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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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. - Mk 11:7-8

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MARCH 28, 2021 • PALM SUNDAY

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- MON 3/29** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- TUE 3/30** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- WED 3/31** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- THR 4/01** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *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
- FRI 4/02** 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
- SAT 4/03** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 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
- SUN 4/04** 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 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 20-21

Estimated Weekly Need.....	\$14,185.00
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$9,610.04
Online Giving/ACH.....	\$2,025.00
Weekly Total.....	\$11,635.04

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 29

5:30pm — Mass
6:00pm — Confession (SM)

Tuesday, March 30

Mass — 8:00am
Confession — 8:30am (SM)
Mass — 9:30am
Confession — 1:00pm (DK)
Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm
Confession — 4:30pm (DK)
Mass — 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 31

Mass — 8:00am
Confession — 8:30am (DK)
Confession — 1:00pm (DK/SM)
Mass — 5:30pm
Confession — 6:30pm (DK/SM)

Thursday, April 1 — Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper — 5:00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:00pm*

Friday, April 2 — Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion — 1:00pm*
Confession — 3:00pm (DK/SM)
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion — 7:00pm

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Saturday, April 3 — Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil — 8:00pm*

Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday

Mass (Tomah) — 7:30am, 9:00am*, 10:30am
Mass (Warrens) — 10:00am

**Will be live-streamed on Facebook*

Daily Masses are open for all to attend. The Easter Triduum Masses are by sign-up only!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better.

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INTENTIONS FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, March 27 **Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Mike Larkin
5:30 PM Patrick Bailey

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Victoria Becker

Sunday, March 28 **Palm Sunday**

7:30 AM Deb Murphy
9:00 AM Int. of Ruth E. Eirschele
10:30 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

Monday, March 29

5:30 PM Intention of Ed Short
Confession — 6:00pm (SM)

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Koscal Family
Confession — 8:30am (SM)
9:30 AM *School*: Robert Blecka
Confession — 1:00pm (DK)
Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm
Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)
5:30 PM George and Agnes Matyas

Wednesday, March 31

8:00 AM Friends and Family
Confession — 8:30am (DK)
Confession — 1:00pm (DK/SM)
5:30 PM Intention of Marilyn Peak
Confession — 6:30pm (DK/SM)

Thursday, April 1 **Holy Thursday**

5:00 PM May Betthausser
7:00 PM Mel Westpfahl

Friday, April 2 **Good Friday**

1:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Service

Saturday, April 3 **Holy Saturday**

8:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 4 **Easter Sunday**

7:30 AM Ralph Pampuch
9:00 AM Art and Agnes Leis Family
10:30 AM Joanne "Bunny" Griffin

St. Andrew — Warrens

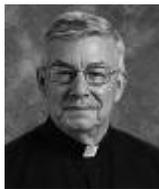
10:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish



Helen Hess
March 11

Merciful Lord, open the gates of paradise to your servants and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you forever.

Keeping Current with
Queen of the Apostles
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



Greetings to all of you. Happy Holy Week!

Covid Update: By the time that you read this, I will have had my second covid shot. Most, if not all, of the staff has had at least the first vaccine shot. It is important and I would encourage you to get vaccinated. If

we are going to get to any sense of normalcy, it is going to take all of us getting vaccinated and wearing our masks. So please get vaccinated and continue to wear your masks when you come to Church.

Holy Week: This is the most important week of the year for Christian people. We celebrate Eucharist, the Cross and the Resurrection. All three central to our faith and how we live our lives as Christians and as Catholics. If you are not able to attend in person, we will be live-streaming Holy Thursday at 7pm, Good Friday at 1pm, Easter Vigil at 8pm and Easter Sunday at 9am.

Easter: I hope each of you will have a wonderful and holy Easter. Spring is here and hopefully the weather will be good.

Msgr. Kunz

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Student Mass Schedule:

Grades 4K-2 — Tuesday at 9:30am

Grades 3-5 — No Mass

April 1-6: No School — Easter Break

2021-2022 Registration

Registration is still open for grades 4K-5 for the upcoming school year. Seats are filling up fast, so get yours in! And don't forget to go to dpi.wi.gov/choice to apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program to receive your voucher for free tuition! Stop in or call the school office to talk to Mrs. Pfab for assistance.

Tomah Blood Drive

Thursday, April 1 • 10:45am-5:00pm
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Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: tomahblood) or call 608-609-0385.

Holy Week Reflection

In today's Liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! They cried out, "Hosanna in the Highest! There was much excitement, but it quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn't do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Know that He can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice.

My Catholic Life

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Wednesday, March 31

Levels K-10: No Class — Holy Week

Wednesday, April 7

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm
Levels 6-9 (B): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm
Level 10 (All): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF
HOLY WEEK?
5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

01 **MEDITATE ON THE PASSION**
Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

02 **TRY TO BE SILENT**
Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.

03 **MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE**
In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.

04 **ATTEND THE LITURGIES**
Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.

05 **KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY**
Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

#HOLYWEEK



HOLY WEEK



"Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with Him is shown in times of difficulty."

- POPE FRANCIS

HE DIDN'T
SUFFER
SO WE WOULDN'T
HAVE TO;
HE SUFFERED
SO WE'D KNOW
HOW TO
CHRIS STEFANICK



Update from Mombasa

Hello QA Parishioners, As I write this, my life as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Kenya is winding down. I am finishing projects and starting to say good-bye to friends.

As I reflect on the last 3.5 years, I am in awe of this incredible journey and the blessings I have received. I have been kept healthy, despite living in the midst of tropical diseases. I have been protected from accidents as I rode in unsafe matatus and tuktuks. I found safe housing and I have been shielded from the violence that surrounds me. I have felt God by my side, every step of the way. I could not have made this journey without Him.

My years here have been filled with new friends and experiences and a new appreciation for so many things. I have met people who are filled with gratitude because they have a house. It may be only one room, with mud walls, a dirt floor and a metal roof but it is shelter for them and they are so grateful. I have seen how hard people work, barely earning enough to feed their families for one day. I have seen the tears of a young mother who has no money for medical care for her sick baby. At times I was overwhelmed by the needs of so many but gradually my days became balanced, mixed with some peace and happiness in the midst of seeing all this poverty.

I was blessed to be able to travel and work in a foreign land, but remember, through our Baptism, we are all missionaries. It is about trust in God, living a life of prayer, sacrifice and love and using our abilities to help others. You don't need to go to a foreign land to do that.

Thank you for your support, your prayers and your emails. I hope to see you this summer when I return to the comforts of home...

Blessings from Mombasa, Kenya,
Kathy Flatoff



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