



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

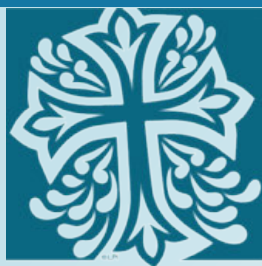
Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Palm Sunday Appearance: A mom and dad returned home from Church on Palm Sunday. Their little son, who was ill that day, stayed home with an older

sibling. The little guy was intrigued by the palms his parents brought home. He decided to pepper his parents with questions about the palms and the Palm Sunday liturgy. They described how they started outside and then processed with the palms, almost like in a parade, to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. At one point in the dialogue, the little guy says, "Wouldn't you know it, the very day I stay home from Church, Jesus finally shows up."

Holy Week: Today, we begin our solemn and sacred journey alongside our Lord. It is a time like no other when we are invited to walk with Christ through the pivotal moments of his passion, death, and resurrection. We have joyfully celebrated his triumphant yet humble entrance into Jerusalem, bearing witness to the shouts of "Hosanna!" and the waving of palm branches. Now, we set our gaze on the profound events that lie ahead, making our way with him to the cross.

These sacred days of Holy Week are not just another set of days on the calendar; they are rich with meaning, beauty, and purpose for every Christian. The liturgies of this week invite all of us to step deeper into the mysteries of our faith. From the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday to the solemn veneration of the cross on Good Friday, to the radiant beauty of the Easter Vigil, and finally, to the joy of Easter Sunday, these liturgies tell the story of our salvation. They offer an opportunity to enter into the very heart of God's love for us. I encourage you and your family to attend as many of these liturgies as possible. Our participation in these sacred liturgies makes us part of an unbroken chain of believers celebrating the events that not only transformed the world but also hold the power to transform each of us.

Many of us approach Holy Week with heavy hearts, burdened by the struggles of daily life. We may be walking with loved ones through illness, loss, or tragedy. Some of us might find ourselves bearing our own crosses, personal challenges that feel overwhelming, heavy, or even unfair.

Others may be grieving the state of the world, troubled by the pain and injustice we see each day in the news. These burdens can consume our thoughts and leave us feeling weary. But as Christians, we are invited to approach the foot of Christ's cross with all that weighs us down.

Just as God had a plan for Jesus when he faced his cross, God has a plan for each of us in the crosses we are called to carry. That plan may not always be clear or easy to accept, but the events of Holy Week remind us that every struggle has a purpose. Christ's suffering was not in vain; it was redemptive. We then participate in Christ's saving work by carrying our crosses with faith and trust in God.

As we move through each day of this sacred week, may we do so with hearts open to God's grace and minds ready to be transformed. This is a week like no other, and it is a time for each of us to encounter Christ in a deeper, more profound way.

I pray that you and your loved ones will allow the beauty of Holy Week to touch your lives. Whether you find yourself in a moment of joy or pain, may the events we commemorate and celebrate this week remind you that Christ has already walked the path before you, and through him, your path leads to glory.

The Paschal Triduum: What exactly does Triduum mean? Triduum comes from two Latin words (*tres* and *dies*), meaning a space of three days. We calculate these days in the same way the Jews count days and festivals, from sundown to sundown. Thus, the Triduum consists of three twenty-four-hour periods. The Triduum starts at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

"The liturgy we celebrate these days is far more than an objective recall of the events of first century Palestine, or even a prayerful recollection by means of which we understand and appreciate more fully what God has done for us. Despite the dramatic impact of these liturgies we do much more than dramatize what happened once in the history of salvation. More fundamentally, the liturgy these days is our present privileged experience of these same saving mysteries in Christ. Through these liturgies we are inserted into and are made sharers of the same saving deeds Christ accomplished for our salvation and sanctification. We do not observe again what Jesus accomplished; we share in the

accomplishment of salvation. Through the symbols and gestures, scripture proclamation and prayers, we participate in the same redeeming actions which Christ underwent for our salvation. What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection is actualized and made real in the liturgy. Through the various celebrations over three days we are progressively and more intimately brought into the paschal mystery (Kevin W. Irwin, *A Guide to the Eucharist and Hours: Easter*, p. 14)."

The liturgies we are about to celebrate are sacred indeed. They are filled with much symbolism and ritual. In celebrating the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist and the command to be of service as ritualized in the washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. From hearing the proclamation of the Lord's Passion to our veneration of the cross on Good Friday, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. From seeing the fire being blessed, hearing the proclamation of the Easter Exultet, to witnessing the baptism of those in the OCIA, the reception of those being brought into the Church, to our own renewal of baptismal promises where we reject Satan and profess our faith in Christ Jesus, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. But this entering into the paschal mystery is not just a once-a-year occurrence. We need to live the paschal mystery each day of our lives. We need to die to self by doing God's will and serving others so we can rise to new life.

Living the paschal mystery is about putting God and others ahead of ourselves. Living the paschal mystery is about keeping Christ as the center of our lives. "The paschal mystery is living the rhythm of dying and rising as a people who are on a mission – with Christ we bring salvation to those who hunger for justice and truth, forgiveness and reconciliation, mercy and peace. We are a people on a mission – and this is what these days are about (Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., et al., ed., *Living Liturgy*, p. 102)."

Happy Holy Week. Know of my prayers.

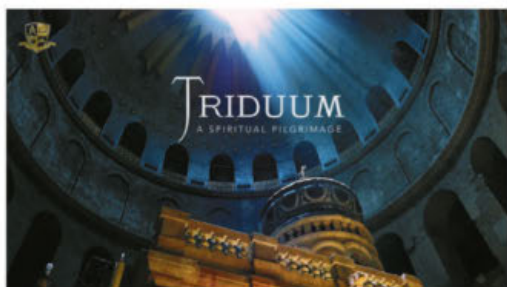
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This Week on Formed

Week of April 13, 2025



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!

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Palm Sunday is all about the palms. Right? After all, we cut untold thousands of palm leaves from trees and ship them all over the world for this very Sunday. Churches all over the globe bless and distribute these green fronds to the faithful. Many Catholics make a special effort to make it to Mass to get their palms. And it's not just us Catholics. Other Christian faith traditions also make a big deal of Palm Sunday. It's all about those palms!

Scripture and our Tradition tell us that, as Jesus entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, people threw their cloaks on the ground before him, and cut branches from the surrounding trees, waving them to provide a royal entry for him into the city. They proclaimed him *King* – coming in the name of the Lord! His arrival created a big hubbub. There was a lot of energy in the air. You could cut it with a knife. In fact, it was unsettling. Extraordinary. Unheard of.

Here was this roving preacher – this Jesus, a nobody – claiming his reign at the headquarters of the ancient Jewish faith. Jerusalem was the home of the Temple. Or, more importantly, from a religious perspective, the Temple was why Jerusalem mattered. It was a religious hotbed, dominated at the time by the powerful, merciless Roman government. Jerusalem was a place of constant tension between the proud, age-old religious practice of the Israelites and the strong-armed rule of pagan Caesars. Now, the scene was radically more complicated by the prominent arrival of this carpenter come Messiah – who claimed to be the Son of God, no less! How much crazier could things get?!

The Pharisees, priests, and Jewish religious leaders wanted nothing to do with Christ and the mess he was making. He was upsetting the apple cart from inside Judaism and out. For one thing, he was directly confronting these Jewish leaders regarding their ability and authority to lead. Jesus was preaching a New Covenant between God and man. He was shifting the entire understanding of the relationship between God and human beings. He was moving humanity from a Law-based relationship between God and his

people to a love-based relationship. In the eyes of the Jewish authorities, this was unacceptable. They had the whole “Law” thing down to a science – and *they* were running the show. For that reason alone, Jesus had to go.

But this Jesus was making things even worse. He was complicating relations with the Romans, too. Indeed, the Romans and the Jews were already at odds with each other. They endured an ongoing, fear-based relationship like the oppressed and the oppressor. But . . . it was *manageable*. The Jewish leaders had worked out a deal with the Romans to keep the peace: the Jewish religious authorities would keep the lowly, Jewish rabble in line, and, in return, the Romans would grease the Jews who kept things calm. NOW, this Jesus shows up, who wrecks the whole deal. He *really* had to go.

It would be priceless to know exactly what was going through Jesus' mind as he rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of the crowd. In so many ways, his entry was akin to shoving a huge finger into the eye of every conceivable human authority. The first thing he did was to instruct his disciples to rustle up a donkey for him to ride. The King of kings and the Lord of lords rode into town to take possession of his domain *on a jackass*. Not an elegant horse – those were for the Romans – but on a lowly beast of burden. What a statement!

Then he was wildly cheered on by the crowds who couldn't contain themselves – hooting and hollering and throwing their clothing on the ground in front of the donkey. They waved palm branches and anything else they could find, slapping each other on the back at the sight of Jesus taking charge. What a scene! So much so that the Pharisees insisted that Jesus tell the revelers to shut up. But Jesus said it couldn't be done. The stones would cry out then! It was too much.

We humans get really excited when we want to. Jesus Christ had truly lit a fire under the people who encountered him. He had an authority that came from within. He was the real deal. He cared about the average man and woman. He

spoke truth to power. He was unafraid. He affirmed the good in people and pointed out what needed to be fixed. He oozed honesty and love. And the people loved him back . . . until they didn't.

The loud adulation that met Jesus, as he rode into Jerusalem, turned into “Crucify him!” within a few days. It was an embarrassing display of human fickleness. One minute, he was “our guy,” and the next minute, it was “just kill him.” We act like a flock of birds, following the whims of the crowd at the slightest impulse. The only thing is, we are not birds. We should not be acting on instinct, like dumb animals. We were created for much more. We have complex minds and eternal spirits. We are made in the image and likeness of God our Creator. Yet, we are so readily inclined to turn into base animals.

It should make us think, “What *was* going through Jesus' mind as he rode the mule into Jerusalem?” He knew why he was there. He was fully aware that he was riding to his death. He knew the Jewish leaders couldn't stand him. He knew the Romans were a bunch of ‘civilized barbarians’, if there could be such a thing. But all of those smiling faces lining the road, elated at his arrival, waving and revering him – what of them? Was he thinking, “You're all going to turn on me. I want to give you everything and you'll turn it down. I want to give you heaven, and you want earthly delights. What more could I do for you to see the truth?”

Will *we* stand by Jesus now? Have we learned anything in two thousand years? Is Palm Sunday all about the palms? Or is there something more? These are questions we have to answer individually. Nobody can speak for us.

What say you?

Long live the King!

Fr. Bob



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation – including our own – to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts – not only this week, but every day of our lives.

WORSHIP

Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.



EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 20

Reading One – Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading Two – Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above,

not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel – Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. But is that wordless witness really evangelization?

The Stones Will Cry Out

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really *want* to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must *proclaim* him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches — a symbol of royalty — to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.



ARE YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE STRUGGLING? DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED SAVING?

Consider

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- Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
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- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
- Have you considered separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?



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email: DetroitRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org

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Contact the Parish Center (586-777-3670 or info@sjascs.org) for more information.



For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and the whole world.

COME CELEBRATE
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27, 2025

St. Faustina Church

REV. BOGDAN MILOSZ, PASTOR
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WARREN, MICHIGAN

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament:** 12:00 Noon

Confession: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

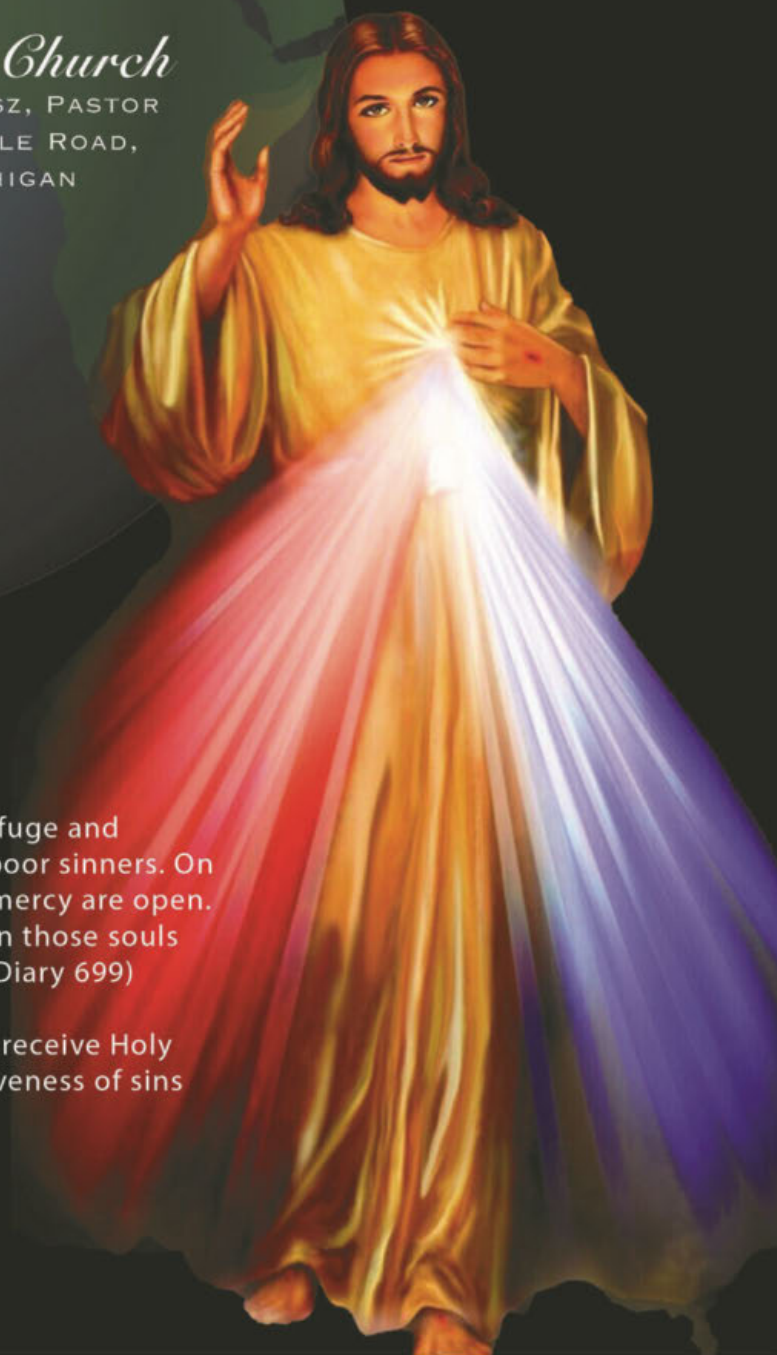
Devotions: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Sacrifice of Mass: 2:00 p.m.
with Most Reverend Robert Fisher
as main Celebrant

Our Lord's words to St. Faustina...

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

The Soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.
(Diary 699)



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, April 14th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM: Walking with Purpose
1:00 PM: Reconciliation
7:00 PM: Serf Penance Service

Tuesday, April 15th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, April 16th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed
4:30 PM: Reconciliation
6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, April 17th

7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper (LS)
The Altar of Repose will be in
Emmaus Hall. The Church will be
open until midnight.

Friday, April 18th

12:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (LS)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
1:00 PM: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (LS)

Saturday, April 19th

11:00 AM: Reconciliation
12:00 PM: Blessing of the Food Baskets
8:30 PM: Easter Vigil - Live Streamed

Easter Sunday, April 20th

6:00 AM: Sunrise Mass Live Streamed
8:00 AM: Easter Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM: Easter Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM: Easter Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

April 13, 2025 – All About Me

When it comes time for any political speech, and especially the annual “State of the (fill in applicable entity here) Address,” most folks understandably put their guards up, expecting a litany of ego-driven talking points from the person at the podium.

To some extent, of course, that’s the purpose of such speeches, and to a greater extent, it’s just an exercise in chest-beating braggadocio.

So there was arguably a bit of fresh air a few weeks ago when the outgoing mayor of Detroit delivered an address that contained, if not outright humility, at least a tinge of recognition that, when all is said and done, it wasn’t just about him.

“I don’t think a day goes by when somebody says, ‘What happens when you leave? Are things going to get worse?’” he was quoted as saying in *The Detroit News*. “‘And I want ... to show today why Detroit is going to get much better for five years. This has been about a lot more than me... There was a whole partnership that has done this.’”

Now, one might argue that, being a politician, he was looking down the road and positioning his ability to build coalitions.

But for now, let’s simply appreciate that perhaps there was a tangible reminder here or what Jesus reminds his disciples in today’s Palm Sunday gospel passage from St. Luke.

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so,” the passage reads.

“Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table?

“I am among you as the one who serves.”

2025, Words on the Word

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	April 14, 2025 Monday of Holy Week (Purple)
7:00 am	Charles McQuillan
Tuesday	April 15, 2025 Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple)
7:00 am	Mary and Frank Fleming
Wednesday	April 16, 2025 Wednesday of Holy Week (Purple)
7:00 am	Esmenia Salomon Silva
6:00 pm	Michael Timmreck
Thursday	April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday (White)
7:00 pm	Mary Lou Bartoszek Racine
Friday	April 18, 2025 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Red)
	- No Intentions -
Saturday	April 19, 2025 Easter Vigil (White)
8:30 pm	The living and deceased members of the Bugarin, Shuder, Finn, Hunsucker, Labut and Scheuer Families
Sunday	April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (White)
6:00 am	Special Intention for the Rogier & Dettloff Families
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	A Special Intention for Rosa Silva
12:00 pm	George & Sofie Rupinski, Daniel Bommarito, the deceased members of the Bugarin & Shuder Families, Doreen Saur, Otto & Virginia Isbill, Dennis Venuto, the deceased members of the McQuillan, Zaranek, Walters & Gaidis Families, Virginia Prill, Daniel Bahr, Jeffrey Kirkman, Joseph & Florence Semany, Charles Semany, Ron Lagodna, Petronella France, Wes Wilcox, Pam Melisko and Special Intentions for Sam Baur, Marie Stahl, Tom Sheppard and for the Thomas Family

Daily Readings

Monday, April 14

Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15

Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-38

Wednesday, April 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 17

Exodus 12:1-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 18

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 19

Romans 6:3-11
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 20

Acts 10:34a-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.

Robert Dudeck

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

SJA Youth Group April Events

March 26th: Start of Lent Bible Study, Crux

April 2nd: Crux Study, Week 2

April 9th: Crux Study, Week 3

SATURDAY, April 12th: Spring Cleaning Service Day

April 16th: Living Stations, The Chosen Watch Party

April 23rd: Pickleball Yard Game Night

Wednesdays @ 7 pm in the Sr. Carol Center

Join us! SJA Knitting & Crocheting Ministry

The St. Joan of Arc Knitting and Crocheting Ministry has crafted hundreds of afghans, hats, scarves, and baby items for veterans, seniors, hospitals, soup kitchens, and shelters. We'd love for you to join us! Whether you're experienced or just learning, we meet Wednesdays in Emmaus Fellowship Hall, 1-3 p.m., and provide yarn.

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... and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Play Cards!

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Opportunities at the Dominican Center



Presents 3 opportunities during Lent and Easter seasons:
(all registrations can be done at www.dominicancenter.org)

Pilgrims of Hope: Amid the Question, Discouragement and Worry An Online Experience with Janet Schaeffler, OP



Wednesday, April 23, 2025
7:30 pm – 8:45pm (ET)
Octave of Easter

As it does every 25 years, the church has called us to a Jubilee Year, this year with the needed theme of “Pilgrims of Hope.” Confusion; chaos; gloom; fear; turmoil – these are realities we might find ourselves in today. As faithful disciples, how do we respond? Because of God’s promise, we are gifted with hope – no matter the circumstances. Because we are made in God’s image, we are called to be hope to others in all ways. During our time together, we’ll explore possibilities for our response in everyday living. Let us embrace and celebrate the gift and challenge of hope. The donation at registration ranges from \$10 to \$25. Please note the drop-down for the price and pay as you are able. Click [HERE](#) to register

An Inner Journey

You are invited to days of prayer, reflection, and a journey inward
Join Us...

When:

April, 16, 2025 *Naming My Story*

Time:

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Lunch is provided Facilitator is Faith Offman

Place:

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Are you seeking balance in your life? Are you looking for a daily prayer ritual that draws you closer to God? Do you need to clear and organize your mind?

Join Janice Brown, OP on Zoom as she introduces the prayer and invites participants into a practice of the prayer. Center Prayer is being offered monthly. The next event will be on:

Thursday, April 24, 2025
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

This is a free event. Please register for the Zoom link on our website at www.dominicancenter.org

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Antone	John Donovan	Catherine Konen	Jennie Mooney	Wendy Stevens
Geri Beaugrand	Jean Edwards	Delaney Kraemer	John Morrison	Patty Stevenson
Kenneth Beaupre	Frank Faiss	Shirley Kraemer	Connor Pieper	Palma Strussione
James Belloli	Taylor Fisher	Laurie Krim	Vicky Pranger	Cathy Sullens
Kristen Benedict	Jeanne Fleming	Carolyn Kunz	Carol S. Provencal	Mary Surmont
Edna Burton	Linda Frank	Concetta Leone	Tracy Rauch	Bernadette Thompson
Maryann Carlin	Larry Gehrke	Rosalie Lewakowski	Fe Reyes	James Thompson
Ed Cole	Larry Graham	Mila Lictawa	Sr. Alice Riegel	Jeff Trudell
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Peter Grantz	David Lott	Paulette Russia	Linda Vitale
Joan Combellack	Chris Gretchen	Ingrid Manalo	Jenna Rose	Eileen Wallace
Maura Corrigan	Pam Haisenleder	Sam Manalo	Marilyn Rose	Elaine Walters
John Crawford	Judith Hasten	Ilene Manning	Victoria Rydholm	Tom Ward
Olivia Crimando	Pat Haver	Joan Mannino	Lily Saith	Larry Weber
Jerry Dedene	Ilona Higgins	Sandy McCabe	Barbara R. Scharneck	Adrienne Weidenbach
Joan DeDene	Gracie Hinz	Darina McCarty	Dianne Schelosky	Robert Werthman
Anita Dembeck	Ted Hinz	Cyndy McMahon	Josh Schultz	Joseph Whalen
Debra Dembeck	Chris Janutol	Kevin McFarlane	Tom Sheppard	Geraldine White
Grace Dickerson	Barbara Jarosz	Heather A. Miller	Kathleen Smith	Marilyn Wicker
George Dickerson	Lorraine Jonas	Rusty Milne	Cathy Spindler	Joyce Wiekrykas
Ray Dinser	Rosemary Jonas	Mark Moffitt	Frances Stafford	Loretta Williams
Liana Doe	Lorraine Kilroy	Nina Mondalek	Darlene Stanisky	Joan Wright

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjasc.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)
April 13, 2025

He Cannot Save Himself

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: *He saved others; why didn't he save himself?* Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down, and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity?

Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer

has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit.

For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment. †



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A Word from Pope Francis

On Calvary, two ways of thinking collided. In the gospel, the words of the crucified Jesus are in sharp contrast with the words of those who crucified him. The latter keep saying: "Save yourself."... This is the constant refrain of the world that crucified the Lord.... The mantra "save yourself" collides with the words of the Savior who offers his self.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- How can I unite my suffering, my crosses, with the cross of Jesus?
- How can suffering be in itself a prayer?

Sunday Readings

Luke 19:28–40

They proclaimed: / "Blessed is the king who comes / in the name of the Lord. / Peace in heaven / and glory in the highest."

Isaiah 50:4–7; Philippians 2:6–11

[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49

[Jesus prayed,] "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."



Join the (Right) Crowd

Paige Byrne Shortal

At our parish on Palm Sunday, we begin the Mass outside with the blessing of palms and the gospel about Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Then, we process into church as everyone

waves palm branches and the choir leads us in singing "Hosanna to the Son of David." It's always a bit chaotic as people try to walk and sing and keep track of their kids and then find a seat. Maybe because of the chaos, it feels like a happy occasion, even though we know that the same crowd of people who yelled, "Hosanna!" will, in just a few days, yell, "Crucify him!"

It's human nature to go along with the crowd. That's why it's important to hang out with the right crowd in the right situations and teach our children to do the same. There are a lot of sinful influences in our world—

influences that may lead us or our children to do what we don't want to do. There's a crowd of people gathering this week. All over the world, Christians are coming together to celebrate Holy Week. This is one time when it's a good idea to "join the crowd."

Today, do whatever you need to do so that the whole family can join your church community at the Triduum celebrations this week. Get the clothes ready. Prepare meals ahead of time. Then really enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Those who pay very close attention during the Triduum celebrations can learn almost all they need to know about being a follower of Jesus. †

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From *Live Lent at Home: Daily Prayers and Activities for Families* by Paige Byrne Shortal, (818691). Available from Liguori Publications. To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Mary at the Foot of the Cross: A Role Model for Peace" by Fr. Michael Rennie

How can we find peace in a world that appears so hopelessly unpeaceful? When wars and violence seem to flare up all around us, when society seems to be increasingly hostile, when our relationships are seemingly more difficult to maintain, and when our own souls are roiled by turmoil? Peace isn't achieved by conquering the world or by fighting violence with violence. Rather, if we want peace, we should make our way to the foot of the cross. Here, we will join Mary. Here, we kneel with our Mother Mary and gaze on the source of all our peace. Christ is the only one who can heal our conflicted hearts and our broken world.

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Lord Jesus, so that we
may greet suffering with
courage, perseverance,
and trust, we pray—
Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 14–19

Monday of Holy Week:

Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week:

Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday of Holy Week:

Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 /

1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Good Friday: Is 52:13–53:12 / Heb 4:14–16;
5:7–9 / Jn 18:1–19:42

Holy Saturday: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a /
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 /
Ex 14:15–15:1 / Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11 /
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 /
Rom 6:3–11 / Lk 24:1–12

Bringing Home
the Word 

April 13, 2025

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