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Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick

Sunday – 8:30 am, 10:30 am at St. Patrick
9:30 am, 11:30 am at Sacred Heart

Weekdays-8:30 am-Monday, Wednesday, St. Patrick
8:30 am-Tuesday, Thursday, Sacred Heart

Holy Days – 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or unless
otherwise noted.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturdays as scheduled below or by appointment.
Sacred Heart: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
St. Patrick: 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements must be made 6 to 8 months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office to schedule.

Rosary:

Tuesday & Thursday after 8:30 Mass.

Hospital Visits:

Please notify the parish office if you, or someone you know, are to be hospitalized and would like Father to visit.

Home Visits:

Father will be happy to bring Communion to the homebound. Call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Bible Study—Questions About Our Faith:

Individual or small group sessions are available, led by Deacon Bill Timmel. If interested contact Deacon Bill at dadatim@yahoo.com or 203-270-8300 (daytime) or 203-426-3474 (evenings).

Religious Education Office: 203-664-1387

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New Parish website (under construction):
www.sacredheart-stpat.org

COVID RECOMMENDATIONS:

As of March 1st, mask wearing is now optional in our churches. Decisions on wearing a mask are up to the individual and those who are more comfortable wearing one are encouraged to do so.

Anyone with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID are encouraged to stay at home.

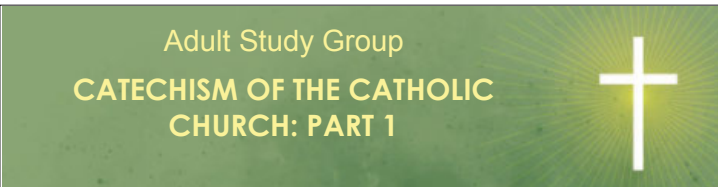


HOLY THURSDAY:
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick followed by a procession of the Holy Eucharist to Mercy Hall for Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY:
10:00 a.m. - Noon Confessions NEW at St. Patrick
3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick

EASTER VIGIL (Saturday):
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick


EASTER
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick
9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart



Adult Study Group
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: PART 1

The group is under way. This coming **Tuesday, April 12** we will discuss: Part 1, Section Two, Chapter 2, Article 4 (pg. 146-163).

All classes are at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (ID: 896 0505 8737; Pass Code: 350 942). New participants are always welcome, even on a drop in basis. Feel free to contact Deacon Bill Timmel for details: dadatim@yahoo.com / Daytime: 203-270-8300 / Evenings: 203-426-3474.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Weekly Schedule
Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at SH
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at SP

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 9, 2022
 4:00 pm-SH + Josephine and Albert Mecozzi
 6:00 pm-SP Lesley Clark

Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday
 8:30 am-SP Our Parishioners
 9:30 am-SH + Brian Lloyd
 10:30 am-SP Rizzo and Cousineau Families
 11:30 am-SH + Bob Therrien

Monday, April 11, 2022
 8:30 am-SP The Homeless

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
 8:30 am-SH + Charles and Lucille Taylor

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
 8:30 am-SP The People of Ukraine

Thursday, April 14, 2022 HOLY THURSDAY
 8:30 am-SH No Mass
 8:00 pm-SP Mary Graff

Friday, April 15, 2022 GOOD FRIDAY
 3:00 pm-SP

Saturday, April 16, 2022 EASTER VIGIL
 6:00 pm-SP + Suzanne Case Smith and
 + The souls in purgatory the longest

Sunday, April 17, 2022 EASTER
 8:30 am-SP + Mary Ellen Nelson
 9:30 am-SH + Anita and Carlo Succi
 10:30 am-SP Rizzo and Cousineau Families
 11:30 am-SH + Katherine Askew

SH = Sacred Heart, SP = St. Patrick, + = Deceased

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
 A Diocesan-wide opportunity to receive the gift of forgiveness through Reconciliation before the Easter Triduum
Monday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima, Wilton and St. Mary, Ridgefield

✠ Marriage Banns ✠

III: Allison Van der Werff and David Curtis
III: Erin Mitchell and Sean Walsh

April 2-3, 2022 Offertory

Weekly parish offertory goal:	\$ 7,400.00
In-church collection/mail:	\$ 4,551.00
Online offertory:	<u>2,243.00</u>
Total weekly collection:	<u>\$ 6,794.00</u>
	\$ 606.00

What is the Mass?

Part IX: The Fracture of the Host

“The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church’s life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to His Father; by this sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Body which is the Church.” – Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1407.

In the stillness of the Upper Room, in that first Eucharistic Feast at the Last Supper, the Apostles were distraught at the talk of betrayal and the departure of the Lord. Knowing the path that lay before Him, His terrible passion, His suffering and death, Jesus assured the Apostles that He would always remain with them. He consoled them with the most tender words, consecrating them in the truth, reminding them of His love. As they listened to Jesus pray to the Father on their behalf, they heard a plea for unity and love and at the same time, a commission to preach the word and so build up the Body of Christ. *“Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which Thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one...I do not pray for these only but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me...that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them”*(John 17: 11,20-21,26). The Eucharist unites us to Christ and to one another. We have arrived at the threshold of that “moment” - the moment of the most intimate unity between God and man – when we are about to receive the Eucharist. As we eagerly anticipate this utterly profound moment, we joyfully stand to pray to our Heavenly Father in the words our Lord gave us. In our humble petition, we offer praise and thanks and at the same time, we ask: “Give us this day our daily *super-abundant* bread” – the Living Bread come down from Heaven to be in us! Jesus said, *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever...he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and...abides in me, and I in him”*(John 6:51, 54, 56). God is poised in this moment to enter “under our roof” and dwell in our spiritual house that He formed in us at our baptism and so nourish and heal our souls, making us ready for Heaven. As we anticipate the inestimable graces that will enable us to produce good fruit throughout our earthly sojourn, graces that will help us turn away from sin and more readily embrace the call to holiness, we gaze upon the Cross and simply contemplate

the cost of so great a gift. We are utterly humbled. Amazing! In unison, we pray: “Our Father...” Imagine, we are calling Almighty God, **Father!** St. Paul explained to the Romans the beauty of this filial bond made possible by the sacrifice of His Only-Begotten Son: *“When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him”*(Romans 8: 15-17). And now, we’re about to receive His Son. Extraordinary! As a unified community, we pray “Our Father...” with faith and hope, and love, celebrating His mercy. We believe He will sustain us in our trials and tribulations, most especially through the graces that flow into us abundantly through the Eucharist!

As our thoughts drift back to the Upper Room, we recall our Lord’s invitation: “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him...Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”(John 14: 23, 27). Our Lord says these same words to us at every Mass. We are there, in the Upper Room with Him: *“Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.”* Soon, in a moment, He will be placed upon our tongue, wrapped in the tiny host, and He will remain with us. Consider just how easy He makes it for us. He nourishes and sustains us through gifts of ordinary bread and wine that have become His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As the priest “fractures” the Host, breaking it in half, perhaps we contemplate that moment when Blood and Water flowed from the open wound inflicted by the Roman soldier who had thrust a spear into His side (See John 19). It is this same “Life-giving” Blood that heals our brokenness. Taking a small piece from the Host, the priest places it inside the Chalice and quietly prays these words: *“May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.”* We cry out, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.” Naturally, our thoughts drift to that poignant moment when John the Baptist first uttered this cry in the desert and encouraged his disciples to go and follow Him. At the same time, we might consider the Exodus when the blood of the lamb was placed over the doorposts of the Israelites so that the angel of death would “Passover” them, so that they would live. Now, the Blood of the true Lamb comes to us, sacramentally, in the Eucharist – Jesus, the innocent victim, laying down His life in

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order to give us everlasting Life. We've been called to the Supper of the Lamb. We behold Him, just as the Apostles did, and humbly proclaim: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." What tremendous depth these words convey. St. Augustine reminds us: "We are all beggars before God." In other words, we know our weak and broken nature, yet we long to be healed – to be spiritually fortified to fight the good fight – that is to love. But we must first receive that gift. We bow before Him and He lifts us up.

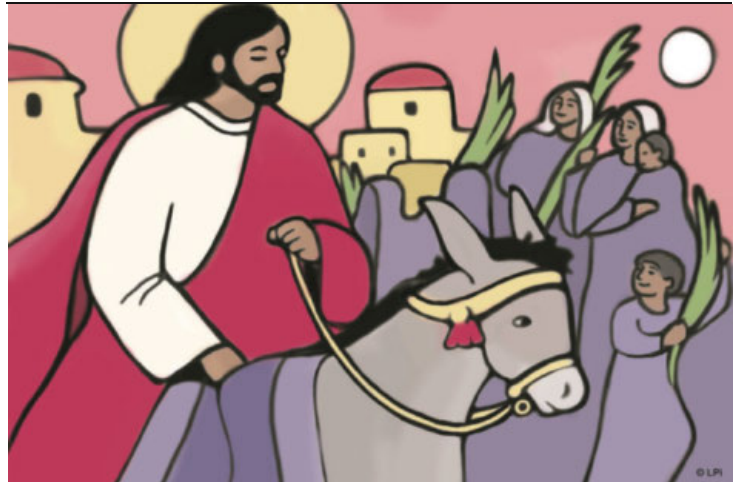
At His word, we are healed. The time has finally come to receive Him. While we may receive Him daily, we are only required to receive Holy Communion once a year. The reason is simple. We may only receive the Eucharist in "the state of grace" – that is, free from all mortal sin. If a person is conscious of grave sin but has not had the occasion to go to Confession, he is still required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation; however, he is not free to receive Holy Communion until he has been absolved from his sins. I once heard a story about two people who were approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion accompanied by their guardian angels. One person was prepared, the other was not. In the first case, as the man was about to receive the Host, his guardian angel turned to face him and actually bowed down in adoration—of Jesus—in the Host. Sadly, the guardian angel of the second man, who was conscious of serious sin on his soul but came forward to receive the Eucharist anyway, turned and fled far away from him rather than watch him receive the Eucharist in an unworthy manner. St. Paul put it this way: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*" (1Corinthians 11:27-29). Jesus thirsts for our love. He has given us the means to prepare ourselves to receive Him faithfully. Upon receiving Him, we take time to offer a prayer of thanksgiving, mindful of His Real and abiding Presence in us. Now, we are ready to go out into the world to draw others into the Body of Christ through our love. After offering the prayer after Communion, the priest imparts God's blessing and sends us out to 'love and serve the Lord.' And from that very moment, we begin again our faithful preparation for the next Mass we attend. "Make the Mass your life!"

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14: 27

Fr. Walsh

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“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”

— Lk 19:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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


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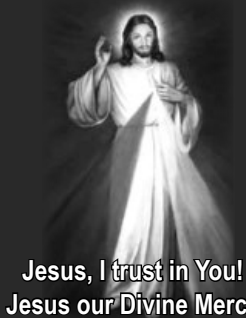
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