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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Messe en français, mardi 13h10 (septembre – juin)

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from
12:35 to 2:00 PM**

Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 21ST, 2021



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The **Gospel** is from St. John 12:20-33. On the first Palm Sunday Christ entered Jerusalem "riding on an ass" to show that he was the humble servant of all men. Among those who waved palm branches to honor him and who sang aloud: "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," were some who urged on by the leaders would be shouting the following Friday, "away with him, crucify him," and "we have no king but Caesar." Such was the fickleness of human nature then. We are still fickle when it comes to choosing between Christ and the things of this world. Yet he was still willing to carry the cross for us who are unworthy mortals!

What repayment does the very best of us make for the incredible love he has shown for us? We grumble and complain when some small cross comes our way; we lament if life does not run smoothly; and cannot understand why God lets certain things happen to us. But let us see the lot of his beloved Son when he was on earth. Born in extreme poverty; insulted and offended by those he wanted to teach; forgotten by those he benefited by his miracles; hounded by his enemies and betrayed by one who had been his disciple; and deserted by those very ones who had sworn undying allegiance to him. Then the torments by his enemies—the mock trial and condemnation; the scourging at the pillar; the crowning with thorns; the carrying of the cross and finally the three hours of agony while hanging on the cross! When we are tempted to complain let us look thoughtfully at a crucifix for a few moments!

"He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ when speaking of the purpose of his own death. He died so that we might live forever in heaven. We can lose the eternal life Christ won for us if we are too attached to our earthly life. If we love our own comforts, pleasures, our worldly will, more than we love our eternal life with Christ then we are loving our earthly lives wrongly, and we are gravely risking the loss of the future, true life.

If on the other hand we are faithful servants of Christ, we shall judge our actions with eternity in view. We can use the things of this life and still be close followers of Christ.

Each one of us ought to look fervently on the crucifix today and compare our willingness to suffer the crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us. Do not let the conclusion stun us into inactivity, but rather give us a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for us.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. K. O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sunday, March 21 st – <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	Gregory Boratgis +
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11:00 a.m.	Tom Dillon +
8:30 p.m.	Franco Russo +
Monday, March 22 nd – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	James Barrett (L)
Tuesday, March 23 rd – <i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	
8:00 a.m.	John Russo +
12:10 p.m.	Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +
Wednesday, March 24 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Rosemarie Schaezler +
Thursday, March 25 th – <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Giuseppe and Luigia Graci +
12:10 p.m.	William McNulty +
Friday, March 26 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Leonina DiCenso +
12:10 p.m.	Jacinto Evidente +
Saturday, March 27 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Tom Dillon +
5:30 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 21st, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.

Sundays from 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10–8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55–12:05 p.m.

“The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am *

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am * (**If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.*)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th

All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December

8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm*

*(*Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)*

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember: Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Jacqueline Lugo, Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all our parishioners who have donated to the Cardinal's Appeal 2021. Our parish has surpassed our goal of \$41,500. The parish will receive a 60% rebate on all the money we raise above our goal. We encourage all those who received a Cardinal's Appeal mailing to reply with their donation before the end of March. (Donations, however, may be made anytime during calendar year 2021.) Today we will distribute at Mass donation envelopes and informational brochures to all those who are not on our mailing list. Your generosity helps Cardinal Dolan to meet the expenses of running the Archdiocese of New York, and also benefits our parish.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Please consult today's bulletin for the Holy Week schedule.

Next Sunday there will be a Maronite Rite Mass at 5 PM here at Holy Family. All are welcome to attend this Mass celebrated according to the Eastern Catholic ritual used in Lebanon.

The elevator installation is moving along, but delays mean that it will not be completed as planned in March. We are still seeking donations to help pay for this much needed improvement to our parish facilities. An anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations up to \$100,000. Please speak with Fr. Murray if you would like to make a donation to the Elevator Project.

God bless you.

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, Pastor

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

March 2021: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy. The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need. The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.
 -- **Pope Francis** (March 2021--The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday (March 28th):

regular Mass schedule
 5:30 PM Saturday anticipated Mass
 8 AM, 11 AM, 8:30 PM.

Monday of Holy Week (March 29th):

Reconciliation Monday –

Confessions from 3 PM to 9 PM.

Holy Thursday (April 1st):

Mass at 6 PM only

Confessions at 5:30 PM;
 After Mass, adoration at the Altar of Repose until 8 PM;

Good Friday (April 2nd):

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and 6 PM,
 Confessions at 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM and 6:30 PM;

Good Friday Liturgy at 3 PM.

Holy Saturday (April 3rd):

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM

Confessions at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 4th):

Regular Mass schedule:
 8 AM, 11 AM, 8:30 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

1) **Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

2) **Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

I often wonder that if innocent people did not suffer so much what would happen to the world? They are the ones who are interceding the whole time. Their innocence is so pleasing to God. By accepting suffering, they intercede for us (HP, 142) - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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