



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

Sunday

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Thursday

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

CONFESSION

Saturday

2:45 PM

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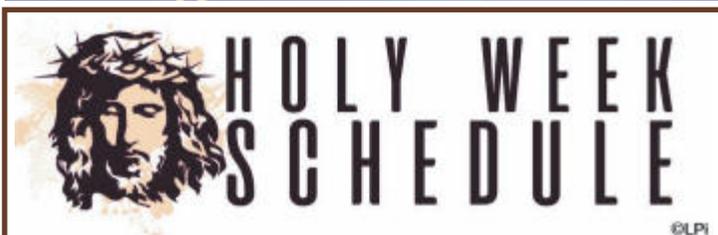
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Holy Week

This weekend's observance of Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Of particular importance are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter which begins with the Vigil Mass on Saturday night. These special days are most often referred to as the Easter Triduum—"triduum" being the Latin words for "three days." The central mysteries of our faith are at the center of these beautiful Liturgies. That is why I have always encouraged everyone to take part in these three liturgies whenever possible. Because of the severity of the pandemic last year, there were extreme limits on attendance. Fortunately, it does not seem to be the case this year but there will still be limitations on what we will be able to do at these liturgies—that is, they will be greatly simplified. Nonetheless, we hope many will consider joining us especially for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. As always, we encourage everyone to keep a copy of the bulletin in order to have the entire Holy Week schedule at hand. May the Lord keep us all safe so that we might all rejoice in the celebration of our redemption.



Holy Thursday Mass 4/1

Mass 6:00 pm Sacred Heart

Good Friday 4/2

Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm St. Philip

Good Friday Service 6:00 pm Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday Vigil 4/3

8:00 pm St. Philip

Easter Sunday Mass 4/4

7:30 am Sacred Heart

9:15 am St. Philip

11:00 am Sacred Heart



April Session #7 - Kneeling Before the Majesty of God

CHANGE: Sunday 4/11 St. Philip 10:30 am



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This is the LAST Week



Stations of the Cross
(Sacred Heart)

Friday at 6:00 PM

Lenten Evening Prayer with Adoration and Benediction
(Sacred Heart)

Sunday at 4:00 PM



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11**, following the 11 AM Mass for the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song.



The Icon blessed by Saint John Paul II will be placed in the Sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church that weekend. This is a much needed celebration this time after a long year with COVID. We hope to continue this service on the second Sunday of each month. Tell your friends and family, we all need God's Mercy.

Provided by the Knights of Columbus of our Parish.

Stewardship Offering

March 21 \$ 6,741 (basket)
\$ 1,763 (online)

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians in these times of crisis and the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

Easter Special Collection

A special collection will be held on Easter to provide for the health and retirement needs of our priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ and His Church, and to help the diocese respond to emergency needs. Seventy-five percent of the money donated will go towards health and pension benefits for diocesan priest, with the remaining 25 percent set aside to address emergency needs.

This collection is a **vital** means of support for our retired priests, so we hope you will consider giving generously.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Diane Ouellette
Geraldine Roberts
Joanne Cyr
Rechelle Jacques
Larry Hite

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Wine Distribution

Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Melanie Creamer, Jeremy Gagne,
Gene & Marlene Keene, Matthew Piper,
Tony Renaud, Carmen White and Bruno Yomoah

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi



Saturday 3/27 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
Adrienne Carpentier & Lettie Lajoie by Family

Sunday 3/28 7:30 am Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip
Lamarre Family by Gilmary Lamarre

11:00 am Sacred Heart
Donald C. Caron by Family

Monday 3/29 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Ronald Hamel by Pat & Garascia & Family

Tuesday 3/30 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Wally Doucette by Sabattus Senior Citizens

Wednesday 3/31 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Gerald Malia by Wife Anita

Holy Thursday 4/1 6:00 pm Sacred Heart

Good Friday 4/2 6:00 pm Sacred Heart

Saturday 4/3 8:00 pm St. Philip
Gertrude & Joseph Doyle by Bob & Kristine Chaisson

Easter Sunday 4/4 7:30 am Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip
Jack Coady by Georgette Morin

11:00 am Sacred Heart
1st Anniv. Paul Dubois by Wife & Family



Readings for the Week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34[14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/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, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/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 [Lk 23:46]/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 [Jn 6:68c]/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

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 Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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