

April 3rd – 4th Sunday of Lent

‘Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord’, St. Paul tells us today. What is pleasing to God is that we be a light to the world. Each one of us is anointed, called, and gifted. What are the gifts that you have been given? It is through prayerful discernment that we learn to know our gifts, and how to use and share them in a manner that is both pleasing to God and gives glory to God. Use your gifts well! Be a light!

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April 10th – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sometimes, in the busyness of our daily lives, we can mistakenly think that our gifts are of our own doing, forgetting the true source of all of our gifts. The same Spirit that raised Lazarus from the dead dwells in us. What a gift! It is this same Spirit that decides which gifts to give each of us (1 Cor. 12:11). Good stewards acknowledge God as the one true source of all their gifts. They share their gifts in the renewal of society and the building up of God’s Kingdom.

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April 17th – Passion (Palm) Sunday

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with a great deal of enthusiasm! It is easy to be enthusiastic, even to be carried away for brief periods of time. It is much harder to sustain enthusiasm, because that means giving of ourselves. On the Cross, the Lord gave his all. In doing so, he invites us to be more generous, to give our very selves so that his ministry of love and reconciliation may spread throughout the world. At the beginning of this Holy Week, let us pledge ourselves to be more generous, to be more giving, and to joyfully share our time, our talent, and our financial gifts.

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April 24^h – Easter Sunday

Today, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In reality every Sunday in the Christian Church is a little Easter Sunday because we remember Christ’s resurrection each week. Each week you share your time, your talents, and your financial gifts at liturgy, and in the world. Thank you for your generosity! This enables **[insert parish name]** to preach the Easter message throughout the year.

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