



APRIL 14, 2019

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

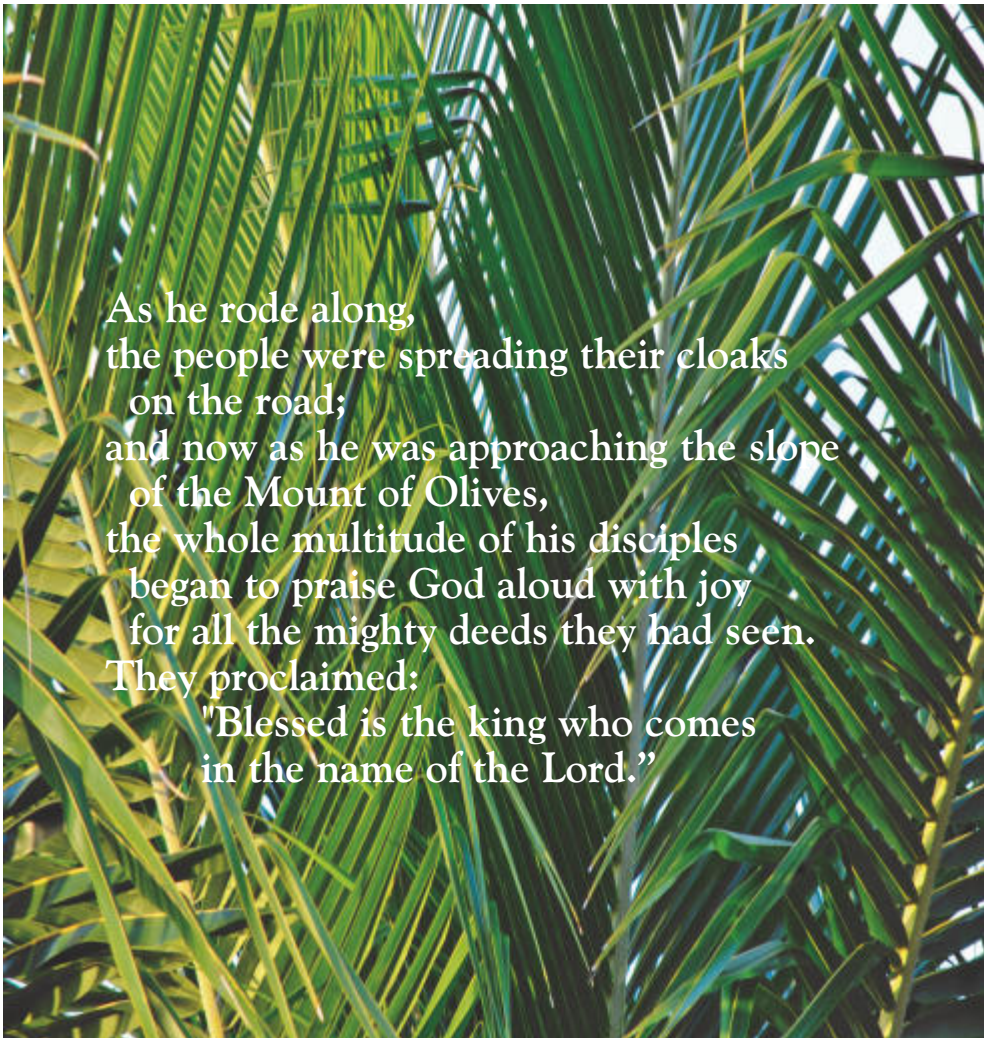
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



As he rode along,
the people were spreading their cloaks
on the road;
and now as he was approaching the slope
of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of his disciples
began to praise God aloud with joy
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
They proclaimed:
"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord."



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Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.

Pastoral Care

Contact the Parish Office for a home visit or Anointing of the Sick.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, April 15th

8:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Schlesinger

Tuesday, April 16th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, April 17th

8:00 am + Kathryn McGreal

Thursday, April 18th, Holy Thursday

8:30 am NO MASS

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at SH

Friday, April 19th, Good Friday

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5:30 pm Stations and Veneration

6:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at SH

Saturday, April 20th, Easter Vigil

4:00 pm NO MASS

7:30pm + Bill Smith

Sunday, April 21st,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am + Deacon Steve Tamburini

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Gloria Case, Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Dorothy Kuntz, Marie Riegel, Mary Ann Ryan.

Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hallin, Rick Hardesty, Roy Harold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Sally Waite, Angie Walden, Nikki Welch, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.

Collection Counters this week are
Nancy Stokowski and Nancy Wikoff.
Thank you for serving in this way.



**Saturday, April 6th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, April 7th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....\$1,977.00
Loose.....\$149.00
Total Collection.....\$2,126.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal Helps St. John's Parish



The 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Diocese of Peoria are continued and carried forward. Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are envelopes/pledge cards at the church entrances. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish to help us with our parish projects that are underway (i.e. replace hall back doors, concrete work between church and rectory, establish a satellite office for future use).

ADA 2019 Goal - \$30,461

Church Cleaning

Reminder - Your help is needed! We will be cleaning the church this **Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00am** in preparation for our Easter celebrations. Your helping hands will make the work go quicker. If you are available and would like to help out, please be join us. All cleaning supplies will be provided.



**BECAUSE VIBRANT
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Liturgical Publications to Visit Soon

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community. Trey Hill from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of April 22nd securing new ads for our parish bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers! (Trey Hill 217-520-6069 | thill@4LPi.com)

Do you have 2 free hours a couple times a month? A desire to help those less fortunate? The local DOVE Food Pantry is in need of volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2pm. There is a little training involved and any amount of assistance would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please contact Jennifer at Dove at (217)925-6619.

Church Bell Song

On Saturday, April 20th at 5:10pm, the church bell carillon will play "How Great Thou Art" donated by Howard and Bev Hartsock in remembrance of their anniversary. You too can have the song of your choice played on a specific day and time for your special intention. The cost is only \$10 for a weekday, and \$15 for a weekend day. Just stop by or call the Parish office during office hours.





April 2019

My dear friends in Christ,

Each year, the Franciscans, who have custody of the Holy Shrines in the Holy Land are grateful for your support for the mission entrusted to them by the Holy See. Without the encouragement and support of Catholics throughout the world, the Church in the cradle of Christianity would endure difficulties even greater than those currently faced.

This year the Holy Land Collection will be taken on **Good Friday, April 19, 2019**. This collection is absolutely vital. The Christian community in the Holy Land is urgently in need of our help. Their upkeep is especially important since they are the Holy Shrines where Our Lord was born, lived, died and rose from the dead. With continuing violence that is occurring in the Holy Land, it is more urgent that we provide financial support for our Catholic presence there.

Thanking you in advance once again for your generous contribution to this important cause.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA



Palm Sunday

The celebration of Palm Sunday summarizes the drama we will memorialize for the next seven days. The week we call holy invites us to enter into the heart of our faith with our heads and hearts and feet. We will listen to the stories, feel the mix of emotions, and walk the stations that recall the final week of Jesus' life on earth. One way we might approach this week is through the vantage point of the three crowds Luke describes. Their diverse responses to Jesus have been repeated through the ages and probably in our own lives.

Pilgrims making their way to Jerusalem (known as the Holy City) for the feast of Passover were the majority of the first crowd. They were a diverse group: some more pious than others, some experts in the traditions, and others who had barely heard the stories. Then Jesus, the popular prophet appeared among them, not on pilgrim's feet, but riding a foal and thus fulfilling the words of the prophet Zechariah: "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey" (9:9).

As soon as somebody caught on to the symbolism, the excitement spread like wildfire, and suddenly there was a triumphant procession with wildly enthusiastic singing and escalating expressions of homage. The multitude, already in a holiday mood, began to chant a song that echoed the hymn angels sang at Jesus' birth. But this crowd's commitment was about as deep as the individual footprints they left. Although Jesus told the Pharisees that even the stones would join in the blessings, the excitement would fade as soon as the winds of danger blew onto the scene.

The second crowd, the ones who gathered during Jesus' trial, included the assembly of the religious leaders and a group called "the people." Some of them may have witnessed Jesus' arrest in the garden. Pilate assembled this group and told them that he had found Jesus innocent of any capital crime, saying he deserved nothing worse than a flogging. But this throng, stoked up to shout and scream, raucously denounced Jesus and demanded that Pilate release a convicted criminal in his place. Pilate thus handed Jesus over to them.

The third crowd, mentioned only by Luke, followed behind the condemned Jesus. Luke explains that this crowd included many women who wept and performed rituals of mourning as they lamented Jesus' fate. Responding to them, the only group to whom he spoke during the time of his passion, Jesus told them to weep instead for their people and the time to come when only the barren would give thanks, and they only because they had no children to suffer what was happening.

If we wonder with which crowd we might be identified, we should look at where we find ourselves today. How do we publicly express our "Hosannas" when we are not in a crowd of happy, singing Christians? How often do we end up as complicit bystanders because we avoid speaking an unpopular opinion? Are we willing to appear as weak as the women who could do no more than walk and weep but allowed their presence to speak a potent message of solidarity?

16th Annual Men's March

It is time to mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Men's March and Mass on Saturday, April 27th. All men of the diocese, are invited to gather at Peoria riverfront at 8:30am and march to St. Mary's Cathedral for Holy Mass. This year's theme is dedicated to: *Fighting for Faith & Family*.

The Call to Catholic Men of Faith will begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning at 8:30am, followed by opening remarks and an inspirational presentation at 9:00am, and the March at 9:45am. Bishop Jenky will celebrate Mass at 10:30am with fellowship and lunch to follow at the Spalding Pastoral Center.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm Sacred Heart, Farmer City
8:00pm St. Patrick, Wapella



Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Veneration and Communion:
12:00pm St. Patrick, Wapella
3:00pm St. John's, Clinton
6:00pm Sacred Heart, Farmer City

Stations of the Cross & Veneration

5:00pm St. Patrick, Wapella
5:30pm St. John's, Clinton

(NO FISH FRY ON GOOD FRIDAY)

Easter Vigil

7:30pm St. John the Baptist, Clinton
(all 3 cluster parishes)

Easter Sunday

8:30am St. John the Baptist, Clinton
9:30am St. Patrick, Wapella
10:30am Sacred Heart, Farmer City

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