



# SAINT OLIVER PLUNKETT

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITHFUL GIVING, JOYFUL WITNESS

**PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 28, 2021**

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday Vigil**

4:00 p.m.

**Sunday**

9:00am, 11:00am, 4:00pm

& 1:00 p.m. in Spanish

Masses Live-Streamed

9:00am, 1:00pm in Spanish

& 4:00pm

**Holy Days**

Consult bulletin

**Weekday Masses**

Live Streamed

Mon.—Sat - 9:00am

**Adoration**

Fridays 9:30am-12Noon

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays

2:30pm-3:30pm

Or by appointment

**Stations of the Cross**

**During Lent**

7:00pm English

8:00pm Spanish

**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday.

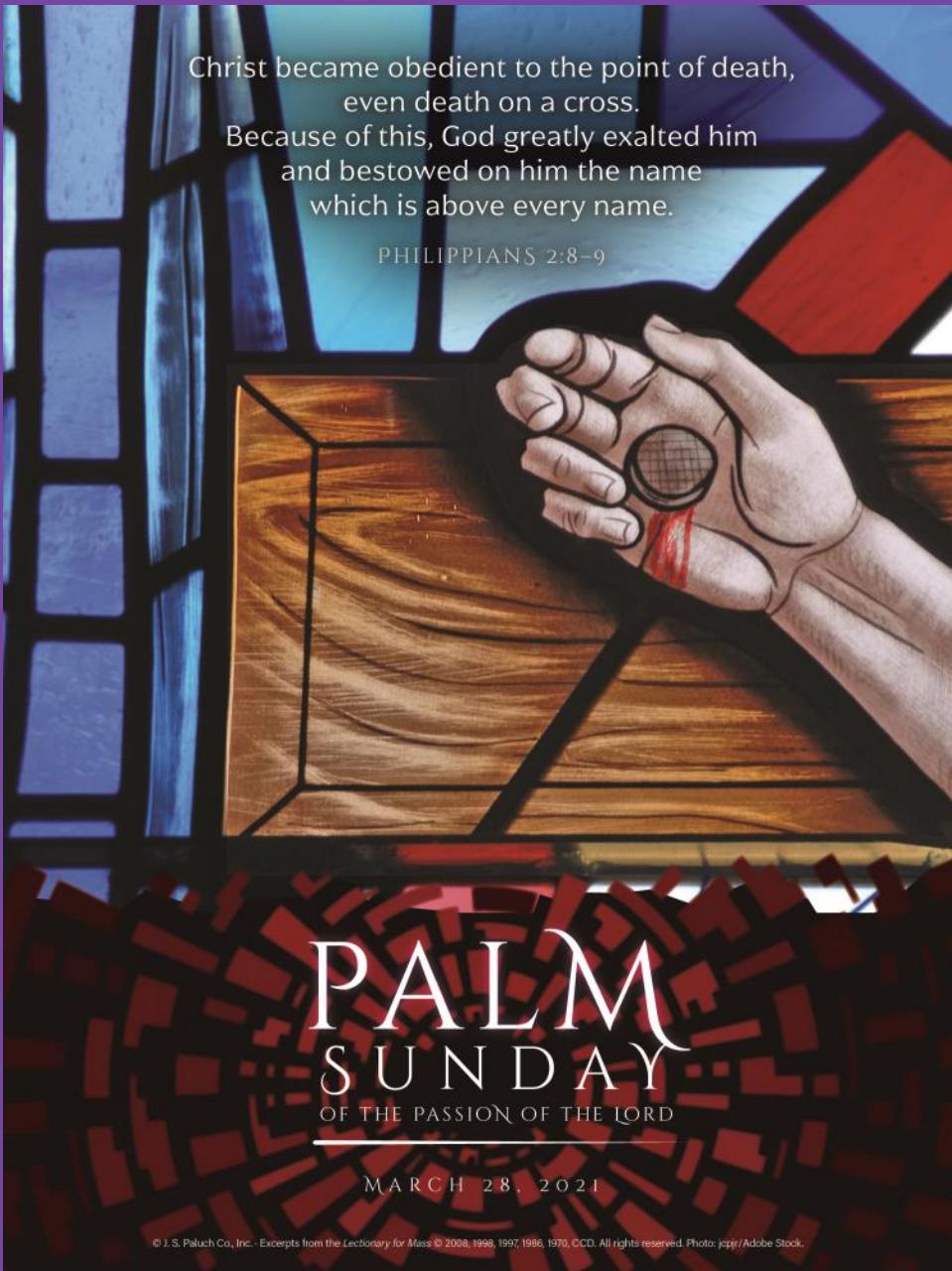
9:00am—5:00pm

Friday

9:00am - 12Noon

Our Lady of La Salette

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STREAMING LIVE



All our Holy Week liturgies and services, in addition to all our Easter Masses, Easter Vigil 8:00pm, Easter Sunday, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm in Spanish, will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: St. Oliver Plunkett Snellville. We invite you to wear a mask and join us in church, but if you are unable, please live-stream our services and liturgies. *After consideration, our seating arrangements for social distancing will remain the same. We will not go to every other pew at this time. Please be respectful and follow usher direction.*

## Easter Triduum



### Easter Liturgies

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00pm Bilingual  
Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm in Spanish

### Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm Bilingual

### Good Friday

The Passion of the Lord  
Seven Last Words English  
12:00Noon

Good Friday Service English  
5:00pm in Church

Good Friday Service Spanish  
7:00pm in Church

## PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

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It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

### INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed

woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

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**Mass Intentions - March 29 - April 4, 2021****Monday, March 29**

9:00am † Mitch Coker

**Tuesday, March 30**

9:00am † Vincent and Anthony Mbuyongha

**Wednesday March 31**

9:00am † Billy Stanton

**Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday**

7:00pm † Dimas Perez

**Friday, April 2 - Good Friday****Seven Last Words English - 12Noon****Good Friday Service English - 5:00pm****Good Friday Service Spanish - 7:00pm****Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday**

8:00pm † Healing for Eric Huddleston

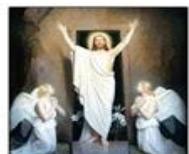
**Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

7:00am † Carol Witts

9:00am † Annelies Mullens

11:00am † Ruth Palombit

1:00pm † Augustino Barron

**Special Holy Week Reconciliation Opportunity****Reconciliation in English will be offered on Monday and Wednesday, March 29th & 31st from after the 9:00am Mass to 6:00pm.***Easter Triduum*

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM** Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day").

Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

"Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB).

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefiguration of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

**Upcoming Second Collections****Holy Thursday****4/1/2021****Good Friday****4/2/2021****Parish Debt Reduction****4/4/2021**

<b>Fiscal Year 7/1/20-6/30/21</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Overage/ Shortage</b>
		<b>2020-21</b>	
<b>Offertory - Church 3/21/21</b>	<b>\$9,612.10</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>-\$2,387.90</b>
<b>Offertory - Online 3/21/21</b>	<b>\$8,636.50</b>	<b>\$6,925.00</b>	<b>\$1,711.50</b>
<b>Offertory Weekly 3/21/21</b>	<b>\$18,248.60</b>	<b>\$18,925.00</b>	<b>-\$676.40</b>
<b>Offertory YTD</b>	<b>\$717,533.21</b>	<b>\$719,150.00</b>	<b>-\$1,616.79</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$1,455.00</b>		

**The Seven Last Words from the Cross** are seven expressions biblically attributed to Jesus during his crucifixion. Traditionally, the brief sayings have been called "words". They are gathered from the four Canonical Gospels.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup> Three of the sayings appear only in the **Gospel of Luke** and three only in the **Gospel of John**. The other saying appears both in the **Gospel of Matthew** and the **Gospel of Mark**.<sup>[3]</sup> In Matthew and Mark, Jesus cries out to God. In Luke, he forgives his killers, reassures the penitent thief, and commands his spirit to the Father. In John, he speaks to his mother, says he thirsts, and declares the end of his earthly life.

A person's **final articulated words** said prior to death or as death approaches generally are taken to have particular significance. These seven sayings, being "last words", may provide a way to understand what was ultimately important to this man who was dying on the cross.<sup>[4]</sup> The sparsity of sayings recorded in the biblical accounts suggests that Jesus remained relatively silent for the hours he hung there.<sup>[5]</sup>

***The Seven Last Words presented at St. Oliver's on Good Friday, April 2 at 12Noon.***



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BEGINS MARCH 25** To help stop the anti-life push in The U.S. the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the **spiritual adoption of an unborn child**. This is done by praying everyday *that this unknown child's life be spared from abortion and be allowed to live*. To help accomplish this, we recommend that families pray this prayer everyday from the feast of the Annunciation – March 25 through December. To make it very personal, **name the baby** you have spiritually adopted and pray with your children and/or grandchildren so they too can be praying for the soul of a baby in the womb. During our earthly life this spiritually adopted child will be known only to GOD but in the world to come it is hoped that we will meet the child whose life was spared by our prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

The **baby's progress will be printed in the parish bulletin each month** and to celebrate the birth of the child, **a gift-giving event will be offered in December** as a way we can support a Pregnancy Resource Center where mothers and babies are being saved every day.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Lenten Reconciliation

In English

**Monday and Wednesday**

**March 29 & 31**

**After 9:00am Mass  
Until 6:00pm**

### Grief Share

Thursday mornings

JP II Center

January 28—May 6

10:00am-11:30am

### Palm Sunday Masses

**March 28, 2021**

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am,  
1:00pm & 4:00pm

**Overflow accommodated in  
Kane-Beltran Center**

### Holy Thursday

**April 1, 2021 - 7:00pm**

**Evening Mass  
of the Lord's Supper  
Bilingual**

### Good Friday

**April 2, 2021**

**Seven Last Words—English**

**12Noon**

**Good Friday Service English**

**5:00pm**

**Good Friday Service Spanish**

**7:00pm**

### Easter Vigil 8:00pm

**Bilingual**

**April 4, 2021**

### Easter Sunday Masses

**7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am**

**In Spanish 1:00pm**

**Overflow accommodated in  
Kane-Beltran Center**

### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**10:00am — 3:00pm**

**Rms. 22, 23, 24**

### Confirmation Liturgies

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**3:00pm and 6:00pm**

**NO 4:00PM MASS ON**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18 DUE TO  
CONFIRMATION LITURGIES**

### First Friday Adoration

**No April Adoration—Good Friday**

**9:30am - 12Noon**

**Benediction 8:00pm**

**Archdiocese of Atlanta  
Offers Affordable Counseling  
(Se habla espanol)  
Contact them at 404.920.7745**

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

##### **Sunday**

**Baptismal Prep Classes**  
Currently held by Zoom

**CALL PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER**

##### **Monday**

**RCIA in Spanish**  
Each Monday evening  
7:30pm - Room 25

Contact: Delta Izaguirre

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults - Tuesdays**

**7:30pm**

**Contact Deacon Mike Chavez**  
770.979.2500 x41

##### **Spanish Baptismal**

##### **Preparation**

**Contact Hispanic Ministry  
Coordinator**  
Delta Izaguirre -770.979.2500 x40

#### **GriefShare**

**Winter/Spring Session**

**JP II Center - 10:00am**

**January 28 - May 6, 2020**

**Linda Hedges 770.979.9229**

##### **Friday**

**Every Friday Adoration**  
9:30am—Noon



## Información General ministerio Hispano

**Bautismos** Requisitos: Estar inscritos en la Parroquia y asistiendo a Misa. La clase de Bautismo es el primer lunes del mes a las 7:00pm en el Salón de Juan Pablo. Para información llamar al Ministerio Hispano al 770 979-2500 ext. 40.

**Matrimonio** Requisitos: Estar inscrito en la Parroquia. Comunicarse con el Sacerdote o Diácono para la documentación requerida y preparación. "Los preparativos deben hacerse con el sacerdote o el Diácono con por lo menos de 6 meses de anticipación a la fecha de la boda."

**Confesiones:** Domingos antes de la Misa a las 12:00pm, o por cita previa.

**Primera Comunión y Confirmación:** Llamar a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 770 978-6751.

**Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos:** Preparación de adultos, mayores de 18 años, para recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Para información llamar a Delta Izaguirre 770 979-2500 ext. 40.

**Grupo de Oración Carismático:** Se reúnen los sábados a las 7:00pm en el Salón Kane/Beltran. Coordinador, Arturo Mondragón, 770.334.1820.

### Escuela de la Cruz

La Escuela de la Cruz es una manera de vivir y trabajar cristianamente, ordenada a la evangelización y a hacer, en quien ha sido evangelizado, una adhesión de corazón a las verdades de nuestra fe. El grupo se reúne los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Salón 17 y 18.

Persona contacto: Lionel Cruz 404 396-4582.

**Cursillos de Cristiandad:** Los Cursillistas se reúnen los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Salón #22. Contacto, Rosa y Arturo Esquivel 678.420.8373.

**Apóstoles de la Palabra:** El grupo se reúne los viernes a las 7:30pm en el Salón #25. Contacto Sergio Guzmán 770.905.1450.

**Bienvenidos** Se reúnen los sábados las 7:00pm en los salones #17-18. Para más información llamar: Rosie Cruz 404-429-3758 and Nicolas Rendón 678-598-4726.

**Coro Misa:** Ensayos martes 7:00pm y domingos 11:15am. Director Elmer Menjivar 770 309-5415.

**Movimiento Pro Vida e Imagen Virgen de Guadalupe:** Contacto Elena Porres 770.979.6349.

**Cenáculo de Oración LaSalette:** Oremos por todas nuestras necesidades particulares y las del mundo. Unete a este grupo de intersección los viernes a las 10:00am en la Casa de LaSalette frente a la Iglesia. Contacto: TBA

**Imagen Virgen de Schoenstatt:** Graciela Guzman 770.905.1450



**Liturgias de Pascua**  
Vigilia Pascual, sábado 3 de abril - 8:00 pm Bilingüe  
Domingo de Pascua, 4 de abril  
7:00 a. M., 9:00 a. M., 11:00 a. M.  
Y 1:00 p. M. En español

**Jueves Santo**  
Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor 7:00 pm Bilingüe

**Buen viernes**  
**La Pasión del Señor**  
Siete Últimas Palabras Inglés 12: 00 Noon

Servicio de Viernes Santo en inglés 5:00 pm en la Iglesia  
Servicio de Viernes Santo en español 7:00 pm en la Iglesia

El Jueves 8 de abril los Caballeros de Colón estarán patrocinando una Campaña de donación de sangre para la Cruz Roja de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm en los salones 22, 23 & 25.

Las Confesiones de Semana Santa son el 29 y 31 de marzo, después de la Misa de la mañana hasta las 6:00 pm. en Ingles únicamente. No es necesario hacer cita previa.

El jueves próximo es Jueves Santo, la Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor será a las 7:00 pm y será bilingüe.

la Liturgia de las Siete Últimas Palabras de Jesús serán presentadas en Inglés el Viernes Santo, a las 12 del mediodía. El servicio del Viernes

Santo en Inglés será a las 5:00 pm y a las 7:00 pm en Español.

Las Misas de Pascua son: Vigilia Pascual bilingüe, sábado 3 de abril a las 8:00 p. M., Domingo de Pascua, 7:00 a. M., 9:00 a. M., 11:00 a. M. Y 1:00 p. M. En español.

El desbordamiento se alojará en el Centro Kane-Beltran. Los miembros de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl recolectarán donaciones hoy para la asistencia a los necesitados de nuestra parroquia.

No hay Misa a las 4:00 pm el domingo 18 de abril debido a nuestras dos liturgias de Confirmación ese domingo a las 3:00 pm y 6:00 pm. Solo los Confirmandi y sus familias serán acomodados en estas liturgias.



STREAMING LIVE



Todas nuestras liturgias y servicios de Semana Santa, además de todas nuestras Misa de Pascua, Vigilia Pascual 8:00 pm, Domingo de Pascua, 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am y 1:00 pm en español, serán transmitidas en vivo en nuestro Canal de YouTube: St. Oliver Plunkett Snellville. Lo invitamos a usar una máscara y unirse a nosotros en la iglesia, pero si no puede, transmita en vivo nuestros servicios y liturgias. Después de considerarlo, nuestra disposición de asientos para el distanciamiento social seguirá siendo la misma. *No iremos a todos los demás bancos en este momento. Sea respetuoso y siga las instrucciones del acomodador.*

# DOMINGO DE RAMOS

28 DE MARZO DE 2021

“DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR”

Cristo se humilló por nosotros  
y por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte  
y una muerte de cruz.  
Por eso Dios lo exaltó sobre todas las cosas  
y le otorgó el nombre  
que está sobre todo nombre.

FILIPENSES 2:8-9

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Puede que sea Domingo de Ramos, pero la Pasión está mucho más notoria en la liturgia de hoy, la cual nos invita a seguir a Jesús en su entrada triunfante a Jerusalén hasta su crucifixión y sepultura. Simplemente desborda con el dolor y la intimidad que serán los temas predominantes en la Semana Santa.

La primera lectura del libro de Isaías da voz al sufrimiento de una persona inocente, quizás un profeta, o de todo el pueblo. El estribillo del salmo es el grito de Jesús desde la cruz (Marcos 13:14), un grito de absoluta soledad existencial. El gran himno de kénosis (vaciamiento) en filipenses ofrece un impresionante retrato del vaciamiento final de Jesús, simultáneamente íntimo y cosmológico.

## LA INTIMIDAD

Los cuatro evangelios tienen una narración de la Pasión. Aunque hay concordancia con respecto a los principales eventos, una comida íntima compartida por Jesús y los discípulos, la traición de Jesús, la oración en el huerto de Getsemaní a la que le sigue el arresto, juicio y crucifixión de Jesús, cada Evangelio tiene sus propios detalles que dan un significado o señal particular. En el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús es ungido por una mujer, de quien no se menciona su

nombre, en la casa de Simón el leproso. Todos los evangelios mencionan que Jesús fue ungido por una mujer, pero sólo Marcos pone este evento antes de la Última Cena. Jesús dice que la unción es una preparación para su entierro; es como si la mujer pudiera ver el sufrimiento de un profeta en la vida de Jesús y sentirlo en su presencia. Movida por la compasión, ella vacía su costosa ánfora llena de nardo sobre la cabeza de Jesús, derramando su amor en un acto profundamente íntimo. Quizás también se una a las mujeres que presencian la crucifixión desde lejos (Marcos 15:40-41), después de que los Doce pareciera que se han ido ya desde hace mucho tiempo.

El Domingo de Ramos nos invita a seguir a Jesús durante el resto de la Semana Santa. Al movernos a sentir la injusticia y el sufrimiento padecido por Jesús, las liturgias y devociones de esta semana nos presentan esas mismas opciones. Tal vez, como la mujer sin nombre, podemos abrirmos al sufrimiento de los demás y responder con amor y compasión. O quizás, como los Doce, brillaremos por nuestra ausencia.

Lecturas de hoy: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):

8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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## LIFE TEEN CALENDAR



### 2021 Confirmation Liturgies at St. Oliver's

Sunday, April 18th  
3:00pm and 6:00pm  
Students A-J 3:00pm and K-Z 6:00pm

**IMPORTANT:** No 4:00pm Mass on Sunday, April 18th due to Confirmation liturgies at 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Only Confirmandi and their families may attend.

# Listen up Seniors!

**Senior Baccalaureate Liturgy and Celebration** Attention 2021 Graduates!! You are cordially invited to attend the Senior Baccalaureate Liturgy and Outdoor Pizza party for all 2021 graduating Seniors in our parish on Sunday, May 16, 2021.



Our Seniors will be honored and recognized at a special celebration of the Eucharist during the 4pm Life Teen Liturgy on Sunday, May 16, 2021. A celebration outdoor pizza party for the Seniors and their immediate family members will follow on the Parish campus.

We would like to request that all Seniors wear their respective cap and gown to honor the many schools attended by the Seniors of Saint Oliver's and to check-in the Kane-Beltran Parish Center by 3:15pm on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to recognizing our Seniors and take great pride in honoring you at this special celebration. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 9, 2021 to Lynn at 770-978-6751, ext. 43, or email [youthministry@stolivers.com](mailto:youthministry@stolivers.com).

**Misa y Cena para los Estudiantes en su Ultimo Año de Bachillerato** ¡Atención estudiantes que se graduarán este año del 2021! Están cordialmente invitados a asistir a la Liturgia y Fiesta de Graduación que serán al aire libre y se servirá pizza. La fecha es el domingo 16 de mayo del 2021 a las 4:00 pm. Los estudiantes serán reconocidos con una celebración especial de la Eucaristía durante la Liturgia de Life Teen. Esta celebración es para los estudiantes y sus familiares en el campo de la Parroquia.

Pedimos que los estudiantes vistan la bata de graduación para reconocer las muchas escuelas a las que asisten nuestros estudiantes. Favor de pasar por el Centro Kane-Beltran para registrarse antes de las 3:15 pm. del 16 de mayo.

Será un orgullo reconocer a nuestros estudiantes por medio de esta celebración especial. Favor de confirmar su asistencia antes del domingo 9 de mayo del 2021 cpn Lynn al 770-978-6751, ext. 43, o correo electrónico [youthministry@stolivers.com](mailto:youthministry@stolivers.com).

**Youth Minister Position Available at St. Oliver Plunkett Snellville** St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church in Snellville, GA is seeking a full-time Youth Minister to work with the High School youth program. This position involves developing and coordinating a parish based high school youth ministry. The youth minister will also coordinate the programs for Confirmation. The candidate must have strong organizational, administrative and communication skills. An ideal youth minister will have experience in conducting retreats for teens, workshops for catechists and training for youth leaders. This ministry calls for collaboration with various activities and ministries within the parish. Qualified applicants may submit a resume to Pat Bulger, Business Manager, at [pbulger@stolivers.com](mailto:pbulger@stolivers.com) or mail it to 3200 Brooks Drive, Snellville, GA 30078.

# SUFFERING AND INTIMACY

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The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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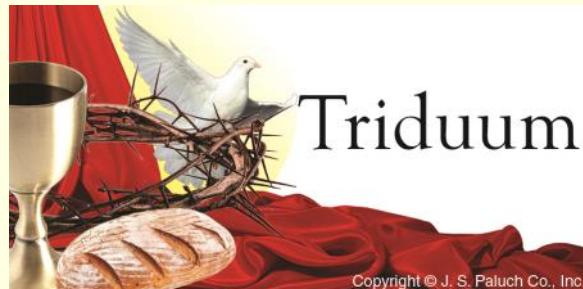
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**PRAY FOR THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS** If you have a family member or friend who is suffering, please call the office and we will add their name to the book for the sick in the Narthex. We pray for all in our community who are suffering but especially pray this week for those in our community who need our prayers for healing, baby Bennett.

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE March 29-April 4, 2021

#### Monday, March 29

Morning Mass	9:00am
<b>Reconciliation all day until 6:00pm</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
Boy Scout Troop 582, Hasler Life Teen Center	7:00pm
RCIA (Rito Iniciacion Crisstiana Para Adultos) Espanol, Rm 17/18	7:30pm

#### Tuesday, March 30

Morning Mass	9:00am
RCIA Class	7:00pm

#### Wednesday, March 31

Morning Mass	9:00am
<b>Reconciliation all day until 6:00pm</b>	<b>9:30am</b>

#### Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Bilingual	7:00pm
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#### Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Seven Last Words	12:00pm
Good Friday Service in English	5:00pm
Good Friday Service in Spanish	7:00pm

#### Saturday, April 3 - Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil - Bilingual	8:00pm
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#### Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

**Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm in Spanish**

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Initially, parents meet with Fr. Bob Butler, call office to schedule an appointment 770.979.2500 x31.

- Family registered at St. Oliver's. Initially, parents must meet with clergy.
- Copy of child's birth certificate required prior to baptism.
- Parental attendance required at Baptismal Prep Class
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**Matrimony** Arrangements and appointments must be made with a priest at least 6 (six) months prior to the wedding date. Call to meet with a priest.

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