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**Sunday, April 14, 2019**  
**Sunday**

**Palm**

The Gospel writers viewed the Passion not only in terms of the suffering which Jesus endured for us but in light of the glorious vision of Christ risen from the dead. Saint Paul strikes well this balance of the suffering of Jesus and the new life He brings by means of it in today's second reading when he writes: "**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God ... humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death ... on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...**" Palm Sunday reveals to us that the mystery of the Lord's suffering is one that leads to ultimate victory and life.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – The flyer attached to this week's bulletin contains the Schedule of Parish Holy Week services. Please take note that there is no 12:05 Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday and no 4 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.**

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM,**

**Sunday - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)**

**Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, April 13, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher**

**Sunday, April 14, 10:00 AM – For the repose of William Rodriguez requested by Ageda Perez**

**Sunday, April 14, 12:00 PM – For the repose of Celia Coakley**

**Tuesday, April 16, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Dorothy Harris, requested by the parishioners**

**Thursday, April 18, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Agnes Ruth Murphy, requested by Davulis Family**

**Saturday, April 20, 8:30 PM – David Antigua, Jean Ramirez, Thomas Tjokro and Juan Zayas**

**CONFESSIONS – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.**

**EASTER FLOWERS – Parishioners who would like to contribute to the Easter Flower Offering can designate this gift in honor, or in memory of, those they wish remembered. Please place your offering in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered. **Please do so by Wednesday of Holy Week** to ensure the inclusion of names in the Easter Bulletin. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years old and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On Good Friday one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. On Good Friday no meat is allowed except when health or ability to work would be seriously affected. Abstinence from meat is observed by all 14 years old and older. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** – The Collection taken at the Good Friday Liturgy is to support the preservation of pilgrimage sites in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – This week's Second Collection is to support Spring Cleaning efforts at the parish. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**BIENVENIDO P. PETER:** Le extendemos una cálida acogida al P. Peter de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. El Padre Peter y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que se esfuerzan por vivir la regla de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su casa principal se encuentra en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. ¡Gracias Padre Peter!

**MASSACHUSETTS BISHOPS STATEMENT** – The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement about legislation pending on Beacon Hill seeking to expand abortion in the Commonwealth. Copies of this statement and a previous statement issued by Cardinal Sean on this issue are available in the back of the church.

**CORI FORMS** – All employees and volunteers (e.g. readers, eucharistic minister, religious education teachers, ushers etc.) who assist at the Parish need to submit a CORI form annually. If you have not yet done so please contact Megan at [admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org) to make arrangements to complete this required form.

**SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION** - From offering First Communion and daily Eucharist to blessing our marriages or our loved ones as they are called home to God, our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, have always answered our calls. Like us, they are troubled by the current events taking place in the Church, yet they are still there for us. **Help us care for the health and well-being of our senior priests in good standing (e.g. Fr. George) by graciously supporting them in our annual Easter collection next week.**

**CARDINAL O'MALLEY LENTEN LETTER** – Cardinal Sean has issued a Lenten Letter which offers his reflection on the recently completed Rome summit on the protection of children and minors. A copy of this Letter, in English and in Spanish, is available at the entrance to the Church. Please take one with you.

**CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL):** El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanación peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL** – The 2019 Catholic Appeal Goal for St. Christopher is \$9,298. **To date \$3,395** has been contributed by parishioners. Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate there are forms in the back of the Church or you can do so at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). You can view the Appeal's 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, April 27**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION** – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use [pastor@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stchristopherchurch.org). For Parish Office items please use [office@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:office@stchristopherchurch.org). For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use [admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org). For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: [campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org).

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** – If one receives communion in the hand after receiving the consecrated host immediately **consume the host in the presence of the minister**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

**OFFERTORY:** \$982.25 (Easter Flowers - \$311.81)