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Sacramental Life



Baptism preparation is required for parents and godparents, preferably before the birth of the child.



Marriage preparation is required for every Catholic planning to get married—regardless of where or to whom. Please contact Fr. Bob **at least** nine months before the wedding to be made aware of proper guidelines.



Reconciliation is normally celebrated at Saint Francis Xavier on Saturday from 4:30-5:00pm and at the Newman Center on Tuesday after 5:15pm Mass.

Mass SCHEDULE

Saint Francis Xavier

Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 9:00am & 12:15pm (Spanish)

Monday 12:15pm; Friday 5:30pm

Newman Center

Sunday 11:15am & (when SIU is in session) 5:15pm

Tuesday, and Thursday at 5:15pm

Wednesday, 9:00 am

Saint Andrew Church (618-687-2012)

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723 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL



PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
March 28, 2021

Welcome, New Parishioners
and New Students!
Please register.

Thoughts FROM...

As a teenager in my home parish before Vatican II, the Saturday before this feast day was when all the altar boys and choir boys, of whom I was one, were assigned to go to help the nuns prepare for the next day. This involved making many elaborate palm wreaths which would be used for the next day's procession. The following day was Palm Sunday. Some time after Vatican II it became known as Passion Sunday or carried both names. It is interesting that by referencing both names we highlight the extreme contrast between these two closely related events. We can see this in today's readings as well. We actually have two gospels today. The first, and shorter one, relates the events surrounding Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. After mounting the colt which he had sent his disciples ahead to secure for him, he proceeded into the city with crowds leading the way by spreading their cloaks before him. And all of this was accompanied by the welcoming cheers of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Could there have been anything more positive than this? Truly a high mark in the brief public life of Jesus to that point.

But just after that with the beginning of today's main gospel from Mark we hear the succession of events

leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. At Gethsemane the disciples fail to remain awake while Jesus prays. Judas arrives to betray Jesus who is then led away to the high priest. Peter denies Jesus three times followed by the crowning with thorns and the repeated lashings before Jesus is crucified. We hear his cries of despair followed by confirmation of his death. Joseph of Arimathea takes the body and along with only a few followers places it in a tomb and then seals it with a large rock. The pain, grief and humiliation of these events clearly represent the lowest moments in Jesus' brief public life.

One of the best means of connecting with scripture is to try to put ourselves in the shoes of certain characters that are part of given scenes – e.g., what would I do if I were Peter? How would I act if I were Martha or Mary? But in this case the subject is Jesus. We should not presume to understand or substitute ourselves for him. But I believe one message is clear in today's readings. Like Jesus, we will no doubt encounter low periods in our lives as well as high periods. The question we should ask ourselves is how should we respond to any or all of these?

Paul Angelis

Newman Community



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 /Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, Vigil 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

Holy Thursday— Waiting to Dine Again. This may be the second Easter Triduum in a row where many will not come to the church because of Covid-19 concerns. But we can all still be Church, be the People of God even if we are off the parish campus. How can we take the key elements of this evening and bring them to bear in real life?

- **Washing Feet.** How will I be of service, perhaps doing what others cannot or will not do?
- **Eating and Drinking.** How will I feed those still in desperate need?
- **Honoring the Person of Christ.** How will I respect everyone? Maybe start with one person.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) – Waiting to Embrace Again. Some cannot come to the church this day. Covid-19 still restricts us all in some to many ways. Though we might not pray at the parish cross this day, we can still stand in its shadow. Though his death was gruesome, that now empty cross is our sign of victory. That once dead but now risen Christ is present and with us still.

- With whom will I stand?
- Whom will I embrace?
- Whom can I support with life and love and affection?



Dear Parish FAMILY

A blessed Feast of Passion (Palm Sunday) is extended to everyone! And, thank you for wearing red for this significant feast, if you remembered to do so! As we begin the holiest week of our liturgical year, a week in which we remember the saving events of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I want to thank all those who have been working hard in preparing our church to look clean and polished for Easter. We are grateful to everyone for following the protocols set by our bishop, diocese, and bishops of the Province of Illinois.

Since we are in the midst of the pandemic and needing to follow the various restrictions for sanitizing, etc., the reservation of the blessed sacrament at the end of the **Holy Thursday Liturgy (7:00 pm on April 1st)** will be immediately following in the church with no procession back to the tabernacle. People can stay in their same pews and pray until 9:00 pm this year.

On **Good Friday**, we celebrate The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death at 5:30 pm. (Please note that the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday are a wonderful devotion but the primary liturgical celebration on Good Friday is the 5:30 pm service.

On **Holy Saturday** morning we will have a brief Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 9:00 am. During this time of prayer, we will anoint the catechumens who will be baptized during the Easter Vigil that same evening. Beginning at 10:30 am following the walk-through of the RCIA candidates, we will begin decorating the church for the Easter season. **MANY PEOPLE are needed to help with all the facets of the decorating process.** Please make an effort to join us that morning to accomplish the various tasks to be done. We usually finish in about two hours if we have enough helpers.

The **Easter Vigil** begins at 8:00 pm on Holy Saturday Evening, when the sun goes down. We thank the musicians and other liturgical ministers for all they do to make this a special celebration.

We congratulate Erica Paleo who will be completing her Sacraments of Initiation, and we thank Ana Cruz for being her faith sponsor in the process.

Newman will have their own substitute priest this year and for sure their liturgies will be live streamed. We are hoping to do the same at Saint Francis Xavier. If anyone is able to assist with live streaming at Saint Francis Xavier, please contact the office.

Once again, have a blessed Holy Week and Sacred Triduum!

God's peace,

Fr. Bob, Pastor/Chaplain



Happenings

Sr. Barbara Blesse

Palm Sunday is here already...the start of the holiest week of our liturgical year. The arrival of Holy Week always transports me back to my first trip to Israel and to the day that we visited Mt. Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration. Following a somewhat harrowing taxi ride from the base to the peak of the mountain, our group was seated under a huge olive tree and Barbara Reid, OP, one of the scripture scholars on that trip, spoke with us about the Transfiguration passage in Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:28-36). A few verses later in Luke 9:51, Jesus began his final journey toward Jerusalem to suffer the horrible fate of crucifixion and death. One of the things Barbara shared with us was how easy it would have been for Jesus to escape this destiny. A short walk from the home of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus on the Mount of Olives and he would have been in the Judaea desert where there were caves everywhere. He could have hidden in one of them and no one would have apprehended him. Instead, bolstered by his experience of God's love and grace in his life, he boldly made his way to Jerusalem where the "rest is history," so they say. Jesus surrendered his life to death on a cross because he was a person of integrity. His life of compassion, inclusive love and outreach to those on the margins didn't sit well with the political and religious authorities of his day and resulted in his eventual death on a cross. He knew who he was and he remained faithful to God's love and mission for him...to the end...despite how it all would end.

The last three days of this week...the Triduum...usually find us spiritually and liturgically in vigil mode...being with Jesus and others like him who offer their lives lovingly for justice and peace, compassion and inclusion. We pray to be like them, embracing the same call to do what we can to transform our world according to God's dream...even if...

With these thoughts in mind, I share with you this prayer:

**Lord of Gethsemane, Lord of Golgotha,
As you faced the injustices and assaults of your final hours,
And even despair,
You asked only that your friends stay close as long as they could.
Your solemn request was a cry for solidarity.
My soul is sorrowful even to death.
Remain here and keep watch with me.
Through the ages, the Body of Christ is assaulted still
In the suffering of your people.
Help us keep faithful, drawing closer,
As in their cry, we again hear the plea you made
Resounding through the centuries and repeated anew.
Remain here and keep watch with me.
Remain here and keep watch.
Remain here and keep.
Remain here.
Remain...
Here we are, Lord.
We are here.
Remain Here and Keep Watch
With Me**

Amen

Edward O'N Hoyt



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 27, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:30 PM	No Intention
Sunday	March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	March 29, Monday of Holy Week
12:15 PM	No Intention
Tuesday,	March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	April 1, Holy Thursday
7:00	No Intention
Friday,	April 2, Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
5:30 PM	-----
Saturday	April 3, Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 PM	For those being accepted into the Church
Sunday	April 4, Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 AM	Carl Mitchell
11:15 AM	Patricia Balsano
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center



Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God & parish
Contributions for the weekend of March 13 & 14, 2021

Income received: \$3,014.00

Respect Life Corner—“Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last.” In the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the culmination of the liturgical year leads us to Holy Week, where Jesus by dying, destroys our death and by rising, restores our life. Life is a gift of inestimable value and the rigors of the passion show us how much Christ loves and values each human life. He gives His life for us; we are to give our lives for one another. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** many current issues demean the same human life that Christ loves and are being trampled underfoot. Rejection of human life is a rejection of Christ. (The Gospel of Life n.104) One of the most vulnerable: the unborn baby of an underage mother in Illinois, frightened and planning an abortion until she has a supportive talk with her parent/ guardian through the Parental Notification Act, now up for repeal in Illinois. The law is credited with saving more than one thousand babies a year and many of the young mothers stay in school and finish with help from their families. Those who are victims of sex trafficking or prostitution, can be saved by that phone call, revealing where their missing daughter is. Also we hear of a rise of anti-Asian violence and discrimination across our nation. According to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, incidents of anti-Asian hate and bias increased nearly 150% in 2020. These are just two examples. We must know the issues and continue the work necessary to advance the values of life, equity and inclusion for all God’s people.



Prayer INTENTIONS

All that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours (Mark 11:24).

Newman CENTER: Please join us in prayer for Fred Marsh, Rebecca Cerven, Coleen McGrain, Brian Bruce, Mark Cornell, George and Carol Timson, Terry Silas, Antonio Henrique, the Newman Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus, and all in our community in need of prayer. To add a name call 529-3311.

Saint Francis XAVIER: Wednesday is designated as a Day of Prayer for the sick and hospitalized parishioners and their families. Please remember: Jim Merkle, Mary Beckerer, Jeanine Maloney, Kimberly Murray, Jamie Yancy, Carmen Merod, Austin Chew, Richard Walsh, Marie Ice, Barb Grace, Jack Riley, Tracy Hall, Sheffield Boardman, Matt Murphy, Andrezej Mietelski, Harper Smith, John Huffman, Carolyn Huffman, Julia James, Douglas Laczynski, Jim Tarr, Audra Harrison, Howard W. Hesketh, Kay BA., Jesse Weaver, Diana Chervinko, Pat Volk, Helen McCormick, Pat Waters, Sarah Hefferman, Frank Smith, Rebecca Hernandez, Tristin Dooley, Shirley Reimbold, Marge Huffman, Steve Galt, Savy Knight, Gary Tretter, Lee Hartman, Harry Schauwecker, Patricia Broemmel, Marilyn Kilby, Father Joe Rascher, Bill and Linda Tolliver, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Ethan and Sara Hosmon, Mary Nell Chew, Sally Varsa, Thomas Margolis, Don Dougherty, Theresa Saporoschenko, John McCarthy, Jean McCarthy, Frances White, Michael Bracy, and **all those in need of our prayers.**

If you or anyone in your family is hospitalized, please let the parish office know so Father Bob can visit and administer the Anointing of the Sick.



Liturgical MINISTERS

Lectors assigned for the following Holy Week and Easter Services are:

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm	Laura Kidd
Good Friday, April 2, 5:30 pm	Bob Drone
	Pat Dougherty
Easter Vigil, April 3, 8:00 pm	Scott Thorne
	Darl Young
	Pat Dougherty
	Laura Kidd

REMINDER: If you wish to attend any of the Holy Week or Easter Liturgies, you must register online since we still have limited capacity.

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday,	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass
Monday,	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour	Office Open 9am-4pm 7:30pm Newman Game Night
Tuesday,	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:30 am Staff Meeting	Office Open 9am-4pm 6am Men's rosary 5:15pm Mass, Holy Hour, Reconciliation 7:30 pm JustFaith Group (at Newman) 8pm Men's Group
Wednesday,	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm Women's Small Group 7:30pm Grad Student Group
Thursday,	
Office Open 9am-3pm 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Office Open 9am-4pm 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday,	
Office Closed 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Good Friday Services (Commemoration of the Lord's Passion)	Office Open 9am-4pm 3:30 pm Good Friday Service
Saturday,	
Office Closed 9:00 pm Easter Vigil	Office Closed 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Sunday,	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass NO 5:15pm Mass



Newman CENTER

Our next Sunday Supper program will be with Father Joseph Oganda on Sunday, March 28th, after the 5:15pm Mass. Father Nick Fleming will join us for a Sunday Supper mass and talk on April 11.

Newman Center Holy Week celebrations will begin with Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm on April 1. Our Good Friday service (with veneration of the cross and communion) will be on April 2 at 3:30pm. Our Easter Vigil will be celebrated on April 3 at 8:00pm, with the baptism of Kunal Das and the Confirmations of Emily Duran and Heather Smith.



Golf SCRAMBLE

The Knights of Columbus #7682 for the Newman Center are hosting their 12th Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, April 24th. Lunch is at noon, with a shotgun start at 1pm.

Teams of four can register for just \$60 per person (includes lunch, green fees, and cart). Hole-in-One prizes available, as well as longest putt, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, starting at just \$100.

To register an individual, team, or sponsor, please contact the Newman Center office at 618-529-3311 or email office@siucnewman.org.



Student HOUSING

The Newman Catholic Student Center offers convenient and affordable housing to female SIU students in its six bedroom Grey House, adjacent to the Center. Rent is \$320 per month per resident and includes utilities and access to a washer and dryer.

Grey House residents strive to use their time and talents for the growth of the Catholic Christian Community. They commit themselves to a lifestyle that exemplifies the morals, values and character of a Catholic Christian woman.

Preference is given to those who actively support the mission of the Newman Center and the Grey House, and to those who are able to sign a lease for the entire academic year (August 15 - May 15). Summer and short-term leases are also offered when space is available. Space is available immediately, for Summer 2021, and next academic year.

Anyone interested in touring the house or getting more information can contact the Newman Center at

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