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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

March 28, 2021



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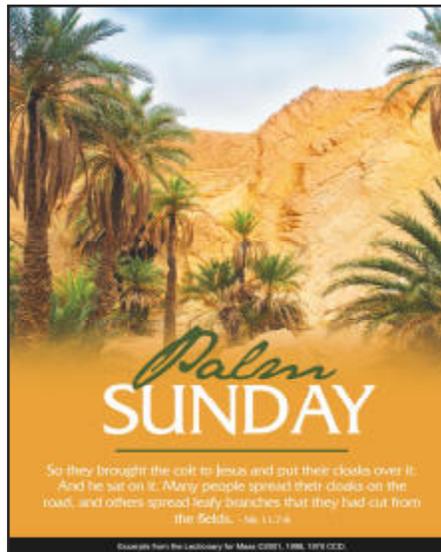
### An Occasional Descant

At the Name of Jesus, every knee should bend for the Lord became obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. [Philippians 2:10,8]

**Holy Week** has been held in great reverence since the very early years of the Church. No other Christian observance has interested the world so much as Holy Week. The rituals of the Church during these few days of each year, so complex and so laden with meaning, emphatically and prophetically proclaim to the entire world the liberating and redeeming and perpetual truth of the Gospel. As early as the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom referred to Holy Week as The Great Week, "Not that it has more days in it than other weeks, or that its days are made up of more hours than other days; but we call it great, because of the great mysteries which are then celebrated" [Homily 30, on Genesis].

**Palm Sunday.** Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. In spite of the spiritual gravity of Holy Week, it begins with joy; for on this Sunday, the Church celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem foretelling the victory of His Resurrection and His return to earth in glory. The reading of the Passion in the liturgies of Holy Week begins the Church's commemorative pilgrimage with her Lord on His way to Calvary.

The solemnly blessed palms are sacramentals, signs of Christ's grace which help Christians in the practice of the faith, and, as they are associated with Christ's triumph, the palms symbolize victory over spiritual danger and death. For this reason, palms are associated with martyrdom, and



often appear in paintings and sculpture of those who were martyred for the faith. This also explains the old custom of burning a palm in the stove in time of danger (from a threatening storm, for example). As the blessed palms are sacramentals Catholics keep them in their homes, customarily placing them behind the crucifix. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burning of blessed palms.

This Sunday was also sometimes called the Pasch of Flowers in European countries, because throughout the Middle Ages flowers were blessed on this day along with palms and olive branches. (The State of Florida is so named because the Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon landed there on *Pasqua Florida* Sunday.) The words "pasch" and "paschal" come from the Hebrew word for Passover. Holy Week and Easter are the Christian Passover.

The Palm Sunday liturgy, incorporating both the blessing of the palms and commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusa-

lem to the joyous Hosannas of the people, and the reading of the Passion Gospel, combines two contrasting elements. The two parts are linked by the procession leading into the Sacrifice of the Mass. This liturgical re-enactment of Our Lord's royal entry into Jerusalem signifies the actual meeting of the Church with Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and looks forward to the entry of the faithful into the eternal Jerusalem, the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Confession & Easter Duty:** The discipline of fasting from food is not the only nor even the primary way in which we must prepare our entire selves body and soul to receive the benefits of our Savior's redeeming sacrifice. Physical fasting is not enough.

St. Paul warns us that "you cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all your self-indulgent passions and desires" [Galatians 5:24]. We are powerless to do this alone. We must have God's help. In order to receive Christ and in order to prepare ourselves for our responsibility for His mission on earth, we must be drawn ever closer to Him in prayer and action. But sin separates us from Him. We must be convinced of our sins, repent, receive forgiveness and be reconciled to God.

Through His Grace we must try to become holy, "perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." This is why the Church calls all her people, especially at this time of year, to the Sacrament of Penance, to perform their Easter Duty. At least once each year during the Easter season Catholics are required to confess their sins, receive absolution and receive Communion in order to remain truly members of the Church.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Monday, - March 29, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Theresa Beaubien (D)

**Tuesday, - March 30, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Carp Family (L&D)

**Wednesday, - March 31, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – Vincenzo & Caterina Randazzo

**April 01, 2021 Holy Thursday**

7:30 a.m. – No Mass

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, - April 02, 2021 Good Friday**

7:30 a.m. – No Mass

12:00 p.m. – Tre Ore

**Saturday, - April 03, 2021 Holy Saturday**

7:30 a.m. – No Mass

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 04, 2021 Easter Sunday**

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

9:30 a.m. – People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Special Intention

**The Prayer of St. Francis Xavier for Unbelievers**

Oh God, the everlasting Creator of all things, remember that the souls of unbelievers have been created by You and formed in Your own image and likeness. Remember that Your Son Jesus endured a most painful death for their salvation. Permit not, I beseech You, Lord, that Your Son should any longer be despised by unbelievers. But be appeased by the prayers of saintly men and of the Church, the spouse of Your most holy Son, and be mindful of Your mercy. Forget their idolatry and unbelief and bring it about that they too may someday acknowledge Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who is our salvation, our life and resurrection, by whom we have been saved and delivered, to whom be glory for endless ages. Amen.

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, April 03, 2021**

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

**Sunday, April 04, 2021**

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

**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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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

**Everyday Prayer to Handle Grievances**

Lord, help me to forgive and forget. Let me see that brooding over real or imaginary injuries is poison to the soul. I know from experience that at the moment I suffer adversity or some injustice I am not much affected. But later on, when I recall the annoyance I become irritated and resentful and tempted to revenge. Assist me, dear Jesus, either to keep from thinking about past offenses, or, if they come to mind, to use them as occasions for a prayer of reparation to your Sacred Heart. Amen.

From the days of the Apostles to our own time the Church has taught us with an emphasis on personal awareness of how we have offended God and need His forgiveness. As Saint John Paul II said, "The awareness of sin, in which the person knows before whom and towards whom he is guilty, is an indispensable pre-condition for obtaining the objective value of forgiveness. This is because He against whom the sin is committed and who is therefore offended is also the Father who has the power to forgive it." And this is what the Church invites us, no, *implores* us to do during Holy Week.

**The Houseling Cloth:** We have returned to the use of the Houseling Cloth over the altar rail for the distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. (*Houseling* is from the Old English word *husel*, meaning sacrifice.) The altar rail and the Houseling Cloth are an extension for the people of the altar and the altar cloth, the place where heaven and earth meet. Those receiving Holy Communion place their folded hands under the Houseling Cloth as they receive the Body of Christ. Please do not kneel to receive Holy Communion at the gates of the altar rail where there is no Houseling cloth.

**Easter Triduum Cards**

Three Sunday Masses after Easter will be offered for your loved ones. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per card. Come in or call the rectory to pick them up.

**K of C Good Friday Fish Fry**

The Knights will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry after Good Friday Services, from 2:30-6:30pm in the school gymnasium.

**Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers**

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

**Easter Ham & Sausage**

Orders for Easter Ham and Sausage, will be ready for pick-up Easter Weekend.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion**

Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion this year, please contact the rectory.

**Altar Boy Training**

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on the **Second Saturday** of each month in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. There will not be training on April 10.

**Ushers Needed**

We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Masses. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

**Catholic Marriage Assistance**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic resource for helping troubled marriages. Over 44 years, they have helped over 175,000 marriages worldwide. Please visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230 for current and future program details.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments and Updates**

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our three parish Seven Sisters groups renewed their prayer commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Peronne, and our Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The day began with a Holy Mass offered for all the Seven Sisters and those for whom they pray. After Mass, the renewal of the prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto, where we requested the help of our Lady

to persevere in our commitments. We also placed the priests for whom we are praying into Her protection. Please see the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this apostolate.

*"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church....Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.*

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website at: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

**Marian Catechist 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course**

We will meet on alternate Saturdays at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. For more information on Marian Catechist Basic or Advanced Home Study Courses, please leave your name at the rectory.

**Grotto Secular Carmelites.**

If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call Paula Zurawski at 586.463.1770 and leave a message to schedule a visit with the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars*, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 A.M. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord.



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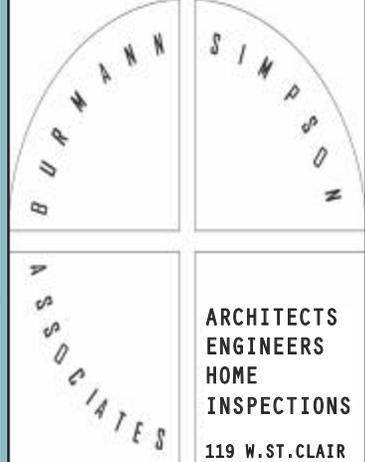
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