

## 2024 Weekly Sunday Parish Bulletin Announcements

*(These bulletin announcements are designed for those parishes who wish to include a brief reminder of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to parishioners in each Sunday's parish bulletin. Each week is titled "Helping Christians in the Holy Land" followed by the text.)*

### Week 1 – Helping Christians in the Holy Land

With the outbreak of war in Israel, the Christians there and throughout the Holy Land rely heavily on our help, particularly for humanitarian aid and relief. It is with funds from the Good Friday collection that Catholic Church provides presence, care and service to the people who are living under war in the land of Christ. You can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who live, work, and are struggling to survive in the land where Jesus walked on this earth. Please plan now to make your donation on Good Friday to this vitally important work!

### Week 2 – Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Did you know that funds collected in last year's Good Friday Collection provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth, and provided 398 homes benefiting Christian families? Your gift will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are in dire need of our help. Please consider supporting the Good Friday Collection with some of your Lenten almsgiving.

### Week 3 – Helping Christians in the Holy Land

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans. The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 students under the age of 12. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection?

### Week 4 – Helping Christians in the Holy Land

In this season of almsgiving, why not consider helping the Christians in the Holy Land by donating to the Good Friday Collection? Through our generosity last year, Catholics across our country helped make an incredible difference in many lives by helping to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. This year, as war continues in the many countries that make up the Holy Land, your help is needed more than ever! Will you help make a difference again this year with your donation to the Good Friday Collection?

### Week 5 - Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they rely on our financial help to assist them in providing presence, care and service on that holy ground. These dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to preserve the sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets. Funds collected last year on Good Friday helped to preserve 74 Christian sites and supported over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Your contribution to the Good Friday collection this year will help this most worthy cause.

### Palm Sunday - Helping Christians in the Holy Land

It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the land of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population and are subjected to war and violence. With your support, we can help to ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now, and that future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive. Please help the Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

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