



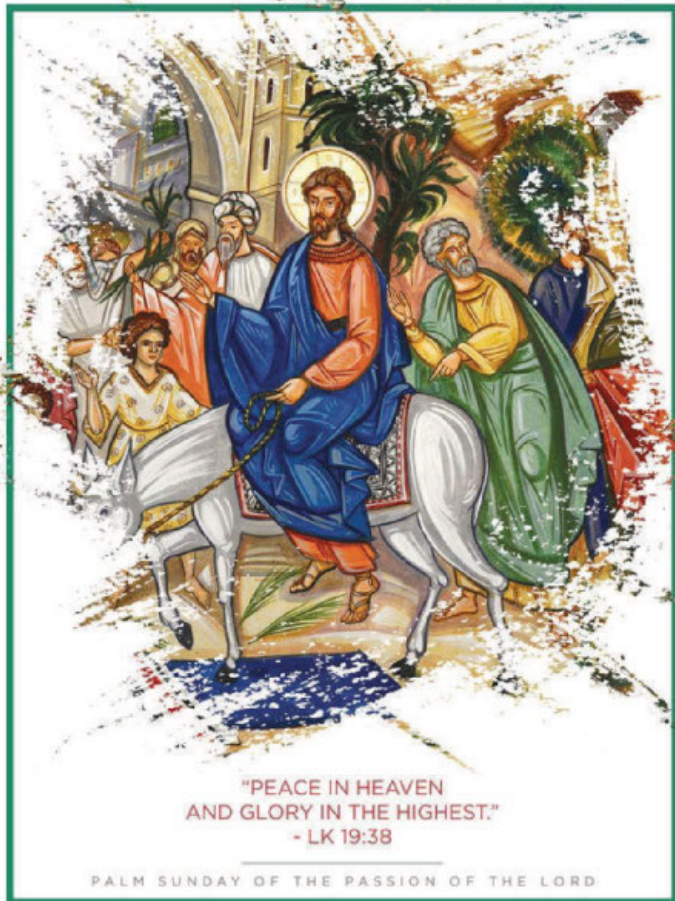
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion | April 10, 2022



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

April 9 through April 17

Sat., Apr. 9	4:00p	SM	† Robert Nyberg
	6:00p	SR	† Greg Parr
Sun., Apr. 10	8:30a	SR	† Henrietta Bauer
	11:00a	SM	† Richard Hawker
<i>(Misa en español)</i>	1:00p	SM	SM and SR Parishioners
Mon., Apr. 11	No Mass		
Tue., Apr. 12	8:00a	SR	Communion Service
Wed., Apr. 13	5:30p	SM	† Harris Weller
Thu., Apr. 14	7:00p	SR	† Henrietta Bauer
Fri., Apr. 15	3:00p	SR	Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat., Apr. 16	9:00p	SR	† Mary Gentry
Sun., Apr. 17	8:30a	SR	SM and SR Parishioners
	11:00a	SM	† Claude Amorissani
<i>(Misa en español)</i>	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	7:00–9:00p	SR (No Confessions on Apr. 14)
Saturday	10:00a–12:00p	SM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	5:00–9:00p	SM
Thursday	8:30p–12:00a	SR

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday	Noon-3p	SM
Mon-Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SM
Tues/Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SR

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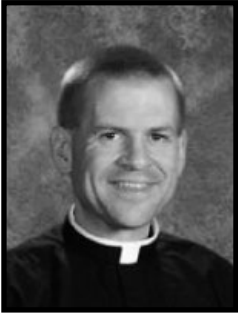
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Reflections from Fr. Derek Sakowski



Paschal Triduum

We will soon celebrate the Paschal Triduum. We will enter the holiest three days of the year. We will remember the dramatic story in which Jesus redeemed and renewed us.

“Paschal” is another word for Passover. Next Sunday, our Spanish parishioners will proclaim, “¡Feliz Pascua!” which literally means “Happy Passover!”

For us Christians, the Passover observance has been forever changed by Jesus. He becomes the lamb, once slain, who now lives, never to die again. His dying and rising are one single offering to the Father. They are now, for us, one single celebration.

In terms of calendar time, the Triduum spans three days, beginning the evening of Holy Thursday and concluding the evening of Resurrection Sunday. But it is one single event, a seamless moment in time.

Scripture scholars distinguish *chronos* and *kairos*, two Greek words for “time.” Chronological time marches along with steady precision, and with utter disregard for our lived human experience. Sometimes time can’t move quickly enough, as on a Friday afternoon when students and employees stare at the sluggish clock. At other times the hours, weeks, or even years seem to be racing past us. By contrast, there are *kairos* moments within the passage of time. Whether such a moment lasts a few hours or a few months, we remember it as one significant event or one special season. The Sacred Triduum is THE *kairos* event of human history.

For many of the disciples, it was largely a trauma event. They abruptly lost their Lord, and found themselves falling away from him. In a short amount of time, they experienced dread, doubt, confusion, betrayal, loss, guilt, and shame. Trauma has its own sense of timelessness. When we feel powerless, it seems like the anguish will never end.

Jesus transforms our human experience. He willingly enters the depths of human drama and human trauma, conquering every single moment with perfect love.

For some of you, “Triduum” is a new word and a new concept. For others, you have been observing it liturgically for decades. Either way, I invite you to gaze and ponder afresh what transpired during those three days that are at the very heart of the human story.

DAY ONE

Remember that in Jewish tradition, *the new day begins at sunset*. Therefore, Day One of the Triduum includes Jesus’ suffering, dying and burial.

He initiates the new Passover by sharing a meal with his disciples. They spend much of the meal debating who among them is the greatest. He declares the bread and wine to be his own flesh and blood and commands them to commemorate this offering.

He prays to his Father in the garden. He willingly takes on our own infirmities, freely entering every traumatizing human experience: abandonment, rejection, the violation of his body, shaming comments, and felt powerlessness. His cry to his Father

gives a voice to every human heart that ever has or ever will endure such experiences: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” But unlike each of us, he remains faithful and true. He surrenders in trust; he holds out hope; he loves to the end. Day One concludes with his burial and the sealing of the tomb, just in time for the Sabbath.

DAY TWO

Day Two is so easily forgotten by Christians. Jesus’ body remains in the tomb on a Sabbath Day like no other.

Imagine what Holy Saturday was like for the various followers of Jesus. So many of them had abandoned him or denied him. Imagine the shame they felt! The gospels don’t tell us what Peter and the others were up to on this day, but we know that by Sunday most of them were on voluntary lockdown, cowering in the cenacle.

So many of them had their messianic hopes crushed. Despite Jesus’ miracles, parables, and constant proclamation of the Kingdom of God, each follower continued to clutch a more tangible kind of salvation – deliverance from the Romans or restoring the Kingdom of Israel.

Others, like Mary Magdalene, were actively seeking him, like the beloved in the Song of Songs, going out into the night and earnestly seeking after the one her heart loves. Desiring and not possessing is an agony like no other – the agony of Hope.

There is also the Hope of Mary, his mother. She knew his promises better than anyone. As at the Annunciation, as at Bethlehem, as during the flight into Egypt, as when seeking and finding Jesus in the Temple, Mary believed that God was working something even greater. But she couldn’t imagine what it was going to be like.

In Catholic life, Saturday is a day for remembering Mary. We forget that it is her day because Holy Saturday is the day on which she persevered in Hope.

DAY THREE

Jesus rises on the Third Day, during the night preceding the dawn of Resurrection Sunday. No other human being directly witnesses his Resurrection, but the encounters explode, like kernels of corn beginning to pop – at first one by one and then rapid fire.

In every encounter, the Risen Jesus catches them by surprise, and fills their hearts with unimaginable joy. Their narrow and preconceived ideas about the messiah are shattered in the face of his dying and rising.

He helps them to understand how everything in the Law and Prophets – indeed everything about our human story – points to this event of his dying and rising. And this event is what gives meaning and purpose to your story and mine.

Even still, you and I have a tendency to bypass the Paschal Mystery. Resurrection sounds nice, but who wants to enter fully with Jesus into suffering, dying, and an agonizing wait at the tomb? Just like the characters in the Bible, we prefer to turn to perfectionistic rule-following, to secular political solutions, or to the old standbys of pleasure, prestige, and power.

This Holy Week, may we allow our minds and hearts to be reawakened to the Faith, Hope, and Love that the Paschal Triduum offers us.

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This is a part-time position, usually 10 hours per week.

Interested candidates should send their résumé and their cover letter to Jacqueline Van Hemert at

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Sacrament Information

Baptism: Parents should request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. A class for parents is required. See your parish website for more information, to download forms, and to see upcoming baptismal class dates.

Matrimony: Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact Father Sakowski at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call one of the parish offices to make arrangements for a priest to administer the sacrament.

Save the Date

Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule

- Apr. 11** Healing the Whole Person
Retreat 6:00pm @ SM
- Apr. 11** Trinity Council KC Meeting
7:00pm @ SR
- Apr. 12** Prodigal Son Lenten Book
Group 9:00am @ SM
- Apr. 13** Confirmation Gathering
6:30pm @ SR
- Apr. 13** Parish Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30pm @ SR
- Apr. 14** **No Sacrament of
Reconciliation at SR**
- Apr. 14** **Eucharistic Adoration
8:30pm-12:00am @ SR**
- Apr. 17** **Easter Party after the
Easter Vigil Mass @ SR**
- Apr. 18** Healing the Whole Person
Retreat 6:00pm @ SM
- Apr. 20** Parish Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30pm @ SR
- Apr. 21** Spanish Choir Rehearsal
4:30pm @ SM
- Apr. 21** Spirit Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm @ SM
- Apr. 21** Elizabeth Ministry
Gathering 6:00pm @ SM

(April 14) Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm @ SR
(Adoration available after Mass until Midnight)

(April 15) Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy 3:00pm @ SR

(April 16) Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm @ SR

(April 17) Easter Sunday: 8:30am Mass @ SR

11:00am Mass @ SM

1:00pm Misa en Español @ SM



Easter Party

Only one more week until the beginning of the Easter Season. There will be much joy at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 16, when multiple people from our parishes will be initiated fully into the Catholic Church. After the Easter Vigil Mass we will have a party in the Saint Raymond's Parish Hall to celebrate their receiving the Sacraments and to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. It should be fun, so plan on attending.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Sunday, April 24 we will celebrate both the Second Sunday of Easter, as well as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday back in the year 2000. On that day we recognize and give thanks to God for the great gift of His mercy to all of us.

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, Sacred Heart-Saint Patrick's Parish in Eau Claire will be holding a Divine Mercy event from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Saint Patrick Church. Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession will be available from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Subscribe to the Friday Fiat

Through our weekly email we highlight some amazing ministries and introduce new things our staff have been working on. Sign up by either calling your parish office or by scanning your parish's code below.



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Eau Claire DCCW Biannual Spring Assembly

The Eau Claire Deanery Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all women in the Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls deaneries to attend their Biannual DCCW Assembly on April 28th. It is being held at St. James the Greater Parish, 2502 11th St., Eau Claire. Registration will begin at 5:15pm and a Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm. Following the Mass we will have a speaker (Tina Morning), refreshments and a general meeting. We would appreciate a RSVP by April 18; however, walk-ins are welcome. Please RSVP by e-mailing: St.JamesPCCW@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Legge (chairperson) at 715-559-1643.

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.




"Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice."

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



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