

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday, April 10, 2022

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday5:30pm
Sunday9:00am
11:30am Spanish

Rosary

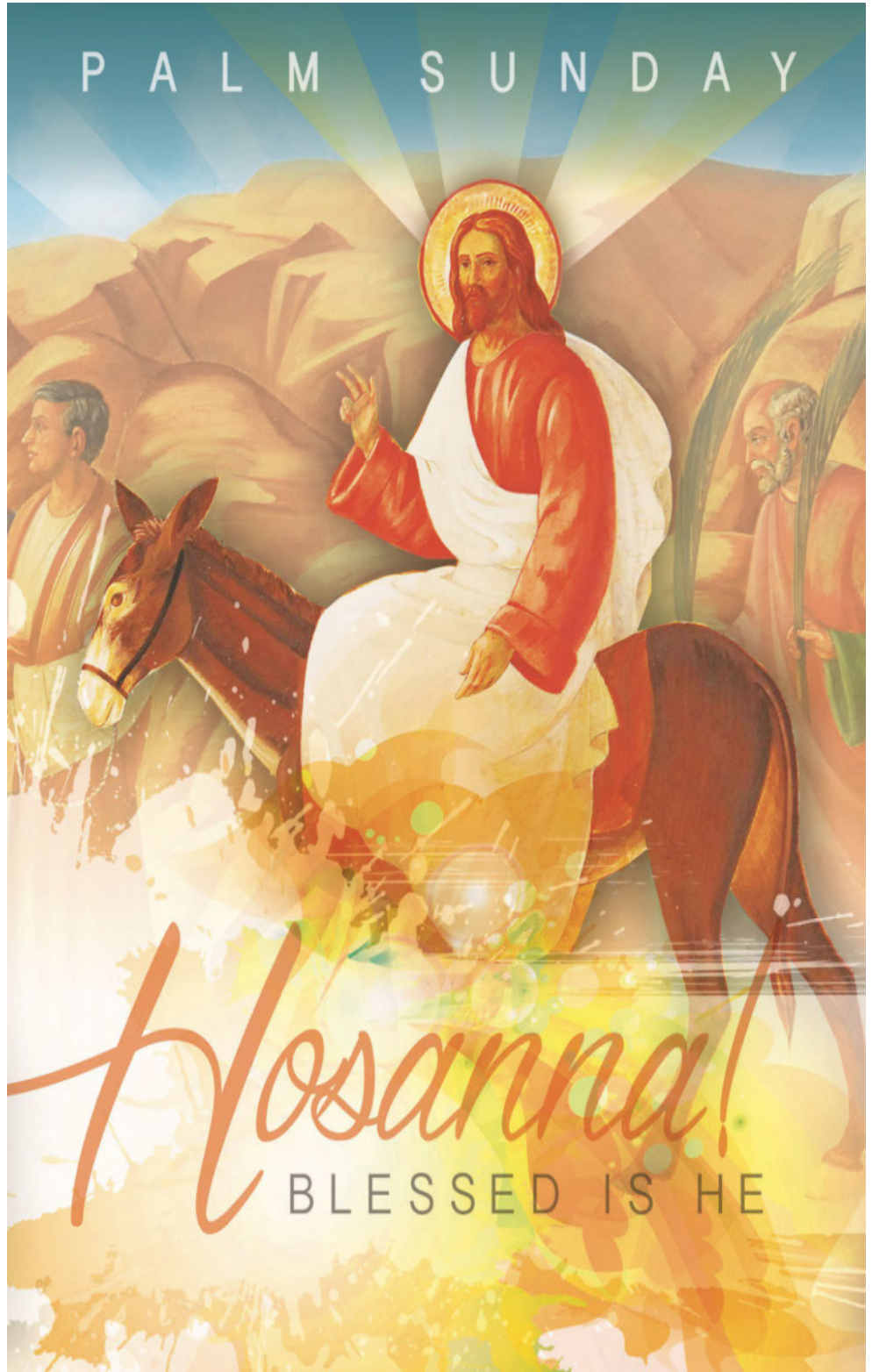
Thursday..... 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday..... 6:00pm
Friday..... 8:30am



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Mission Statement

"To Glorify God through Word, Worship and Service".

NOTES/NEWS

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. –John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent and how can you share it with others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Classes meet on the following Sundays from **10:00am-11:15am**. Parents, Guardian, and/or extended family members, please accompany your children on the first Sunday of every month for Deep Root Sunday: *Family-Base Learning of the Richness of Our Catholic Faith.*

2nd Semester
Apr. 10 & 24

No Class on Sunday: Apr. 17

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Communion preparation will start on **Wed., April 6th from 6pm-8pm**. We will meet in Tobin Hall. We will continue to meet on **April 13, 20 & 27** at the same time. A parent must accompany the child receiving the sacramental preparation. The children will receive their First Holy Communion during the **11:30 Mass or during the 9:00 Mass on May 1st**.

CONFIRMATION

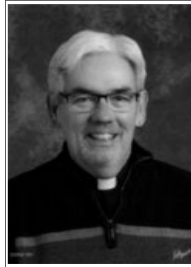
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES have begun. Preparation classes take place on Sunday mornings from **8:00am-11:00 am** during the 2022 spring and fall semesters with the sacrament of Confirmation taking place in November 2022.

The spring 2022 Confirmation class schedule is as follows:

Apr. 10: 8-11am Tobin Hall Basement
Apr. 17: No Class
Apr. 24: No Class
May 1: 8-11am Tobin Hall Basement

BIG EVENT

It's all happening! Have you heard? Have you seen? Did you know?? You don't want to miss out! Tell your friends, neighbors, family, tell everyone because it's BIG and it's going to be an awesome event! I can't wait to see you there! Join us for a fun night and a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000! We are now selling the Big Event tickets that **will take place on April 23rd**. Home & School will be selling tickets after Mass or stop by the Parish or School office to purchase your tickets.



An idea for your Easter Egg Hunt this year. Along with the eggs hide several small crosses, or even rosaries. Send your kids looking for Christ as well as candy. We have inexpensive rosaries in the parish office if you need any.

Holy Week:

April 10th Palm Sunday

April 14th Holy Thursday 7 PM Bi-lingual

April 15th Good Friday 3 PM, English and 7 PM Bi-lingual

April 16th Holy Saturday 8:30 PM (the most Holy Night of the Year)

April 17th Easter 9 AM and 11:30 AM

The Chrism Mass is on April 11th at 2 PM at the Cathedral in Davenport. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oils that will be used throughout the Diocese. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be no Mass on April 12th or the 19th.

Do you have your ticket for the Big Event? If not see me after Mass. I will have tickets.

First Communion will be May 1st at the 9 AM Mass and at the 11:30 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend!

It is almost time to start planting flowers. That means that flower beds and yards need to be cleaned after a long and hard winter. Check with your neighbors to see if they need help. If you have a 20 something living near you, remember they don't always think to put flowers out. Take them a painted flower pot for their porch. While you are there, invite them to attend Mass with you.

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be available for **\$10.00** each to decorate the church for the upcoming Easter season. Please make checks out to St James Church and drop it off at the Parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Please write **Easter Lily** in the memo line. Please indicate who the Lily is in memory of.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.
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| MARCH 2022 | Weekly Budget | Week : 3/20/22 | Difference |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Church Envelopes | \$5,198.00 | \$3,500.00 | -\$1,698.00 |
| School Envelopes | \$2,596.00 | \$3,479.00 | \$883.00 |
| Offertory | \$346.00 | \$276.00 | -\$70.00 |
| Building & Main | \$356.00 | \$82.00 | -\$274.00 |
| Other/Holiday | | | |
| Budget Weekly | \$8,496.00 | \$7,337.00 | -\$1,159.00 |
| YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS | | | \$1,119.00 |

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Readings for the Week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a], Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7, Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a, Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34, Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27, 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, 15-16abc, 17-18, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12, Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *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, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a], 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 [24], Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

| | Saturday, April 16th 8:30 pm | Sunday, April 17th 9:00 am |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Please use the sign-up sheets located in the back of church to indicate where you can serve. Thank you! | Luke Horak Jerry Strabala Heidi Vittetoe |
| Gift Family | | |
| Altar Server | | Hattie Longbine William Longbine |
| Lector | | Suzanne Horak |
| Music | | Spirit Led Singers |

FAMILY LIFE

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Help St. James reach out to parishioners in need. If you are aware of someone who needs a card of encouragement or concern call Charlotte Lindmeier at 653-6274.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.



This week at St. James . .

Monday, April 11

Tuesday, April 12

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 13

MASS-Keith Cutkomp 8:25 am (CH)

Holy Thursday, April 14

MASS-Walter Krotz 7:00 pm (CH)

Good Friday, April 15

SERVICE 3:00 pm (CH)

SERVICE 7:00 PM (CH)

Holy Saturday, April 16

MASS-Al & Mary Chebuhar 8:30 pm (CH)

Easter Sunday, April 17

MASS-Phil Leyden 9:00 am (CH)

MASS-The People 11:30 am (CH)

**KEY: THB-Tobin Hall Basement,
TH-Tobin Hall, CH-Church,
CHB-Church Basement,
KC-KC Hall, CR-Conf. Room,
GYM-SJ School Gym, YR-Youth Room**

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PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

Have you remembered to notify the parish of an email or phone number change? Perhaps you had a change of address recently? Please take a moment to keep us informed. Return this form in the collection basket, or at the parish office.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- I prefer electronic communication.
- I would like to join St. James Parish.
- I'm moving away, please remove me from roster.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi





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