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## MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon  
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM  
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

## CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM  
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

## MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

## THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

**BAPTISMS** should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.



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?

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**EASTER CONFESSIONS**

MONDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:30PM (after Novena Mass)

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion  
And Death of our Lord & Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3**

(No Confessions)

11:30am Blessing of Food

8:00pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 4**

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon

**2022 MASS BOOK INFORMATION**

Our 2022 Mass book will open on Wednesday, April 7. Because of Covid we want to keep everyone safe while booking Masses. On April 7th the booking of masses will be by appointment only. Please call for an appointment. Also we ask that everyone please wear a mask and only come at your appointed time. This will help keep everyone safe. You may also call in your masses starting April 8th or drop them in either the front or back mailbox or also mail them in. Please understand that April 7th will be for in person bookings only. Mass intentions are \$10. each and we ask that everyone please be considerate while booking the weekend Masses. The 7am Masses on Saturdays and Holy Days are for the People of the Parish. Thank you for your understanding and for any questions please call 908-351-4444 between 9 and 4.

**EASTER FOOD BLESSING**

We will bless the Easter food in the Church on Holy Saturday at 11:30am. Please plan to be there and bring your special seasonal food to be blessed for the great feast.

**THIS WEEKEND IS OUR RED ENVELOPE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION.**

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March 21 \$5,162

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March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday**

*“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13*  
Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It’s okay for us to be excited for Easter. We’ve waited so long, after all. In my opinion it’s one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It’s going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let’s not “skip” Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don’t rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

**BOY SCOUTS TO SELL PALM CROSSES**

The Boy Scouts of St. Genevieve’s Troop 23 will be selling Palm Crosses and Easter flowers this weekend after all Masses. Crosses and potted flowers sell for \$10 each. Though traditionally used to decorate graves in the Easter season, palm crosses are now also being used to proclaim the joy of Easter inside and outside of homes as well. Put one on your lawn, hang it on your front door, or place it on your mantel.

**Lent – Sacrifice – Donation Bins – Any Connection?**



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

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 of the Lord.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SPECIAL DONATION**

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, “hosanna to our King,” out of one side of their mouths and, “crucify him,” out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God’s name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021**

5:30pm Deceased Members of the Fernandez-Gutierrez Family req. Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021**

7:30 Dan & Margurite Quinn req. Family

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Lucy Eckenrode req. Family

12:00 Lew Serrano req. Almeida Family  
Joanne Arena req. Fowler Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021**

7:00 Margaret Kelly req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Theresa Anella req. Anjanette Valiante

7pm Carmen Padron req. Hernandez Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021**

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue,  
Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Enrique Maceda req. The Lopez Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021**

7:00 Anna & Pietro Savarese req. Ed & Deb Kirk

8:00 Ruth Dowling req. Lynes Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021**

7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021**

3:00 Commemoration of the Passion and Death of our Lord & Communion

7pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021**

8:00pm Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021**

7:30 THESE MASSES WILL BE

9:00 OFFERED FOR THE

10:30 INTENTIONS OF OUR

12:00 PARISHIONERS—HAPPY EASTER



*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*

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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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