



Guardian Angel Cathedral

MARCH 2010

Volunteer and Staff Newsletter

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meetings and Committees

- **Television**
Wed May 5 – 6:30pm
Michael La Rocca
GAC Ofc: 735-5241
- **Senior Club**
Tues. Mar 2 – 1:00pm
Call: 363-6820
- **Oktoberfest**
Edgar Velazquez/Chair
Call: 813-2657
Barbara Burke/Crafts
Call: 871-9065
Theresa Gagliano/
Bake Sale
Call: 658-3211
- **St. Joseph's Table**
Julie Andriaccio/Chair
Call: 735-1065
- ***Meetings held in
Anderson Hall***

Music

- **Cantors, Holiday & Men's Chorus**
Debbie Cenna/GAC
Music Dir.
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral Choir**
Mondays 7pm
Marek Rachelski/Dir.
Call: 565-5060

GAC Office Closed



Why the Passion on Palm Sunday?

The last week of Jesus' life was crammed with events, as we follow him from his glorious entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. In the days in between, he preached, taught, presided over the Passover supper, stood trial, and was condemned to death. This week we call Holy Week.

The first set is about Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on a colt, fulfilling the prophecy in Zechariah 9: 9. The people greeted him as though he were an earthly king; they were sure he would end the Roman occupation and Jerusalem would again be a Jewish city.

They shouted, "Hosanna," which means "save us," and comes from Psalm 118: 26.

And the second set is a detailed look at what happened in the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We also read the Psalms which form a foundation for the events of Holy Week.

But the question still remains, why do we read the story of the Passion on Palm Sunday?

In our 3-year lectionary cycle we will read the Passion According to Matthew, Mark and Luke on Palm/Passion Sunday and the Passion According to John is always read on Good Friday. This provides us with an opportunity to hear all the Passion narratives over a 3-year period.

Our GAC Rector, Fr. Larry Lentz, CSV explains it as a sort of "Overture" or prelude to the events of the upcoming week. Fr. Alan Syslo, CSV stated, "It shows us good in Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, to the evil of the Passion with God winning out on Easter."

The explanation given to me by our Bishop Joseph A. Pepe was this: "We need to remember the 'Old Church' when everything was covered the week before Palm Sunday which was known as the 1st Sunday of the Passion (now referred to as the 5th Sunday of Lent). The 2nd Sunday of the Passion was on Palm Sunday, so we entered into the Passion of Christ for two full weeks."

Using these ideas and history to answer the question of why the Passion on Palm Sunday may help us to find the start of this Holy Week more spiritually fulfilling.

At a Passover Seder, a child will ask, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" For observant Jews, Passover is not just one night. It is a weeklong celebration which requires their full attention. Christians should view Holy Week in the same way. This whole week is our Seder, our participation in the mighty acts whereby God has given us life and immortality.

2010 GAC Events

- **St. Joseph's Table**
Sat March 20, 2010
- **Our Lady/Fatima Day**
Thurs May 13, 2010
12:10 Mass
- **6th Annual 2010 Oktoberfest Craft & Bake Sale**
Sat & Sun Oct 2 & 3
- **Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast**
Sat Dec 25, 2010
12mid to 1:30am on
KLAS TV Channel 8

2010 Workshops

- **Liturgical Ministries**
EM's May 18 &
Sept 21@ 6:30pm
Lectors May 19 &
Sept 22 @ 6:30pm
Servers May 20 &
Sept 23 @ 6:30pm
- You must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved.
All workshops in the Church & will not exceed 3hrs.

- The Monthly Schedule & Newsletter can be found online at:
lasvegas-diocese.org
Go to Parishes, and click on the GAC page.
- Deadline for schedule conflicts 15th of the month.
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Viva! San Giuseppe!

Guardian Angel Cathedral's Annual Saint Joseph' Table will be held on Saturday March 20th from 12noon to 8pm in Anderson Hall.

The Legend of the Saint Joseph's Table

In Sicily and many Italian-American communities, thanks are given to St. Joseph ("San Giuseppe" in Italian) for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. According to legend, there was a severe drought at the time, and the people prayed for their patron saint to bring them rain. They promised that if he answered their prayers, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. The rain did come, and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. The fava bean was the crop which saved the population from starvation, and is a traditional part of St. Joseph's Day altars and traditions. Giving food to the needy is a St. Joseph's Day custom. In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing, and because the feast occurs during Lent, traditionally no meat was allowed on the celebration table.

To help with GAC's St. Joseph's Table
Call Julie Andriaccio at 735-1065

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES AVAILABLE MID MARCH Since Holy Week begins at the end of March and continues through Easter Sunday on April 4th, the Holy Week Schedules will be sent in a separate email and printed in a special booklet by March 16, 2010. Please check your email and in the Vesting Room anytime after the 16th.

WHEN DOES LENT END? Reminder: This question was answered in the February issue of the GAC Newsletter. Do you remember?

FASTING & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS CONTINUED **Abstinence:** Refraining from eating meat on **Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent** for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting:** One full meal is allowed and two smaller meals (if needed) to maintain strength on **Good Friday** for all Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59.

GENUFLECT DURING THE CREED There are two times during the Liturgical Year when we genuflect during the Creed at the words, "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." Can you name the two times? Here is a hint: One is Christmas and the other is on this Solemnity during the month of March. Name the Solemnity.

GAC's 2010 Holy Week Schedule

March 27 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Vigil Masses

2:30pm / 4:30pm / 6:30pm

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:00am / 9:00am / 11:00am with Bishop Pepe

1:00pm / & 5:00pm

March 30 – The Chrism Mass – 6:00pm

April 1 – Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 5:00pm

April 2 – Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3:00pm

April 3 – Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

April 4 – Easter Sunday

7:00am / 9:00am / 11:00am with Bishop Pepe

1:00pm / 3:00pm / & 5:00pm