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Hispanic Pastor: Fr. Jose Reynaldo

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Mass times: Monday—Friday 5:30PM, Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 3:15PM in Spanish.
Confession times: Monday—Friday 6:00PM--7:00PM, Saturday 4:30PM--5:30PM, Sunday 4:30PM--5:30PM

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

SPREAD

Many people spread their
cloaks on the road, and others
spread leafy branches that
they had cut from the fields.

MARK 11:8

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Christ the King is a Catholic community centered on The Risen Lord Jesus, proclaiming His Word and celebrating His presence in the Eucharist. Our commitment to spiritual growth as individuals and families is enhanced by providing opportunities for lifelong spiritual and faith formation. We are committed to becoming good stewards by sharing our time, talent, and treasure in gratitude to God for His many gifts to us. If you are interested in joining Christ the King please pick up a newcomer packet in the back of the Church, or go to our website: www.christthekingparish.org

A Letter From Father P.J.

THE MOST DANGEROUS PRAYER

There is an instruction written in one of the oldest *Missals* that we have—the *Missal* being the book the priest uses at the altar to celebrate Mass. It reads:

*When the prayer, “Who, on the day before He suffered, took Bread...” begins, the Celebrant bows three times in repentance of his sins. He offers the Oblations to God, and while this is done the assembly kneels or prostrates themselves and there must be no other voice lest it disturb the Priest, for his mind must not separate from God while he chants this lesson. For this reason, its name is **The Most Dangerous Prayer**.*

We don't typically think of Church as an especially dangerous place. Quite the opposite; we go there for comfort and security. But little reminders like this situate our sense of security in context. The Lord did not say, “I have come that they might have safety, and have it more abundantly.” Rather, He promised us life, and life is the most dangerous gift of all.

The Words of Institution, the Consecration, the Most Important Words Ever Spoken, are what these days are all about; and why, in a very real sense, these are **The Most Dangerous Days**. When God made Himself manifest on the mountain the people had the good sense to be scared and ask Moses to deal with Him directly. But we in our familiarity have lost that sense of danger, of wonder, of awe, and of fear—and we are poorer for it—for familiarity with God has serious consequences—and those consequences are anything but safe.

These days, maybe more than ever before, we crave *the familiar*. And so, the palms of this Sunday, and the quiet of this Thursday, and the chants of this Friday, and the light of this Saturday seem to mean more than ever. But be sure of this: if we mean to carry palms with Him on Sunday, then we must be willing to die with Him on Friday. And if we mean to sup with Him on Thursday, then we have to be ready to rise with Him on Sunday.

God became *familiar* with us, not because He did not know us, but because we did not know Him. He entered into the human family so that we might become part of God's family. At Christmas we celebrate the mystery of God's becoming a man; at Easter we come to share in that same man's inheritance—life forever in God. The stakes have never been higher in the whole history of creation: everything we do, however insignificant it seems, bears with it divine potential. When we suffer, we not simply know what or pain—we share in the suffering of the God-Man. And when we know joy, especially *Easter* joy, we share in His resurrected life even now.

Nothing could be more *dangerous*—or more **wonderful** than that.



Fr. PJ

A Letter From Father Reynaldo

Mensaje para el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor --- 28 de marzo de 2021

Mi querida familia en Cristo:

El Domingo de la Pasión (Domingo de Ramos) marca el movimiento final del tiempo de Cuaresma hacia el Triduo. La liturgia recuerda la entrada triunfante de Cristo a Jerusalén (Mt. 21, 1-11). Ya en el siglo V, se celebraba en Jerusalén con una procesión. La Iglesia conmemora a Jesucristo que entra a Jerusalén a cumplir su misterio pascual. En la tierra mesopotámica se considera a la palma datilera como árbol de la vida. Es pues símbolo de resurrección, de alegría, de victoria y de honor. Caminamos detrás de nuestro Salvador, que nos guía. Llevamos las palmas a nuestros hogares para que nos recuerden que somos cristianos, y que no hemos de ofender, ni dentro, ni fuera de la casa, al que hoy aclamamos nuestro Rey.

Este Domingo nos abre la Semana Santa. Pidamos vivirla con fe y compromiso, participando en las grandes celebraciones litúrgicas (**Ver el horario en el boletín**).

AYUNO PASCUAL: “ha de celebrarse en todas partes el Viernes de la Pasión y Muerte del Señor y aun extenderse, según las circunstancias, al Sábado Santo, para que de este modo se llegue al gozo del Domingo de la Resurrección con ánimo elevado y entusiasta.” (Constitución sobre la sagrada liturgia, 110).

No olvidemos que la novena a la Divina Misericordia inicia el Viernes Santo y la fiesta es el Domingo 11 de abril, les invito a meditar de una manera personal más sobre esta celebración, recuerden que pueden obtener indulgencia plenaria (si se cumplen todos los requisitos). Nosotros tendremos un horario especial de Misas y actividades para ese fin de semana. (**Ver el boletín**).

Recordemos que la colecta del Viernes Santo es destinada para los Cristianos de Tierra Santa, ellos son minoría y necesitan de nuestra ayuda, quisiera pedirles que los que puedan ayudar a esta causa traigan su sobre marcado: **colecta para Tierra Santa** y lo depositen en la Iglesia. Los Santos Oficios (Liturgia de la Palabra, Adoración de la Cruz y Sagrada comunión) se realizarán a las 7:00 p.m. gran parte de las celebraciones serán en inglés, yo estaré acompañándolos el Viernes Santo con el vía Crucis a las 3:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Que Dios, Padre de misericordia, que en la pasión de su Hijo os ha dado ejemplo de amor, os conceda, por vuestro servicio a Dios y a los hombres, el don inefable de su bendición.

Att. P. Reynaldo

Avisos

1. El pizarrón de la capilla: escribir el nombre de la persona por quien desean pedir (nada más). Estaremos borrando todos los nombres del pizarrón los lunes a las 9 a.m.
2. Clases de Bautismo el Domingo 11 de abril en las Oficinas (solo este Mes) próximo Mes en el Lunchroom. Hay que registrarse llamando a la oficina.
3. Primeras comuniones: 1 y 2 de mayo hay que registrarse con Eren. 515-285-2888 ext. 8089
4. Confesiones para los niños y padrinos el Domingo 18 y 25 de abril.

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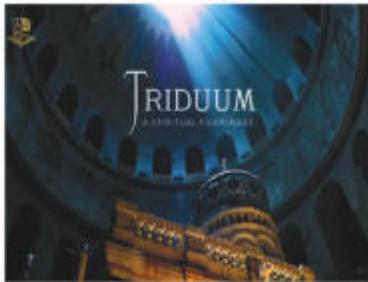
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 28, 2021

WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



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Jesus' Descent into Hell

Holy Saturday
April 10th, 2020

FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

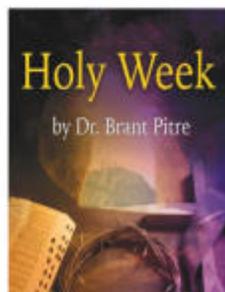
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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Mass Intentions

Starting on March 20th the 8:30am Mass intentions will be held privately in the rectory:

Saturday March 27th

8:30am– Our School Staff, **5:30pm**– Ellen Ritz+

Sunday March 28th

7am– Amarilis Quintero+, **9am**– Our Parish, **11am**– Becky Burrows+

Monday March 29th

8:30am– Anna Marie Contri/ Medcalf+, **5:30pm**– Colleen Black+

Tuesday March 30th

8:30am– Millie Little Porter+, **5:30pm**– Tom McCormick+

Wednesday March 31st

8:30am– Our Deceased Priests+, **5:30pm**– Our Deceased Sisters+

Thursday April 1st

8:30am– Our Clergy, **5:30pm**– Michael Zawistowski+

Friday April 2nd

8:30am- Our Parish School, **5:30pm**– Our Parish Staff

Saturday April 3rd

8:30am- Our School Staff, **5:30pm**– Darrell Wolski+

Sunday April 4th

7am– Claudette Wagner+, **9am**– Our Parish, **11am**– Sally Bruner Drees+

Going On In Our Parish

Stations Of The Cross

5:00PM– 5:30PM, English

6:00PM– 6:30PM, Spanish

March 26th 2021

There will be no evening Mass on this Friday at 5:30PM

Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena

Starts on Good Friday April 2nd, there will be pamphlets at the entrances of each side of the Church on Holy Thursday. Or if you are watching online www.divinemercedesmoines.com

Mass Intentions

If you have someone you would like to have a Mass said for please contact Julie Lang at **515-285-2580**. She will get you put on the schedule for a Mass to be said for your loved one.

Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call one of the Prayer Chain Leaders listed below. We are always praying for you and for each other, God Bless.

Julie Bruner: 515-256-0216

Mara Camacho: 515-865-8093

Darlene Hiatt: 515-244-9205

Evelyn Shaw: 515-201-0280

Prayer is not just some words we say over and over, it is our time with God, our time to talk and listen to what God is telling us. We need to talk more with God from deep in our hearts, thank Him for the joys in life, talk to him about the sorrows, God is always with you, and me, all of us. God the father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit, we are so blessed to have one God in a Trinity. We are so loved by God, that when we are happy He is also, and when we are sad He Feels our pain. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning now and forever world without end. Amen.

Holy Thursday April 1st

Mass: 7PM Bilingual, Adoration: 8PM– Midnight

JUEVES SANTO

Misa: 7PM—Bilingüe, Adoración: de 8PM a Medianoche

Good Friday April 2nd

Stations of the Cross: 3PM— Spanish

Stations of the Cross: 5PM— English

Service: 7PM

VIERNES SANTO

Vía Crucis: 3PM—Español, Vía Crucis: 5PM— Inglés, Santos Oficios: 7PM

Easter Vigil Saturday April 3rd

Mass: 7:45PM, VIGILIA PASCUAL: 7:45PM

Easter Sunday April 4th

Mass: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM— English, Mass: 3:15PM— Spanish

DOMINGO DE RESURRECCIÓN

Misa: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM—Inglés, Misa: 3:15PM—Español

Divine Mercy April 10th– Spanish

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 7:30PM, Mass: 8PM

Confessions: 9PM

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA (VIGILIA) 10 DE ABRIL - ESPAÑOL

Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: 7:30PM, Misa: 8PM, Confesiones: 9PM— Español

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th

Confessions: 2PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3PM

Mass: 3:30PM

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia 11 de abril - Ingles

Confesiones: 2PM, Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: 3PM- Inglés, Misa: 3:30PM- Inglés

Going On In Our Parish

Christ the King Auction 2021

Auction Tickets on Sale-in person- this weekend after masses.
Tickets only \$20 OR \$50 for a family ticket, feeds (4-6)
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St. Joseph Consecration

Do you know we have a silent partner? And that he is the Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons and above all, he's our spiritual father? Introducing St. Joseph! This is the Year of St. Joseph and we need his love and strength now more than ever.

Join me Deacon Tony Valdez to begin our journey to consecrate our lives to St. Joseph, on six Wednesday's starting on March 31st and concluding on May 5th.

Based on Fr. Donald Calloway's best selling book
"Consecration to St. Joseph"

The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father", you'll get to know and love St. Joseph as you never have before. Get your copy of the book now to get started, you can order the book from Divine Treasures or [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Call the parish office at 515-285-2888 to register!

I will see you on March 31st ,

Deacon Tony.

St. Vincent de Paul Reflection

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor.

Spring Cleaning:

St. Vincent de Paul store at 520 Army Post Road is accepting donations Monday- Saturday 9:00am-5:00 pm. Donations of furniture, clothing, household, and other miscellaneous items. Please check svdpdsm.org website for more information.

Through your gifts, Christ the King/St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families with utilities, rent, and other needs. God Bless You.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining Christ the King/St. Vincent de Paul Conference? Contact Kathy, kahiatt67@gmail.com for more information.

A Message From The School

We are now in the final stretch of the school year and have only nine weeks remaining! Time flies when you're having fun! Thank you all for your prayers and support this past year. It has been an interesting year, but we have thrived under these circumstances, and we are excited for a fantastic finish to the school year.

God bless,

Daniel Thole

¡Ahora estamos en la recta final del año escolar y solo nos quedan nueve semanas! ¡El tiempo vuela cuando te estas divirtiendo! Gracias a todos por sus oraciones y apoyo este año pasado. Ha sido un año interesante, pero hemos prosperado en estas circunstancias y estamos emocionados por un final fantástico del año escolar.

Dios los bendiga,

Daniel Thole

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING:

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

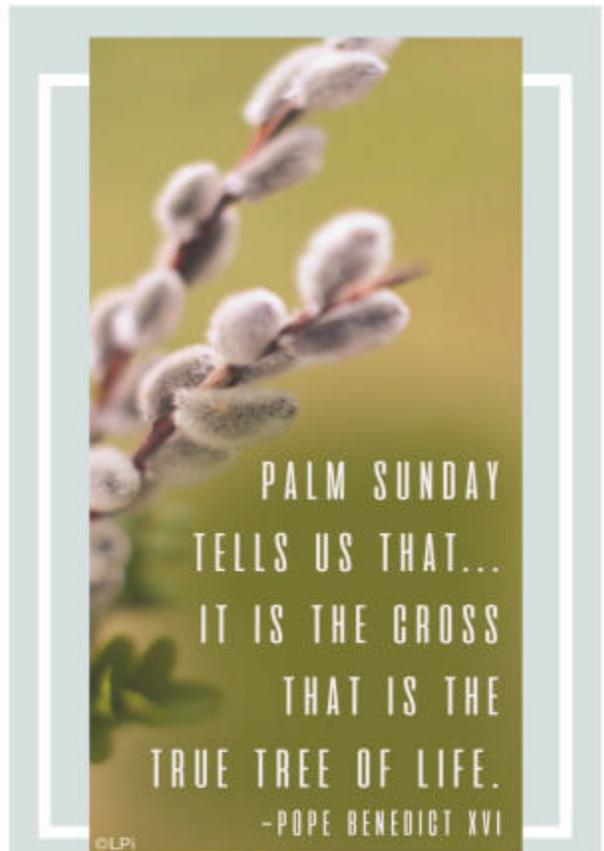
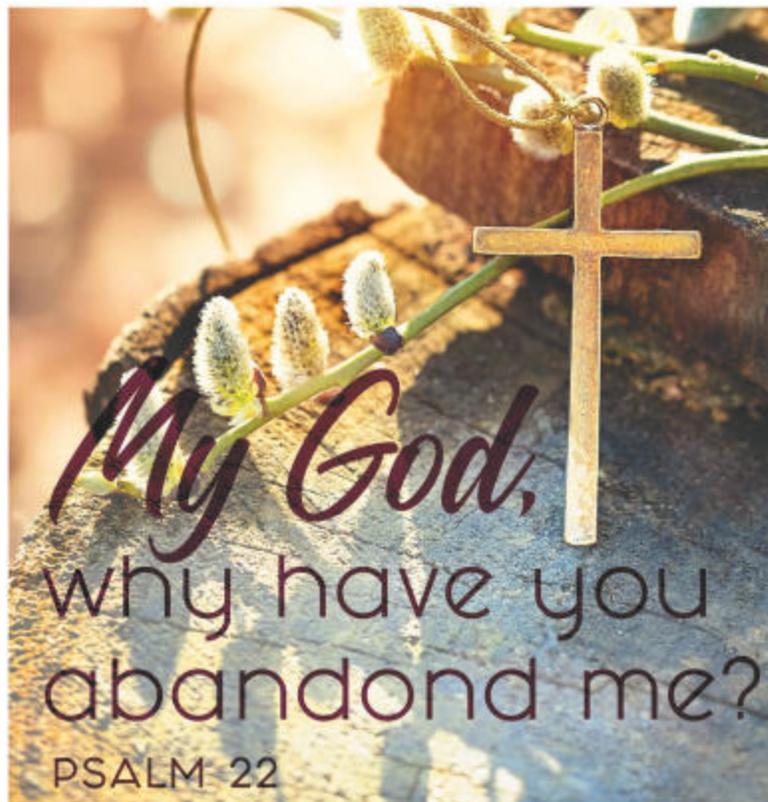
GOSPEL:

They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting
upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
- Friday: Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
- Saturday: Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help frame your suffering?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity. What does this teach us about God's nature?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?

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