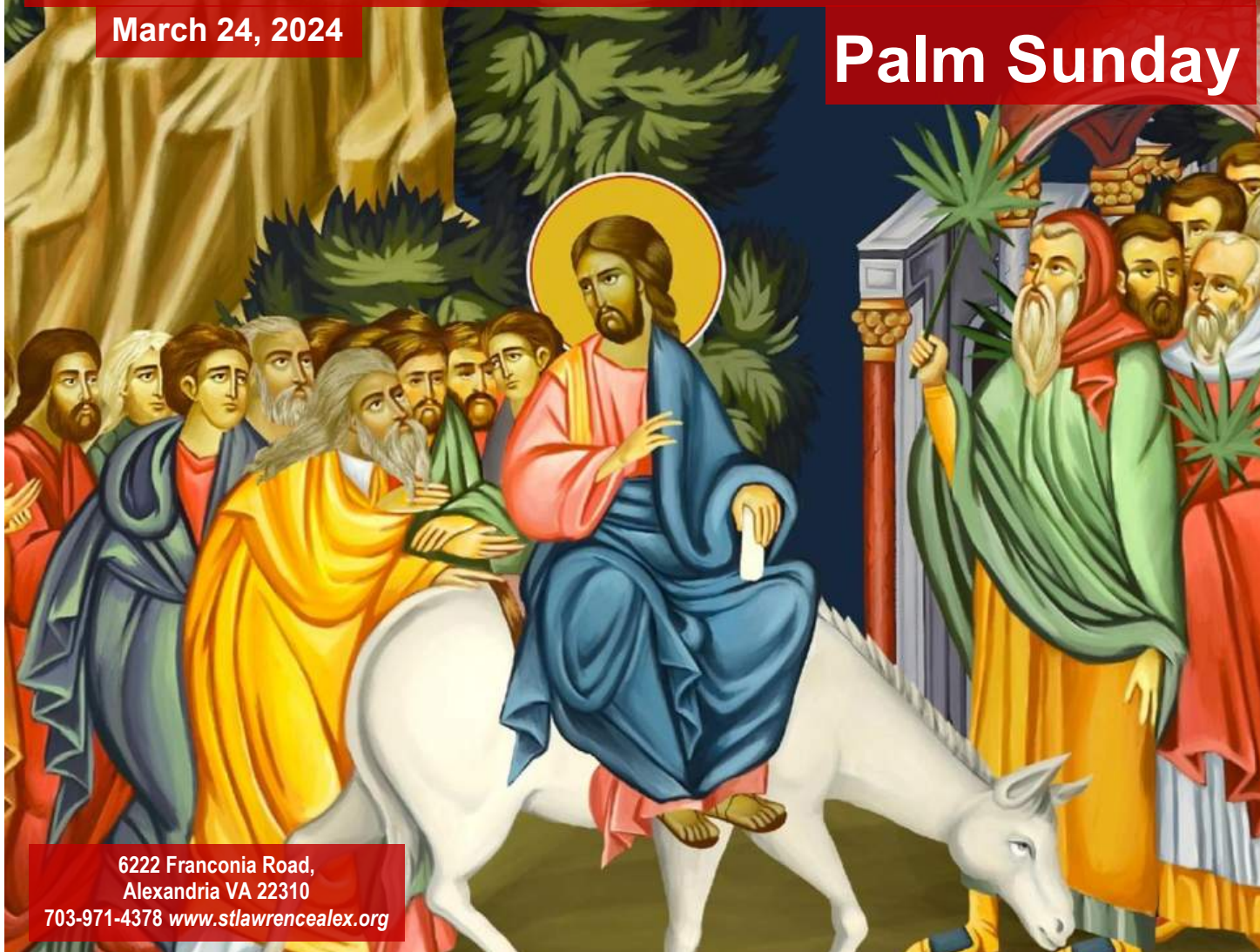


# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024

## Palm Sunday



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### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

#### WEEKDAY

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

#### CONFESSIONS

M 9:30am, W 7-7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30pm

#### Parish Clergy

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**Sacristan**

Tatyana Nguyen

# March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**MON 3/25 - Monday of Holy Week**  
 6:15am..... Tom & Sharon Turk †  
 9:00am..... Gil Coquia †

**TUE 3/26 - Tuesday of Holy Week**  
 6:15am..... Sgt. Tyler Ziegel, USMC  
 9:00am..... Deacon Michael A. Waters

**WED 3/27 - Wednesday of Holy Week**  
 6:15am..... Linda Reeves †  
 9:00am..... Fr. Maurice Akwa

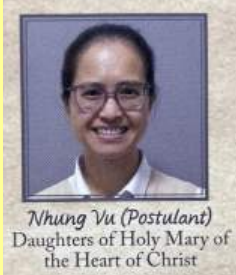
**THU 3/28 - Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)**  
 7:30pm..... Enrico Piccinini †

**FRI 3/29 - Good Friday**  
 3:00pm..... Good Friday Service and Veneration

**SAT 3/30 - Holy Saturday**  
*Sat Vigil (Meets Sunday Obligation)*  
 8:00pm..... Carole Koritko †

**SUN 3/31 - Easter Sunday**  
 7:30am..... Parishioners of Saint Lawrence  
 9:00am..... Sean Dreslin  
 11:00am..... Alyssa Turk

## Generous Parishioners



The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus asked me to extend their gratefulness for being able to speak to the parish and for

our generous donation to their order. Postulant VU was most excited to talk with her home parish. For the information of the parish, we sent the sisters home with a generous check for \$5500 raised over the weekend! Please continue to pray for our own postulant, her order and all religious in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. If you would like to still give, place your donation in any church receptacle or use the following QR code:



## Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 3/25 **Confessions** 9:30am and 7:00pm  
**OLPH Novena** 7:15pm

Tue 3/26 **Legion of Mary** 7:30pm

Wed 3/27 **Fatima Prayer Cell** after 9am Mass  
**Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm  
**Confessions** 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Holy Hour** 7:15pm

Thu 3/28 **Eucharistic Adoration in Hall until 12am**

Fri 3/29 **Confessions** 12-2:30pm  
**Stations of the Cross** 12Noon  
**Tre Ore** 12:30pm

Sat 3/30 **Confessions** 9:30-11am and 3:00 pm  
**Blessing of Easter Egg Baskets and Food**

**Come Together Holy Friday ...**  
 for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon, followed by 3 hours "with Christ" on the cross reflecting on the last words of Christ; followed by Good Friday Service at 3pm!



## ATTENTION TEENS AND PARENTS: Things to do:

- ◆ Every Tuesday High School Youth Class from 7-8:15pm.

Please contact the youth office at 703-971-8541 or youth@stlawrencealex.org for info.

## Pray Daily for a Future Priest or Sister:

See the parish pamphlet rack for a brochure explaining the Diocese of Arlington's St. Therese Vocation Society Members commit to praying daily for vocations and for individuals in formation as priests and religious. Those who join receive a quarterly calendar in the mail which lists the name of one person to pray for each day. There are no dues or required meetings. The prayers can be done at home on your own time. To see a sample prayer calendar or to sign-up on-line go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/> Also, please continue to pray for seminarian **Sean Mazary** who was here with us at St. Lawrence a few summers ago and for **Nhung Vu**, daughter of Tien Vu and Lan Do who is a postulant with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in Ohio.

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## PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK - 2024

<b>Palm Sunday</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 24</b></span> Normal Sunday Mass Schedule with Blessing and Distribution of Palms at each Mass  <i>NOTE: 1pm - Altar Boy Practice for Holy Week</i>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 25</b></span> 6:15am & 9am – Holy Mass 9:30am – Confessions 7pm – Confessions 7:15pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 26</b></span> 6:15am & 9am – Holy Mass 3pm – Confessions  <i>Note: Because of construction at St Thomas Moore Cathedral, the Christ Mass will be held at All Saints in Manassas today, instead of Holy Thursday, at 11am.</i>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 27</b></span> 6:15am & 9am – Holy Mass After 9am Mass to 1pm – Exposition and Adoration 6:30pm to 8:00pm – Confessions 6:45pm - Exposition and Adoration Resumes 7:15pm to 8:15pm – Holy Hour & Benediction

## THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

<b>Holy Thursday</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 28</b></span>  <i>No morning Masses &amp; No Confessions</i>  <b>7:30pm – MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER</b> **Following Mass: Procession to Altar of Repose in Hammond Hall, Exposition and Adoration until Midnight**	<b>Good Friday</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 29</b></span> <i>Note: No Masses are Offered on Good Friday</i> 12 Noon - 2:30pm – Confessions 12 Noon – Stations of the Cross 12:30 to 3pm (following Stations) – Reflection: The One “7 Last Words of Christ”  <b>3pm – GOOD FRIDAY Service</b> with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
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<b>Holy Saturday</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mar 30</b></span>  <i>No morning Mass</i> 9:30am to 11am – Confessions 12 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food Easter Egg Hunt 1pm - Altar Server Practice for Vigil Mass 3pm to 4:30pm – Confessions  <i>NO Mass on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <b>8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass</b> </div>
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## Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Masses at 7:30am, 9am, & 11am



The 11am choir is looking for additional members. If you enjoy prayer through song, please join us for practice Thursdays at 7pm and for Mass at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are no 'try-outs' and all are welcome !

## PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED

**DEAD** We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: **Josephine Turk,, Joseph Reiger, Stella Henderson, Eduardo Barrios, Msgr. Roy Cosby, Palbo Maldonado, Jim Weaver, Wilfredo Picardo, Rowene Valdellon, & Raymond W. Jackson Sr.**

**We also pray for the souls of the following deceased loved ones on this month's anniversary of their deaths:**

Aileen Marie Sullivan (d. March 2, 2013)  
 Hung Tran (d. March 8, 2022)  
 Joseph Bosch (d. March 9, 2002)  
 Msgr. Frank E. Mahler (d. March 13, 2019)  
 (founding pastor of St. Lawrence)  
 Sergio Annarella (d. March 14, 2014)  
 Willy Canonizado (d. March 18, 2023)  
 Celestine Schamel (d. March 22, 2010)  
 Carolyn Gotzens (d. March 24, 2018)  
 Joseph Ho Yuen (d. March 25, 1984)  
 Gil Coquia (d. March 25, 2015)  
 Mauricia "Rory" Tenorio (March 27, 2018)

*(If you have a memorial of a death you wish remembered in the Parish please contact the office, giving the name and anniversary date.)*

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**Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:** **PRAYER CARDS** are available on our pamphlet rack for those wishing to participate in Cardinal Raymond Burke's call to prayer to combat "the darkness of our age." To enroll in the nine-month Novena, visit <https://novena.cardinalburke.com>. The Novena culminates in a Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day Dec. 12. *This prayer card, along with all materials on the pamphlet rack, are offered free of charge. However, donations are always appreciated if someone feels called to help support this ministry.* Thank you!

## MEN'S BOOK GROUP

### INFORMATION SESSION - SUNDAY, 3/24 AT 7PM

As Catholic Christians, we are called to live in the world but not of the world, which makes it important to consider how we can best live our lives each day. To educate men, we are considering a group for men to help us better live out the strengths to which our Lord calls us daily – whether in the single or married life. Please join us for an information session on Sunday, March 24, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall to discuss the logistics of and to gauge in interest such a group. If you are interested but cannot join us for this meeting, please call or email the parish office.



**Please Pray for the Sick** of our parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Pat Childers, Barry Childers, Baby Reese Clasen, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen, Joan Curley, John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Felicia DiFeo, Kevin Donaleski, Evan Duncan, Hilda Elizondo, Jay Farabaugh, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime Guzman, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, Judy and Kevin Jackson, Judith Jackson, Mary Kirby, Tom Kirby, Jr., Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic, Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Robert Pettiti, Justin Pham, Aubrey Polson, Ginny Rauer, Joanne Robertson, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Henry Taylor, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, David Verbano, and Marie Victorino.

*Mother of God, we seek your  
intercession for our sick!!!*

## Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained Transitional Deacons

On Saturday, April 6, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations) to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!



## Sacristan Assistants/ Substitutes

We are looking for someone who can fill in when our regular sacristan is away. The basic responsibilities are:

- ◆ Set up the Altar for 9:00 AM weekday and Sunday Masses
- ◆ Change the candle and the Altars cloths when needed
- ◆ Soak, rinse, launder, and iron the linens used for Holy Mass once a week
- ◆ Keep the Altar and the floor of the sanctuary clean
- ◆ Water plants once a week

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful work, please either call or email the parish office.

## SHARE SUNDAY AND KOINONIA CLOTHING/FOOD DRIVE THE RESULTS

**We broke 1000 lbs! THANK YOU TO ALL** who came by our **Drive-thru Drop-off last Saturday** or gave to **Share Sunday**. You donated over 1,200 lbs of pantry goods as well as bags of gently-used Spring/Summer clothing for Koinonia! These items are a direct help to people in our own community struggling to make ends meet. Koinonia also reported 609 lbs of pantry donations from St. Lawrence in the month of February (Narthex bin donations + Share Sunday). Financial gifts to Share Sunday in February totaled **\$1613.00** These funds are used on behalf of parishioners to assist those in need due to limited finances or impactful life circumstances.

## ATTENTION! COMING SOON! CONVERSATION CLASSES IN SPANISH AND FRENCH.

Weekly classes begin April 11th and 12th. More details to come! If interested, call the Rectory.

## MAKE ROSARYS TO SPREAD THE FAITH



If you would like to assist in spreading the use of the Rosary, we are in need of persons who would like to make Rosaries which we provide for free by the Book Rack and which are very popular. No experience necessary, if you can tie a knot, you can spread Mary's love for Christ. Call the Office for info.

## Parents Ministry

If you're bringing home a newborn, recovering from illness or surgery, or facing any other major life event and could use some help with meals, your St. Lawrence family would love to support you with a Meal Train. Contact the parish office or email [parents@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:parents@stlawrencealex.org), and we will set up a Meal Train page for you to coordinate your fellow parishioners bringing you dinners.

The Parents Ministry is preparing to offer childcare in the parish hall during confession one Saturday a month. If you love kids and are interested in volunteering, please email [parents@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:parents@stlawrencealex.org) or contact the parish office. We welcome volunteers of all ages and will be in touch with more information soon.

## Altar servers wanted

No experience required. Graces await. If you are a young man who has received the



Sacrament of the Eucharist and are interested in learning to serve at the altar, please have your parents contact the parish office

at [office@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:office@stlawrencealex.org) or call (703) 971-4378 to RSVP."

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