

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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What is Your Mission?

Today we begin the commemoration of the high point in the history of our salvation: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – the Paschal Mystery, Holy Week. Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. The seven days from Palm Sunday on lead up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end – this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and the events that led up to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Week crowns Jesus' mission. We hear the triumph of Jesus in Jerusalem in the gospel read before the Mass. This triumph is short lived; soon it is followed by his passion. People were praising him and wanting to make him their king. They sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus was not distracted by their demand that he be their king; he kept his focus on the mission. After a short while, the same voices called out, "Crucify him!"

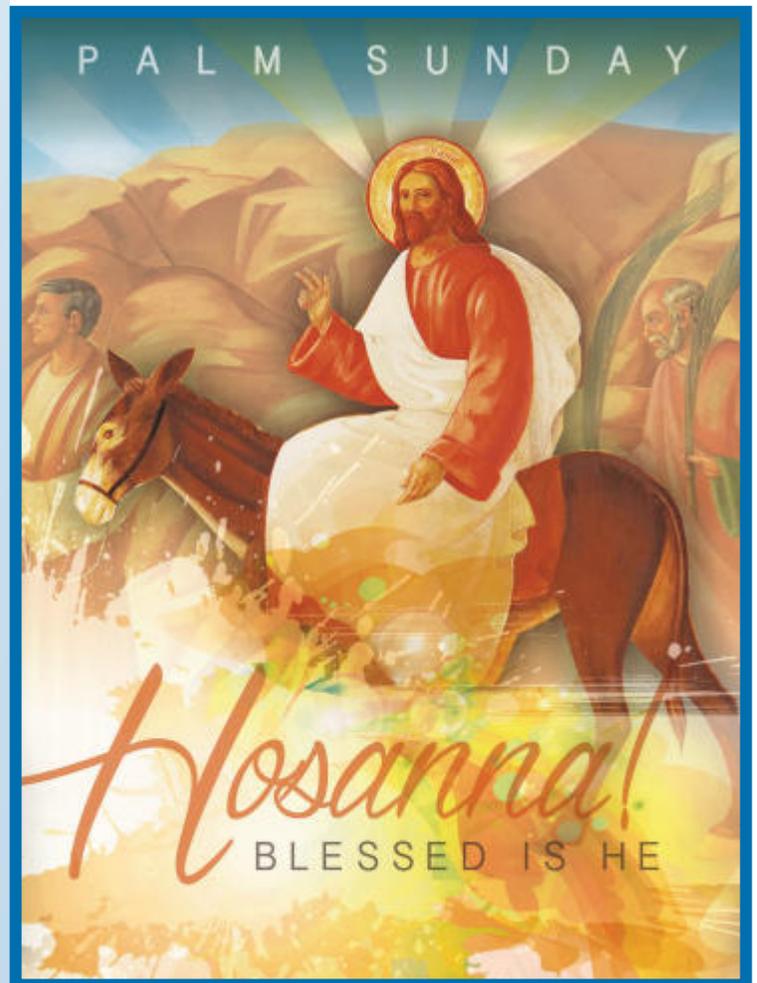
Are you able to relate to the passion of Jesus in your daily life? Of course, it is hard to compare, but perhaps you who are married remember walking down the aisle on your wedding day. Everybody cheered and clapped for you. Did you think of what was ahead after the wedding and in the years to come – the challenges and difficulties? Parents, do you remember the joy you experienced when your child was born; little did you know the challenges you would face raising that child. Or maybe you remember when you landed your dream job. You were the happiest person then, but you didn't foresee the challenges that job brought in your life. It has been said that we cannot choose our challenges, but we can choose our responses. Your mission is your marriage, children and family, your work, and so much more. No matter what challenges you are going through, you always need to keep your eye on the mission. In his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus offers hope, and he is always there to journey with us. Every day is another opportunity to discern what is our mission or calling.

As we begin this Holy Week, the question we need to ask is, are we going to accompany Jesus? As we journey in this Holy Week, let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus who is focused, patient, consistent and faithful in doing the will of God. He does not give in to the demand of the crowd or the empty demands of this world. He knows his mission; he is determined to be faithful till the end, death on the cross.

Fr. Peter Patrick

Here to Stay, Here to Serve!

We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond. Living the Gospel, we welcome, learn, serve and celebrate.



**Member of the Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes
with Saint Sebastian**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



March 28, 2021

Parish Office ... 445-5115 ... Fax 445-5198
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 St. Sebastian Office ... 453-1061

Parish Staff

Rev. Peter Patrick Kimani, *Pastor*
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 Joann Perleberg, *Director of Finances*
 Sister Pat Russell, *Parish Office Assistant*

Parish School 445-2846 Fax 445-0448
 Jade Cottrell, *Principal* Office Open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Parish Trustees

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Pastoral Council

Brendan Holahan, Kathy Kent, Mary Krolkowski, Matt Melendes, James Napper, Jessica Quintanilla, Lissete Quintanilla, Kris Reck, Brenda Scharping, Becky Troy

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 28 9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass (Church)
 Tuesday, March 30 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Discussion on "The Search" (CC)
 Thursday, April 1 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass (St. Seb.)
 Friday, April 2 1:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Church)
 Saturday, April 3 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (St. Sebastian)
 Sunday, April 4 **10:00 am** Easter Sunday Mass (Church)

Liturgical Ministers

Palm Sunday, March 28 - Fr. Peter Patrick
 Lector Brendan Holahan
Good Friday, April 2 - Fr. Peter Patrick
 Lectors Kathy Hazen & Tony Amoroso
Easter Sunday, April 4 - Fr. Larry
 Lectors Ron Ranallo & Bernadette Davel

Virtual Tour of Holy Week

We invite you to participate in a Virtual Tour of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday as we prepare for Easter. Join the Tour, Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. We ask each individual or family to prepare to share one Lenten practice they engaged in throughout the season. For the virtual link, email Jon Metz at jmetz@saintsebs.org. Give yourself this Lenten gift!



Summarized Parish Activity through 2/28/21

	Budget	Actual
Income from Envelopes	170,000	118,825
Other Income	32,400	55,569
Parish Expenses	231,800	156,629
Net Income (loss) from Childcare	20,000	(33,220)
Surplus (deficit) Budget vs. Actual	(9,400)	(15,455)

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 9:00 am † Joey Badora and Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)
 Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-24 /Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47
Monday, March 29
 8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 /Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 30
 8:30 am Everyone Preparing for Sacraments at Easter
 Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, March 31
 Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Sebastian
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12--18 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 2 Good Friday
 1:00 pm Passion of the Lord - St. Catherine
 Is 52:13;53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12- 25/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil - St. Sebastian
 Gn 1:1-2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,10-24,35/Gn 22:1-18 /Ps 16:5,8-10, 11/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-6,17-18 /Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2,4-6 Ez 1-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar3:9-15,32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Ps 42:3,5; 43:3,4/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16- 17,22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday, April 4
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Catherine
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-23/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

As we enter Holy Week, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming passion of Jesus Christ. We begin this week with the word "Hosanna" and the waving of palm branches. The word hosanna refers to the messiah, the savior, entering into the city of Jerusalem. This Holy Week feels a little different than most. A year ago, everything was shut down; we couldn't gather. This year, we are moving towards normal, but we are not quite there. Many of us will gather in church, as others still stay away because of safety concerns. This echoes the divided community of Jesus' time. Some waved palms welcoming Jesus shouting "Hosanna," while others planned and prepared for his death. Now the reason for our division is completely different, but the isolation can feel the same. Too often we find ourselves divided and isolated. Maybe the best comparison of this time is the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus, looking at what was to come, felt alone.

May God bless your Holy Week as a time of isolated contemplation that moves toward healing and unity. As we begin the long, slow journey with Jesus to the cross, let us focus on the coming resurrection. Death, division and isolation are not an end to the story, but just as Jesus did, we have to walk through it to get to the resurrection.

- What weighs heavy on your heart this Holy Week?
- How do you cope with feelings of isolation and division?
- What is one action you can do this week to help make someone else more connected?

Jon Metz

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

We are very pleased that three parents have joined the school committee. They are: Cecil Nicholson Jr., guardian of 4th grader, Princess Walker; Leslie Matthews, mother of 4th grader Lean Laws and 6th grader LaLea Laws; and Terri Hood, the mother of Mikel Allen who is in 6th grade.

Senior Ministry

It is possible to find the deeper purpose in what we do. Dr. Sanjay Gupta in his book, *Keep Sharp*, recommends that we assign purpose to simple tasks. For example, the reason for your daily walk may be to build up stamina to enjoy time with your grandchildren. You may volunteer to seal envelopes at the senior center to insure that people have a place to gather for socialization. When you sing in the church choir, you are helping your neighbors have a better experience of worship. What we do makes a difference. In some way, perhaps small, you contribute to making the world a better place. *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Jesus shed his blood for us. Consider doing the same for others through a blood donation to your local blood center this Holy Week, or encourage others to do so if you are not eligible or otherwise unable. A single pint of blood can save three people's lives, and there is always a need.

Facing Racism

We pray to the Lord for solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

from Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities.

Circles of Support

Do you have a loved one who is incarcerated? You are not alone. We offer circles of support in a safe setting for you and released formerly incarcerated individuals. We meet virtually on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Additional sponsors are Blessed Savior Catholic Church and Community Advocates. Info: Project Return-Amanda Smit, 418-7312 or amda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org. Joan Plumley and Dante Martin are the facilitators. Come, join us!

Common Ground

Plan to attend Common Ground's May 3-Zoom Delegates Assembly to learn about our plans for 2021 spring and summer.

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Reserve Your Space for Easter Sunday Mass

Since we are limited to the number of people who can be in church due to Covid-19, it takes careful planning to effectively maintain social distancing. To reserve a space for Easter Mass at Saint Catherine, contact the parish office at 445-5115 or by email at prussell@saintcatherine.org. You will need to provide the exact number of people in your group. Reservations will not be needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday services. Also, these services will be live streamed.

Holy Week Prayer & Almsgiving Small Group Discussion of "The Search"

Join any time, in person, Tuesday mornings following 8:30 a.m. Mass, or virtually, Wednesdays nights, 7 p.m. **Virtual option for either Stations or discussion:** contact jmetz@saintsebs.org
Tenebrae means "darkness or shadows." Observed during the final part of Holy Week, it commemorates the sufferings and death of Christ. **Today through March 31**, 6-6:30 p.m. Email cpoth@saintcatherine.org for the link.

St. Vincent de Paul's Lenten Food Drive

Bring one food item for each day in Lent. All the food will go to our Food Pantry. Please see the posted flyer for details.

Capuchin Hygiene Bags & Rice Bowls

Capuchin Hygiene Bags and Rice Bowls (on the back table) may be returned thru Easter Sunday. 75% of Rice Bowl money goes to CRS & 25% goes to our parish outreach ministries.

Reflections of Faith Asks . . .

has this Lent helped you *re-form* your spiritual life? How has the Church helped form who you are . . . and how you have been reformed to be closer to Jesus in your life? Send articles to secretary@saintcatherine.org

Deadline for March's Centennial Trivia . . .

is this Wednesday. **Name the pastors/administrators** who have served the parish in the last 25 years. Submit your answer at secretary@saintcatherine.org or to the parish office The winner and right answer will be posted on our website and announced in the bulletin. Also, please **submit names/contact info** of former parishioners who have been part of our parish history to the parish office.

Book Club is reading "Collected Works" by Flannery O'Connor and will meet virtually, Friday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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