Hermon, John Hermon, Ron Combs

Holy Saturday---Dean Larson, Mike Pazaruski, Mike Somerville, Brian Mothershead

Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. - Greg, Brad and Bruce Mothershead; Ron Combs

6 p.m. - Eric Restad and Jay Restad

ACOLYTE PRACTICE FOR ALL THOSE ASSIGNED FOR HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY will be tomorrow, Monday, at 3:30 p.m. in the Palmer Church. (Please make every effort to attend if impossible to be there, please inform Fr. O'Carroll so someone else may be assigned.)

WHEN WE ATTEND THE LITURGICAL CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK, WE DO MUCH MORE THAN MERELY COMMEMORATE them. We re-live them again in a very real, though spiritual, way. These ceremonies have a sacramental power of their own. As Fr. Bouyer, the well-known liturgist says: "If we had been on the side of the road in the Holy Land as He went about doing good, we would not have been nearer to Him, nearer to each of His acts of mercy and love, than we are when we hear His Church describe them for us."

DON'T FORGET THE EASTER BREAKFAST IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, WASILLA, NEXT SUNDAY...serving from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation: \$1.50 adults; \$1.00 children under 14; \$6.00 family rate. Menu: pancakes, ham, coffee and juice. All are invited!

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER FOR MARCH WAS FR. O'CARROLL...and he didn't even buy a ticket!!! How lucky can you get? \$84.00 to Sacred Heart Building Fund (half of the ticket sales income); \$84.00 gift from Fr. O'Carroll to Sacred Heart Building Fund.

Drawing for the April 50/50 Raffle will be at the auction at Sacred Heart Church on the last Sunday of the month, April 25. The winning ticket on the Sweater Raffle will also be drawn during the auction.

CCD CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (EASTER) IN PALMER.

CYO PLAY PRACTICE: Today at 12 noon (sharp); also at 6 p.m. on Monday.

CYO MEETING, Monday, 7:30 p.m., in the Rectory Basement Lounge

CHOIR PRACTICE ON TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m. in the Palmer Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS, Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Rectory Basement Lounge, for all eighth grade and high school students planning to be Confirmed at St. Michael's on May 30.

ADULT EDUCATION/DISCUSSION GROUP, Wednesday, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., in the Rectory Basement Lounge

CARD PARTY, this evening, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., Rectory Basement Lounge; \$1.50 donation.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE VEAL RAFFLE being sponsored by the Archdiocesan CYO drawing will be on Easter Sunday. (We hear this is REAL VALLEY VEAL...try saying that in a hurry!)

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE HONORING OUR ARCHBISHOP WILL BE FRIDAY, April 23, at the Anchorage Westward Grand Ballroom. Hosted cocktail hour, 7 p.m.; dinner, 8 p.m.; dancing to follow. Semi-formal. \$35/couple; \$17.50/single. For reservations, call Ann Castello at Anchorage 277-1115.

SLIPS LISTING YOUR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE SPIRITUAL BOUQUET TO BE PRESENTED TO ARCHBISHOP RYAN should be handed in on or before next Sunday.

EATHER MURPHY'S BIRTHDAY IS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 9. With the passage of so many years, it is difficult to give his exact age...but we think he is now the same age as Jack Benny!!

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S THE SENIOR CLASS FROM COPPER VALLEY SCHOOL. Thanks to Jo Puddicombe and Alice Taylor for providing meals. Every success to the class in their final examinations!

MANY THANKS TO LEO YADON AND SAM SCHEIBL FOR REPAIRING THE RECTORY SIDING.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VERNA JOHNSON AND KENT WOMAN, both members of St. Michael's CYO, on being chosen this year's winners in the Palmer Elks "Most Valuable Student" contest!

WELCOME BACK TO JIM AND FRAN HULBERT FROM THEIR HAWAIIAN VACATION. WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE REMARK OVERHEARD IN L.A. AS FR. BELL (our new "curate" was about to depart for his missionary career in Alaska: "He is to be a representative of thermal underwear!"

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND A TEA IN HONOR OF MRS. JAMES (SHARON) Carrington, wife of the new Priest-in-Charge of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Palmer, today, April 4, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Church.

COLLECTIONS, March 28: Palmer - Offertory...\$211.50; Building Fund...\$59.02
Wasilla - Offertory... 43.85; Building Fund... 7.50

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THE RESURRECTION IS THE BASIC DOCTRINE AND THE CROWNING PROOF OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH. THIS IS why Easter is the greatest Liturgical Feast of the year. Today we commemorate Christ's victory over death. The supreme importance of Easter in our life is beautifully expressed in the Easter Song of the Church at the Vigil Service, the Exultet: "This is the night which delivers all who believe in Christ from worldly vice and from darkness of sin, which restores them to grace and makes them co-sharers with saints. This is the night in which Christ burst the bonds of death and came forth as conqueror from the grave." We rejoice in this day not only because of Christ's victory, but because we are one with Him. His victory is ours also.

FATHER O'CARROLL AND FATHER BELL---AND FATHER FISH, WHO HAS BEEN OF GREAT HELP IN ASSISTING AT THE HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S---WISH A HOLY AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S.

WE WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH ANDREA LACHER WHO WAS BAPTIZED AT THE Easter Vigil. Randy may not approve of our "publishing" the following thoughts which she jotted down as she was preparing for baptism, but we think they are too beautiful not to share:

There is a time in my life when I feel I must seek the beauty of God.
A young life I lead, with much pleasure and activity.
But without Him as I stand now, I am lost.
To enter His house I am comforted.
So upon a new trail I shall tread - upon the trail of Christ.
A new life I shall lead soon, one in the footpaths of God.
I am alone no more.

DON'T FORGET THE EASTER BREAKFAST IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, WASILLA, TODAY...serving from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation: \$1.50 adults; \$1.00 children under 14; \$6.00 family rate. Menu: pancakes, ham, coffee and juice. All are invited!

NO CCD CLASSES TODAY IN PALMER. CCD CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN WASILLA on Saturday, April 17, at 2 p.m. CCD classes will resume in Palmer next Sunday, April 18.

WE THANK SISTER ELIZABETH, THE CCD TEACHERS IN WASILLA, AND THE PARENTS OF DANNY CARNEY, MADORA Eaves and Anthony Eaves for preparing these three young members of Sacred Heart Church for their First Holy Communion which they make this morning. We wish them every joy and happiness on this wonderful day in their lives.

MEETINGS: MONDAY, Altar Society, 8:00 p.m., Rectory Basement Lounge in Palmer.
THURSDAY, Parish Council, 8:00 p.m., Rectory Basement Lounge in Palmer.

CYO PLAY PRACTICE: Monday, 7:00 p.m. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CAST MUST BE PRESENT.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Rectory Basement Lounge.
ADULT EDUCATION/DISCUSSION GROUP: Wednesday 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., Rectory Basement Lounge.
Again we remind all those who wish to be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday that they should attend these Confirmation classes. The Confirmation Class is open to all 8th grade and high school students. It would be better to confine the Adult Education Class to adults only.

CARD PARTY, this evening in the Rectory Basement Lounge, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Donation - \$1.50.

PRE-CANA CONFERENCE, APRIL 18, AT HOLY SPIRIT HOUSE, O'MALLEY ROAD IN ANCHORAGE. RESERVATIONS to be made no later than April 14; phone 344-3211.

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AGAIN WE REQUEST EVERYBODY IN THE PARISH TO TURN IN THE SLIPS WITH THEIR INTENTIONS FOR THE SPIRITUAL BOUQUET WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ARCHBISHOP.

LECTORS FOR PALMER, April 18: 10 a.m. - Gene Annas; 6 p.m. - Richard Radford
ACOLYTES FOR PALMER, April 18: 10 a.m. - Pat Soule, John Hermon, Ray DePriest, Bobby Cullison
6 p.m. - Craig Butler and Dean Larson

Our thanks to Rich Mastriano for his contribution to the Parish in Acolyte training and in arranging the monthly schedule of Mass serving assignments. There will be no acolyte meeting this week...one or two meetings a month should be sufficient until summer time... they will be announced in the bulletin. For any further information call Mr. Mastriano, 745-4187.

COLLECTIONS, April 4: Palmer - Offertory...\$341.00; Building Fund...\$157.25
Wasilla - Offertory... 62.55; Building Fund... 18.00

WE'VE HAD A TEXAS-SIZE CARD FROM THE WANDERING HEADS OF THE VICKARYOUS CLAN...THEY'VE BEEN selling Alaskan Igloos in Texas.

WELCOME HOME TO VIRGINIA JAPP WHO HAS JUST MOTORED BACK TO ALASKA IN HER NEW CAR. SHE DROVE three thousand miles in the last four days. We would warn you all to look out for her driving, but we don't yet know the color of the car until she gets the Alcan mud off of it. A few truck drivers would like this information also!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON AND ROBERTA SHELDON OF ST. BERNARD'S PARISH IN TALLEKETA ON THE BIRTH of their new baby boy during the week. We can always use another good pilot in Talkeetna!

BEST EASTER WISHES TO ALL OF OUR RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS (and former parishioners): Alethea Scheibl of Palmer; Chris Terry of Willow; and Ray Kula and the Dennis children from Trapper Creek.

BROTHER CARL'S FATHER HAS SENT US A BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH OF TWO HANDSOME PADRES STANDING IN front of Sulzman Hall, with Pioneer Peak in the background...all in living color!! It will be hung in a prominent place in the rectory. He also sent us two excellent photographs of Brother Carl, both of which will remain turned to the wall until Brother Carl writes at least one letter back to St. Michael's!!!