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



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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, Bishop

LITURGY GUIDE—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today! Please silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Please help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances. Also, please refrain from taking pictures once Mass has begun. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass has concluded.

OPENING ANTIPHON

Hosanna filio David: Hosanna to the Son of David! benedictus qui venit in nomine Blessed is he who comes in Domini. Rex Israel: the name of the Lord. He is Hosanna in excelsis. King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

(Before Entrance Procession—Please stand) Luke 19:28-40 Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, "The Master has need of it."" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. 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. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

OPENING HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM) ST. THEODULPH 412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



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All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads: "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights." R.

For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! \mathbb{R} .

I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; "You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



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GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be $2^{\text{given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the}}$

cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." He said to them, "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing, " they replied. He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "It is enough!" Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." After arresting him

they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us, " but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here." On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release 3 Barabbas to us." — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a

rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. ----Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

{Here all kneel and pause for a short time.}

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish

town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Please Stand*) Page 27 (hymnal)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (4PM C 7:30AM) PASSION CHORALE O Sacred Head, Surrounded 679

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15AM)

Improperium expectavit cor meum, et miseriam: et sustinui qui simul contristaretur, et non fuit: consolantem me quae sivi, et non inveni: et dederunt in escam meam fel, et in siti mea potaverunt me aceto.

My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none: I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

OFFERTORY MOTET (11AM) Crucifixus

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried.

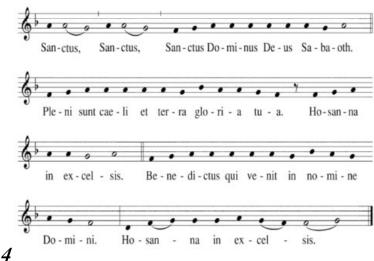
J.S. BACH

(1685 - 1750)

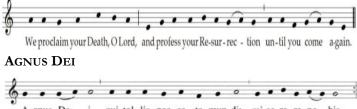
Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION





A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM, 7:30AM)



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15AM, 11AM)

Pater, si non potest hic calix transire, nisi bibam illum: fiat voluntas tua.

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

COMMUNION MEDITATION (11AM) O Vos Omnes

PABLO CASALS (1876 - 1973)

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: O all ye that pass by the way, attendite et videte si est dolor attend and see if there be any sicut dolor meus. sorrow like to my sorrow.

HYMN OF	Thanksgiving
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CLOSING HYMN 829

HAMBURG When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Liturgical Roles

Daily Mass Reader—

- April 13
 - 6:45 am Dick Ellenbecker 12:00 pm As Scheduled



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April 16/1	7			
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion				
8:30 pm	By sign-up			
7:30 am	Carl Eisenberg, Sandy Fitzgibbons			
9:15 am	Ruth Bordewyk, Mary & Larry Canfield			
11:00 am	Susan Albers, Katie Oertli,			
	Thomas Stombaugh			
1:00 pm	Ministers as Scheduled			
Lectors				
	By sign-up			
	Michael Fitzgibbons			
9:15 am	Ruth Bordewyk, John Moneke			
11:00 am	Susan Albers, Thomas Stombaugh			
1:00 pm	Readers as Scheduled			
Altar Serve	ers			
8:30 pm	Pontifical Servers			
7:30 am	Servers Needed			
9:15 am	Carter Benson, Charles & Nathaniel Myers			
11:00 am	Karl Benz, Nicholas & Andrew Simon			
1:00 pm	Servers as Scheduled			

Mini-Bus Driver

NO BUS THIS WEEK

Dow Rummel Diane Bauch

Good Sam Nancy Kadinger

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25 Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17,25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42 Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/ Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/ Ez 36:16-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



Mass Intentions

Mon, April 11 • Monday of Holy Week. 12:00 pm Jill & Dave Bockorny Tues, April 12 • Tuesday of Holy Week 12:00 pm Tyler Wilson Wed, April 13 • Wednesday of Holy Week P Robert Feterl 6:45 am 12:00 pm Kam Yuk Kwony Thurs, April 14 • Holy Thursday

No 6:45am Mass or Noon Mass

7:00 pm Shawn & Julie Cleary Fri, April 15 • Good Friday

No 6:45am Mass or Noon Mass Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

Sat, April 16 • Holy Saturday

No 9:00am Mass

Bishop's Intentions 8:30 pm Sun, April 17 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:30 am **Bishop's** Intentions 9:15 am Celebrant's Intentions 11:00 am Celebrant's Intentions 1:00 pm Pro Populo

Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) Fr. Morgan
- 2.) Fr. Norfolk
- 3.) Fr. Thuringer
- 4.) Dcn. Radio
- 5.) Dcn. Dickes

Cathedral Events Calendar

Sunday, April 10 Family Program final gathering, 10:45am after Mass Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 11 Young Adult Small Group, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 13 Confessions in Cathedral, 7-8pm

Thursday, April 14 (No 6:45am or Noon Masses)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm No evening confessions

Friday, April 15 (No 6:45am or Noon Masses)

Parish office closes at 12pm Passion of the Lord, 3pm Tenebre, 7pm

Saturday, April 16 (No 9am or 4pm Masses)

Confessions, 12pm Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

Sunday, April 17 Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:15am, 11am, 1pm (No 4pm Mass)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 18th

Cathedral Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday:	Normal Mass Times
Mon-Wed:	Normal Daily Mass Schedule
Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm,
	No 6:45am or 12pm Mass
Good Friday:	Passion of the Lord 3pm,
	No 6:45am or 12pm Mass
Holy Saturday:	Easter Vigil 8:30pm, No 9am or 4pm Mass
Easter Sunday:	7:30am (TV Mass), 9:15am, 11am, 1pm

CSFA 2022

Thank you for returning your CFSA 2022 pledge cards! Each gift is important—financial and prayerful. We are over half way to our goal of \$110,000!

Lent Penance Services in Sioux Falls

There will be penance services coming up at the following times/locations:

April 10th: St Mary's @ 2pm, Christ the King @ 2pm, St Katharine Drexel @ 7pm, St Lambert @ 7pm April 11th: Holy Spirit @ 7pm April 12th: St Michael @ 7pm, St John Paul II @ 7pm

Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets

The Marquette Council Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after Mass this Sunday. It is a cash raffle. The proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Grand Knight Joe Beaner, 605-421-9755.

CONGRATULATIONS

The 500 Club

Congratulations to Jack & Jayne Gaspari, our second winners this month of the 500 club! They received a check for \$97. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the doors of the Church or at the office. They must be received by 25 April to be in the May 2022 drawings. For more information, call Verlyn Curley at 334-2305.

ALM SUNDAY



WEEKLY OFFERING

	Envelopes	\$ 12,972.00
April 3rd	Online/ACH	\$ 5,793.26
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	Total	\$ 23,717.76

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Parish Office: 605-336-7390

Parish Office Email: cathedral@sfcatholic.org Office Hours: 8:30am-5pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday Cathedral Church Hours:

8am-5pm Monday-Saturday 7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

Weekday Masses

Wednesday - Friday 6:45am & Monday - Friday 12 Noon Saturday 9:00am in Cathedral

Confessions

Thursday 7:00pm Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral (Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

Adoration

Thursdays 7pm-8pm First Friday of the month at 11am in Cathedral

Self Guided Tours

1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

Parish Staff

Rector, Very Rev. James P. Morgan Assistant to the Rector, Rev. Jeff Norfolk Deacon, William Radio Deacon, Tim Dickes (Prison Ministry) Administrative Assistant, Vacant Director of Operations & Finance, Heidi Solem Director of Liturgical Music, Dr. Jared Ostermann Director of Faith Formation, Abigail Budan

Counseling Services

The Lourdes Center (Previously Catholic Family Services) Counseling 988-3775 Retrouvaille Help for hurting marriages 988-3755 Birthright 977-4781

Sacraments

Baptism The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule preparation, contact the parish office.

Matrimony Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to www.stjosephcathedral.net, under Sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to request the Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery, or in case of serious illness.

What makes Holy Week, Holy?

As we enter into the holiest of weeks that we call Holy Week it is important to reflect on a few questions.

Where are we going? On the first Palm Sunday which began the first Holy Week Jesus led a procession as today's Gospel tells us: "Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem." Jerusalem is where the Temple was, the center of worship. Even though we all can't go to Jerusalem we gather in our local parishes as the central place of worship. Jesus, the same King of kings, is at the center of our worship. Our local parish becomes our Jerusalem as we join Jesus in procession singing with our palm branches. When? The last week of His earthly life was spent in Jerusalem. We are invited to join Him in spending each day of Holy Week experiencing with Him what He experienced that first Holy Week: the Last Supper on Holy Thursday including His agony in the Garden on Thursday evening, walking the way of the Cross with Him that led to His death on Calvary on Good Friday in which we experience with Him the sadness and sorrow of our sins. It is striking to see the church stripped bare and Jesus removed from the church symbolized by the empty tabernacle. Waiting at the empty tomb to know and experience the power of His resurrection as we enter into the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. Several Catechumens and Candidates will be brought into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Join us at 8:30 P.M. The Easter fire will be lit as we process in with candles to a dark church awaiting the ringing of the bells as we sing the Gloria and Alleluia which we have been waiting to sing. Why? He went to Jerusalem to fulfill the mission of His passion and death offered for our salvation. As we pray repeatedly in our devotion entitled the Divine Mercy Chaplet, "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." Without Jesus death and resurrection Heaven would not be possible for us. Thank You Jesus for suffering, dying and rising for us. How? "As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it."' The King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, rode into the city on a donkey. He didn't have servants or an army surrounding Him as many of the Jews expected Him to be a military leader who would overcome the Roman oppressors. In humility and simplicity, very intentional with His mission, He came riding on a colt. May we join in humility with the generations of followers who have gone before us as we cry out in praise to Jesus the words of Scripture, "Hosanna in the Highest" "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

We look forward to you joining Jesus and us this Holy Week.

Fr. Jeff Norfolk.

Catholic Burial—St. Michael's Cemetery, (605) 338-3376

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