



**MARCH 28, 2021**

# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

**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.



*They brought him to the place of Golgotha – which is translated Place of the Skull – Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.*

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, March 29th**

**8:00 am** For the People of **St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors**

*Tuesday, March 30th*

**8:30 am** Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Wednesday, March 31st**

**8:00 am + Allen Cooper**

**Thursday, April 1st , Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**8:30 am** NO Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**7:00 pm ++ Don & Mary Jackson**

**Friday, April 2nd, Good Friday**

**3:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at SJC

**5:30 pm** Stations and Veneration at SJC

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

*Saturday, April 3rd, Easter Vigil*

**4:00 pm** NO MASS at SJC

**7:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart FC

**Sunday, April 4th,**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**8:30 am + Dorothy Kuntz**

**10:30 am** Mass at Sacred Heart FC

### CCD K-8 Classes

Classes will meet today Sunday, March 28th following the 8:30 am Mass. NO Classes next weekend, Easter Sunday, April 4th. Classes will resume Sunday, April 11th.



**Holy Thursday**  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
7:00pm St. John's, Clinton

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

*Stations of the Cross & Veneration*  
5:30pm St. John's, Clinton  
**(NO FISH FRY ON GOOD FRIDAY)**

**Easter Vigil**  
7:15pm Sacred Heart, Farmer City

**Easter Sunday**  
8:30am St. John the Baptist, Clinton  
10:30am Sacred Heart, Farmer City



St. John's 3rd, 4th & 5th grade CCD students participated in the Stations of the Cross last Friday evening. Deacon Scott led us with a new version of the Stations which were designed more for the young people. The cross was made from a tree in front of Sacred Heart's rectory. Pictured above L to R: Angie Sarver, Reese Pearson, Preston Howell, Liam Wilson, Luis Nazi, Deacon Scott, Ollie Mandrell and Bob Sarver.

Collection Counters this week are  
**Mike Rakers and Nancy Wikoff.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.

### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

*(For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday))*



**Lent**  
PRAY FAST GIVE

**Saturday, March 20th 4:00pm**  
and  
**Sunday, March 21st 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,141.00
Loose .....	\$199.00
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$2,340.50</b>

Snow Removal Donations \$175.00



## THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS

The first gospel to be written was Mark's. Matthew and Luke's were both largely based on Mark's original, although they contain changes and elaborations, so it is simpler to make the comparison between Mark and John. A summary of the timing of the passion of Jesus in Mark's Gospel can then be compared with the similar detail from John. The twenty four hour period is broken up into eight intervals of exactly three hours each:

We start with the celebration of the Passover Feast, which becomes the Last Supper. It began "when it was evening" (Mark 14:17), or when the sun went down: approximately 6 p.m. and the beginning of the day of the Passover by Jewish reckoning. Mark knew that the duration of the Passover meal was three hours and that it concluded with the singing of a hymn, so one of the last things Jesus did was to sing a hymn with his disciples. Then Mark says, "And when they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives". It was about 9 p.m.

Mark then has Jesus and the disciples go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray. He suffered alone and in agony, asking God that, if possible, he take this cup (his destiny to be crucified) away from Jesus. Meanwhile his disciples, Peter, James and John, were not able to remain awake. "Could you not watch one hour?" Jesus asked. The process was repeated two more times. The disciples could not watch one, two or three hours. It was now midnight.

The betrayal of Jesus, the darkest deed in human history, came next, occurring at the stroke of midnight.

At 3:00 a.m., Jesus was led away for a trial before the high priest and other senior priests and elders. It was on the basis of his messianic claim that he was judged to be worthy of death.

Peter's threefold denial of Jesus, once each hour until the cock crowed, marked the end of that phase of the night, the watch between 3 am and 6 am being known as cockcrow. It was 6 o'clock.

"As soon as it was morning", which would be 6 am, Jesus was led by the chief priests, scribes and elders to Pontius Pilate for judgment.

"It was the third hour when they crucified him," that is, 9 o'clock.

When "the sixth hour had come" (12 noon), darkness covered the whole earth, reflecting the betrayal at 12 midnight. After three hours of darkness, at 3 p.m., Jesus cried out and gave up the ghost.

Joseph of Arimathea then asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, so that he could be buried before the Sabbath began. Jesus was buried in the final period from 3 to 6 pm, before the sun went down.

Notice in the above that the crucifixion takes place on the day of the Passover, after the Seder feast. John 13:1-2 says that Jesus and the disciples finished a meal "before the feast of the Passover." This is confirmed in John 19:14, which says that it was the preparation of the Passover when Jesus was placed on trial before Pontius Pilate. After the trial and Jesus was sent for crucifixion on the sixth hour, leaving less than three hours for him to be on the cross.

The timing before the Passover is important in John, because Jesus is compared to the Paschal lamb killed in the afternoon before the Seder feast. John 19:14 reminds us of this when it says it was the preparation of the Passover when Jesus was sent for crucifixion. The Paschal lamb must be perfect, with no broken bones, so John tells us that the soldiers did not break his legs to ensure that he was dead, as they did to the other two being crucified.

Not only was Jesus on the cross for a lesser period of time, he did not suffer. We can see this in the calm way he talked to his mother and the beloved disciple, giving instructions for the care of Mary. And when he died, his last words were a calm, "It is finished." Compare this to Mark, where Jesus' forlorn last words were, "My God. My God. Why hast thou forsaken me?" In Mark, Jesus was finally aware that God had not taken away his cup of destiny. In John, Jesus knew his destiny and simply gave up the ghost when his mission was complete.

In the synoptic gospels, the prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is part of the story of how greatly Jesus suffered. In John's Gospel, Jesus does not pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and does not ask God to be spared from crucifixion, but does say a triumphant prayer to God before reaching the Garden, saying that his time had come.

An important difference exists between John and Matthew with the addition in Matthew of the miracle of the earthquake which opened the graves, and the saints rose up and walked into Jerusalem where they were seen by many. No other New Testament gospel has this passage, and of course the 'many' never wrote about this amazing event.



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