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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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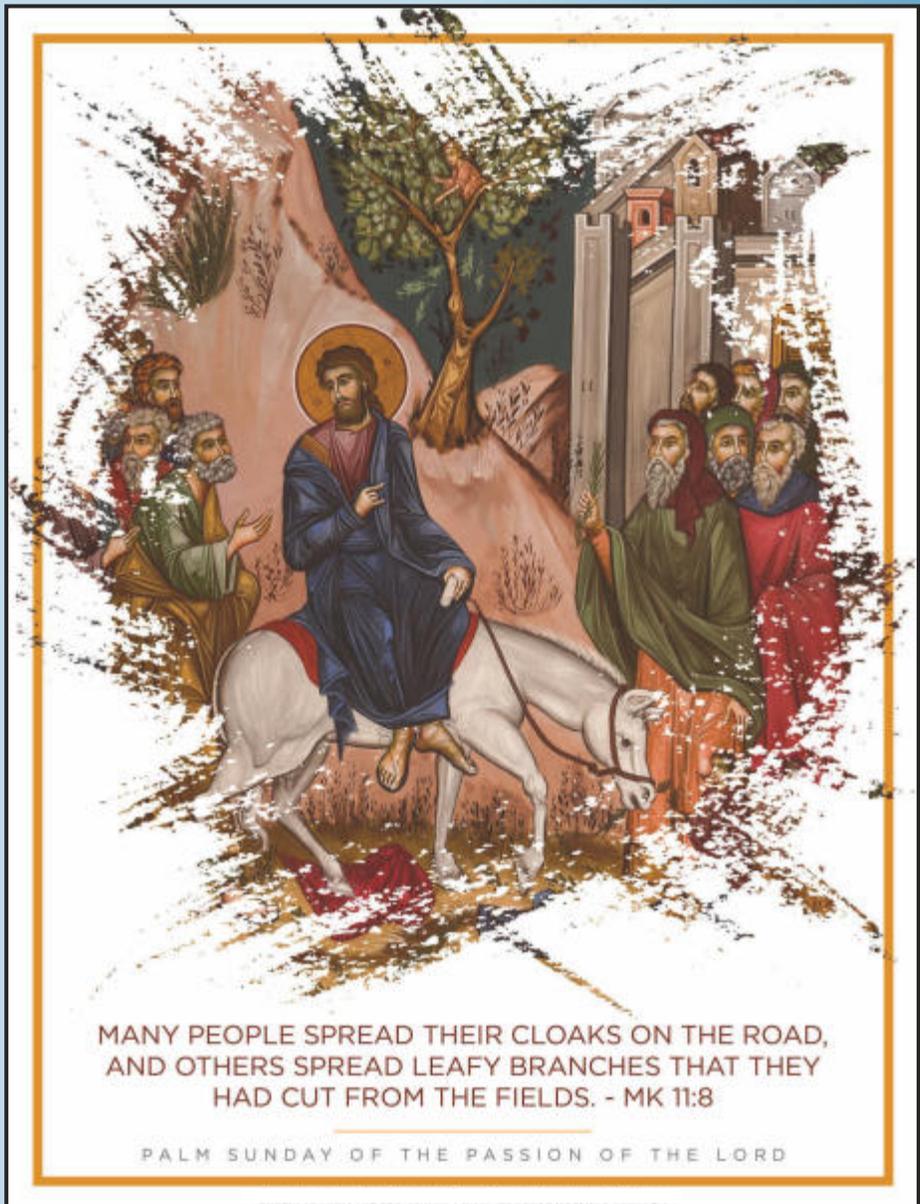
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



MANY PEOPLE SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD,
AND OTHERS SPREAD LEAFY BRANCHES THAT THEY
HAD CUT FROM THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the Paschal (Easter) Triduum begins we begin the three-day celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The liturgy guides us from the Last Supper to Gethsemane, to Calvary on Good Friday, and from the tomb to Resurrection at Saturday night's Vigil. The Triduum is one continuous liturgy celebrating the heart of our Catholic faith: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

The following passages are provided to guide your reflection. Those in quotation marks are from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. The **bold text** indicates our parish schedule for Holy Week and the Triduum. The passages *in italics* are quotations from an address given by Pope Francis on 28 March 2018 at his General Audience: On the Easter Triduum.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass...the Solemn Entrance...may be repeated before other Masses that are usually celebrated with a large gathering of people.”

Monday of Holy Week

Mass - 8:30 a.m.

Chrism Mass – Saint Peter Cathedral, Erie – 1:00 p.m.

A link to the Chrism Mass will be provided on the parish website.

“The blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism are carried out by the Bishop...This Mass, which the Bishop concelebrates with his presbyterate, should be, as it were, a manifestation of the Priest's communion with their Bishop. Accordingly, it is desirable that all priests participate in it, insofar as possible, and during it receive Communion...To signify the unity of the presbyterate of the diocese, the Priests who concelebrate with the Bishop should be from different regions of the diocese”.

Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass - 8:30 a.m.

On the parish website:

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m.

“The Way of the Cross –
Praying the Psalms with Jesus”

Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass – 5:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Penance – 6:00 p.m.

On the parish website:

Penitential Celebration – 7:00 p.m.

“Sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ for the Salvation of the World”

❖ *I would like to ask you a question: which is the most important celebration of our faith: Christmas or Easter? Easter, because it is the celebration of our salvation, the celebration of God's love for us, the feast, the celebration of his death and Resurrection. And for this reason I would like to reflect with you on this feast, on these days, which are days of Easter, until the*

Resurrection of the Lord. These days constitute the celebratory remembrance of a great unique mystery: the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

PASCHAL (EASTER) TRIDUUM

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

“In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen. The Paschal Fast should also be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion, and, where appropriate, prolonged through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection.”

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

“The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening, at a convenient time, with the full participation of the whole local community and with all the Priests and ministers exercising their office...After the proclamation of the Gospel, the Priest gives a homily in which light is shed on the principal mysteries that are commemorated in this Mass, namely, the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the priestly Order, and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity... After the Homily, where a pastoral reason suggests it, the Washing of the Feet follows.”

At the Evening Mass - 5:30 p.m.

A link to this liturgy will be available on the parish website at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration will be omitted this year.

❖ *These three Days reintroduce to the Christian people the great events of salvation performed by Christ, and thus they are projected into the horizon of their future and reinforced in their commitment to witness in history...This is the greatness of Jesus' love: he gives life freely in order to make us holy, to renew us, to forgive us. And this is the very core of this Easter Triduum.*



Friday of the Passion of the Lord (GOOD FRIDAY)

“On this and the following day, by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.”

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 1:00 p.m.

A link to this liturgy will be available on the parish website at 3:00 p.m.

❖ *A neighbour, especially the least and the one who suffers most, becomes the concrete face to whom we must give the love which Jesus has given us. And the world becomes the place of our new life as risen ones. We have risen with Jesus: on our feet, with heads held high;*

and we can share the humiliation of those who still today, like Jesus, are suffering, are naked, are in need, are lonely, are dying, so as to become, thanks to Him and with Him, instruments of ransom and of hope, signs of life and of resurrection.

HOLY SATURDAY

“On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord’s tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection. The Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until after the solemn Vigil, that is, the anticipation by night of the Resurrection, when the time comes for paschal joys, the abundance of which overflows to occupy fifty days.”

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 8:30 p.m.

“Of this night’s Vigil, which is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities, there is to be only one celebration in each church. It is arranged, moreover, in such a way that after the Lucernarium and Easter Proclamation (which constitutes the first part of this Vigil), Holy Church meditates on the wonders the Lord God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise (the second part, that is, the Liturgy of the Word) until, as day approaches, with new members reborn in Baptism (the third part), the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again (the fourth part).

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Mass during the Day 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

❖ *This Easter let us abandon ourselves to cleansing our soul, cleansing the eyes of our soul, so as to see beautiful things and do beautiful things....This is precisely the Resurrection of Jesus after his death, which was the price paid to save us all...May we be accompanied on this spiritual journey by the Most Holy Virgin, who followed Jesus in his Passion — she was there, watching, suffering — she was present and united to Him under his Cross... She was there, and received in her Mother’s heart the immense joy of the Resurrection. May she obtain for us the grace to be interiorly engaged by the celebrations of the coming days, so our heart and our life may be truly transformed.*



Immaculate Conception Parish School OPEN REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT

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Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

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: *Chrim 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/Gn 22:1-18 /Ex 14:15-15:1/Jer 31:31-34/Rom 6:3-11 /Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9



Let's get connected.

ONLINE GIVING WITH REALM

— By now many of you have become somewhat familiar with REALM, the new software our parish is introducing to help you stay connected with your church family. This week, a note about online giving.... You can set up and make donations from your Realm profile. If you want, you can set up recurring gifts or payments.

1. Sign in to your site.
2. Click Giving in the menu on the left. This is where you can see your contribution history.
3. Click the blue Give button.
4. Enter the amount, then select the fund.
 - If the fund has the memo field enabled, complete this field to add a note.
 - Click Another Fund to give to more than one fund.
5. Select a gift frequency.
 - Give Once—Select a date to give a one-time gift.
 - Give Multiple Times—Select a frequency by which your gift will recur. If you set up a recurring online gift, you will receive an email when the end date has been reached.
6. Click Continue.
7. Enter your payment method, or select one that you saved.
 - **Optional:** To add a new payment method, select Enter a different payment method than one you already have.
8. Click Give. A confirmation message displays.
9. If you want to turn your one-time gift into a scheduled gift, select the check box and a frequency for the gift. Otherwise, click Finish and you’re done.
10. If you still want to put an envelope in the collection basket, our envelopes have a place to check a box labeled “I’ve Given Online.”

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