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CATHOLIC CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9

Welcome!

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday | 8:00 am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

Parish Clergy

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor**

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Pastoral Scene

Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.

This Week's Highlight

Holy Week Schedule

Monday

8:00am Mass
8:30am Eucharistic Exposition & Reconciliation

Tuesday

8:00am Mass
8:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00pm The Chrim Mass at St. John's Cathedral

Wednesday

8:00am Mass
8:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm Tenebrae

Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:30pm Stations Of the Cross
3:00pm Passion

The Easter Vigil on the Holy Night

1:00pm Food Blessing
8:30pm Mass

Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

1:00pm Food Blessing
8:30pm Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am and 10:45am Masses

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:00am and 10:45am Mass

Following the 10:45am Mass; Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet

STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 17, 2024

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| St. Monica Fund..... | \$ | 334.00 |
| Misc. Special Envelopes.... |\$ | 420.00 |

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Thank you for your continued support

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
 Margaret Mencini and Jane Stein
 Who were recently buried.
 May they and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am Harry Klosowski
 10:45am Joseph & Margaret Dubus

Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week

8:00am Theodore J. Marszal
 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am Stanley Bykiewicz

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00am Frank Shipta
 6:30pm Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28

Thursday of Holy Week

8:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:30pm Station
 3:00pm The Passion

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

1:00pm Food Blessing
 8:30pm Priest Intention

Sunday, March 31

Easter

9:00am Priest Intention
 10:45am Priest Intention

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Tate Johnson
 Tuesday: Dominic Kucera
 Wed: Daniel Liberatore
 Thurs: William Myers
 Friday: Lucas Torres
 Sat: Samuele Cefaratti
 Sunday: *Be Thankful for the Risen Lord*

Hosanna!

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Jeff Machado, Frank Zore, Jennie Brikowski, Joanne Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak, Special Intention, Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi

*Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.
 216-662-8685*

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, March 25

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Tuesday, March 26

8:45am Confirmation Preparation (F)

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, March 27

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

6:30pm G.A. Meeting (c)

Thursday, March 28

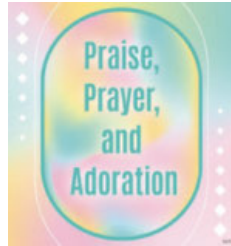
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Friday, March 29

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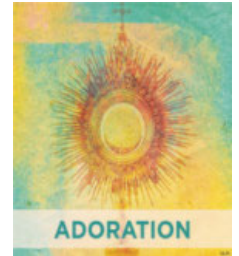
Sunday, March 30

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)



Palm Sunday Adoration

Adoration of the Eucharist
12:00pm—2:00pm on Sunday



St. Monica Ladies Guild 38th Annual

Fashion Show and Luncheon

will be held on Sunday April 21, 2024
at Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael's,
5025 E. Mill Road (Off Wallings Road and I-77), in
Broadview Heights, at 1:00pm.

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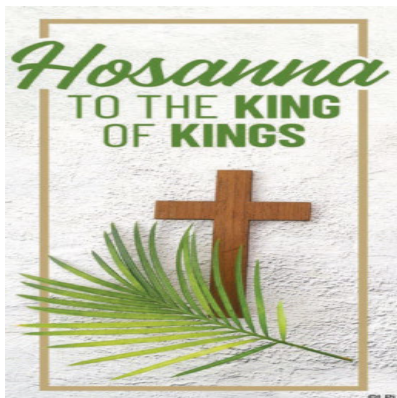
(357 W Aurora Road, Sagamore Hills, Ohio).

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Beverage & choice of: Chicken Piccata w/Angel Hair
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or mpraznik@aol.com



Pray with us during Holy Week and Easter

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holiest season of the year. Go to <https://am1260therock.com> to find the entire Holy Week and Easter Schedule or call us at 216-227-1260 to obtain a printed copy. From everyone at AM 1260 The Rock, may you continue to have a blessed Lent, a spiritually fruitful Holy Week, and a Joyful Easter



The **Eucharist ... is the sacrament par excellence of love**. Christ offers himself and breaks himself for us and asks us to do likewise so that our life might become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters. –Pope Francis

Christ, the bread of life, fed the multitudes while on earth and today continues to nourish us spiritually through the Eucharist. This Lent, we reflected on how the Eucharist unites us with God and one another as members of the same body of Christ, and how the Lord invites us to see him in our global family.

We saw Christ in Uganda, through Adolf and Florence, who learned new farming methods, so they can provide food for their family and help their neighbors grow better crops. We can imagine how much Jesus rejoiced when Adolf said, “I have seen my children happy because they are well fed.”

We saw Christ in El Salvador, in Sandra and Santos Amaya’s family. Like the body of Christ—which, though one body, has many members—each family member contributes their unique gifts to support the household. We saw Christ in Sandra’s sacrifices to ensure her family and community can thrive, from learning how to keep chickens to traveling long distances for training that helps her and her neighbors.

We saw Christ in Indonesia, through Evita and her disaster preparedness group. Together, they have helped keep their community safe during natural disasters, which have increased and become more destructive due to climate change. We saw Christ again in the group’s communal vegetable garden, which ensures their families have nutritious food even in emergencies.

Lastly, we have seen Christ in you during this holy season—in your prayers, sacrifices and almsgiving. As we near Holy Week, we reflect on the Eucharist as the sacrament of unity that ignites in us the desire to get out of our comfort zone and become Jesus’ hands to care for our neighbors. Let us continue to imitate Christ in how he offers himself for us on the Cross and in the Eucharist. In this way, may we generously give of ourselves to honor and uphold the dignity of our sisters and brothers around the world.

OTHER INFORMATION

Divine Mercy Sunday

As a sign of Jesus' forgiving love and mercy, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th. Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter: that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever will go to confession and receive the Holy Eucharist will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment." A deed of mercy was also asked by Jesus. Giving food to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, providing a ride to a neighbor to Mass, or donating to Operation Rice Bowl are just a few ways we can show Jesus' love and mercy to our neighbor.

Our Lord gave Saint Faustina the Novena of Divine Mercy which consists of nine days of prayer for all people to recognize Jesus' love and mercy. The novena, which is said privately, begins on **Good Friday** and is to be said for nine days, each day praying for a different intention to bring souls back to Our Savior. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also said and may be continued daily throughout the year. The novena booklets may be obtained at the doors of the Church.

All are invited to attend special devotions on Sunday, April 7th following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the relic of St. Faustina, and Benediction.

Pre-Cana Retreat

The SS Cosmas & Damian's Pre-Cana Retreat will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Registration is due by Monday April 15, 2024.

More information available on the registration link:

[2024 Pre-Cana Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Vance at 330-840-9943.
(St. Monica's will not have a Pre-Cana Retreat this year)

LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Time is running out, our collection end with March

Everyone is invited to participate in this fundraiser. Envelopes for your convenience can be found at the doors of the Church, or you can place any amount you would like to donate in an envelope marked, "**LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE**" and drop it in the Church collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office. We will be collecting donations through March. We will accept cash or checks made out to "St. Monica Guild." Thank you for your generosity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kathy Zack 216-650-2158 or Mary Lou Krawczyk 216-407-7152

Celebrate Spring!

At Our 38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon

Sponsored by St Monica Church Ladies Guild
Sunday, April 21, 2024
1:00 PM

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READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 366 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Gospel Mark 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’” So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!”



First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

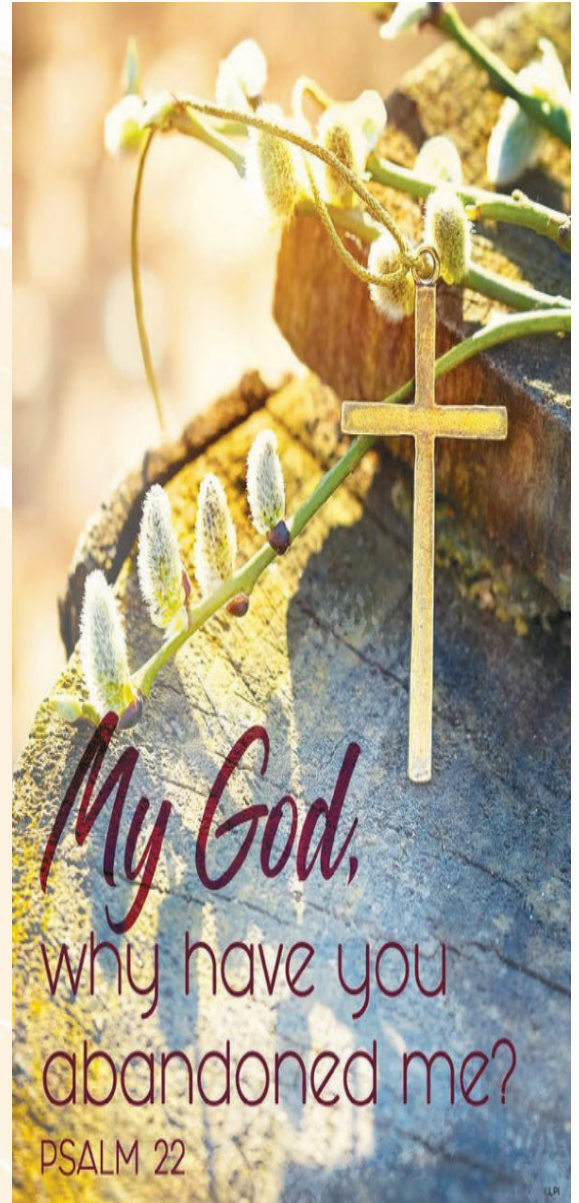
I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming 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,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47 (*separate*)

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Offertory Chant 466 At the Name of Jesus (Walker)

Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Lord, I am not wor-thy, Lord, I am not wor-thy that
you should en-ter un-der my roof. On-ly say the word,
on-ly say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Refrain text: Matthew 8:8, *Lord, I am not worthy*. Words & Music: © 2022, Fr. Joe Menkhaus, Fr. Connor Hetzel, Monica Menkhaus, Max Menkhaus.

Gathered at the altar of our God and King, we present ourselves. We are wounded sinners in need of grace; you restore our health.

As we eat your flesh sacrificed for us, we are made strong. As we drink your blood poured out for us, we are washed clean.

Body, blood, and soul and divinity, You give as gift to us. Now we become You whom we receive; In You we place our trust.

You took upon Yourself our humanity, You humbled Yourself. You give us a share in Your divinity; In You we find our help.

Unless you eat the flesh of the son of Man and drink of His blood, You do not share life within you; So come and thirst no more.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Sacrificial Lamb of this great feast, grant us peace.

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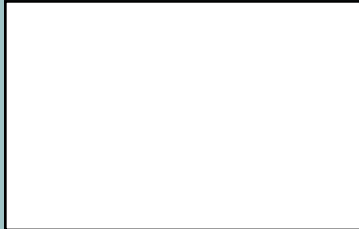


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