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Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

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

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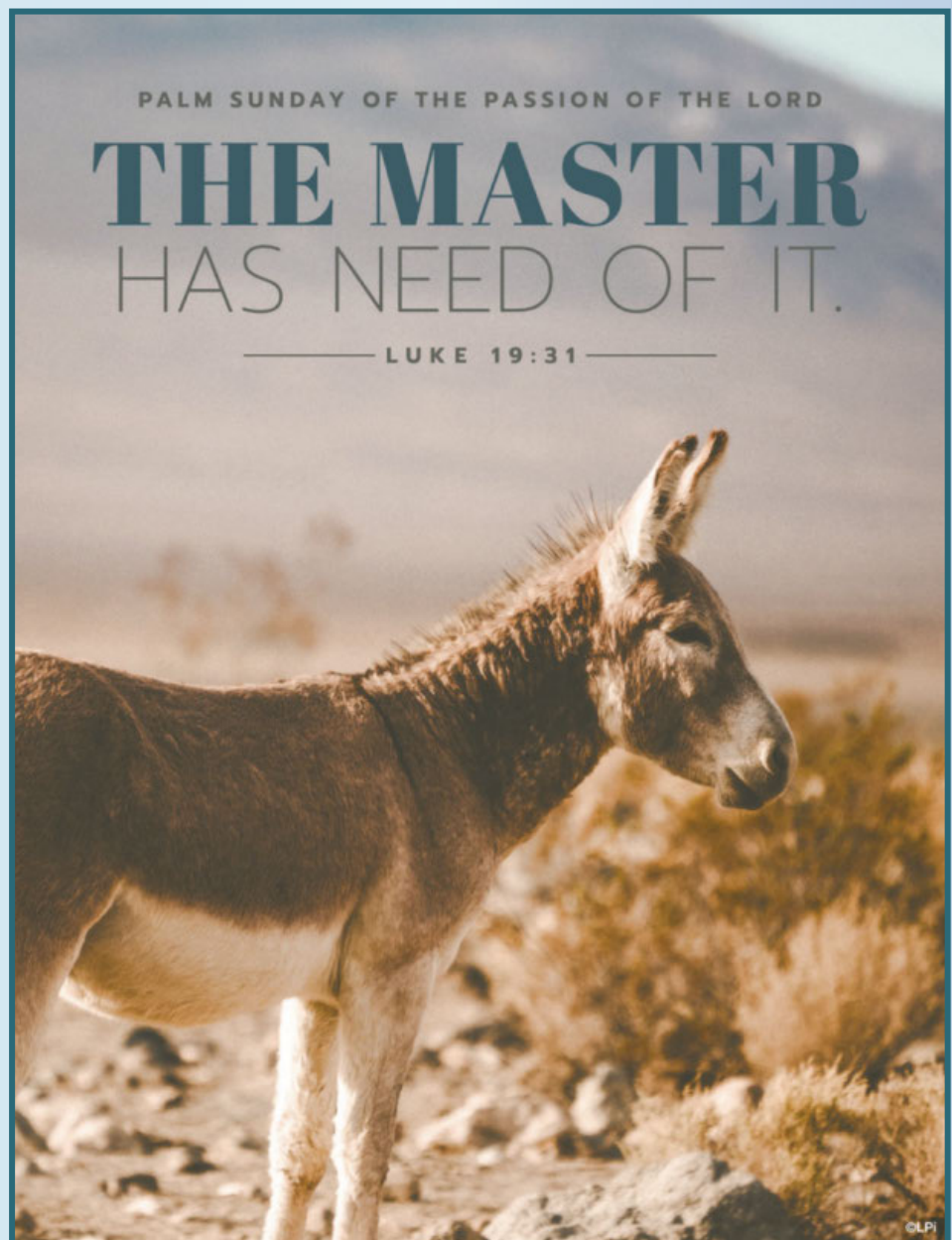
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Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO – The Bishop writing from the Chancery about the annual collection for the Holy Land, extends Easter greetings.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, we in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.

Bishop of Erie

THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET FOR THE ANNUAL HOLY LAND APPEAL ON GOOD FRIDAY.

The following passages are provided for your reflection and to guide your participation in the events of Holy Week. 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 article *Approaching Holy Week With Prayer and Intention* that appeared in the April 2022 FAITH magazine.

+ *I LOVE HOLY WEEK. I always look forward to these days steeped in tradition, which quickly unfold the events leading up to the greatest sacrifice and miracle on earth – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. His victory over death and gift of eternal life show us how truly beloved we are to him.*

This Holy Week, let us fully immerse ourselves in the wonder and glory of the feast days, from Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his agony and finally joyful resurrection. By approaching Holy Week with prayer and intention, we can gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' love for us and draw closer to him.

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”.

+ *TODAY IS ABOUT ARRIVALS. When you bring home blessed palms from Church, display them prominently in your house as a reminder to ask Jesus into your home and heart. Invite him to dwell in you.*



Palm Sunday Afternoon – 3:00 p.m.

Penitential Celebration During Lent

+ *THE SECOND PRECEPT OF THE CHURCH* requires every member of the faithful, after having reached the age of discretion, to confess in kind and number all of their grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at least once a year. It is recommended that they also confess their venial sins. (cf. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2041)

Monday of Holy Week

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

“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 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week - Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Reception of the Holy Oils

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m.

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 – 7:00 p.m.

“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...”

+ *THE LAST SUPPER. If you can, go to Mass tonight. This is the best way to honor the very first Mass celebrated by Christ himself, the High Priest, over 2,000 years ago. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist especially, imagine Jesus himself sharing the bread and wine with his Apostles.*



At the Evening Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Bring your family's

Rice Bowl envelope to Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration follows until 10:00 p.m.

+ *AGONY IN THE GARDEN.* Take a few quiet minutes to have a frank conversation with Jesus. Are you afraid or are you worried about something? Tell him. End your prayer by putting your trust in Him, surrendering your will just as He did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (GOOD FRIDAY)

Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m.

“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.”

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive and of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. (Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 p.m.

+ *NOON TO 3 P.M.* Tradition holds that Jesus hung crucified on the cross, and 3 p.m. is when we commemorate his last breath. As these are the most solemn hours in the whole Church calendar, take some of this time to pray and avoid anything indulgent. Fast today, and try to fast from comforts, too: no television, music or social media. If you are at work or cannot set aside this time, set an alarm on your phone at 12 and 3, so when it rings, you can stop for a moment, acknowledge Christ's sacrifice and say a quick prayer.



Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m.

“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 IS OUR TIME TO REJOICE AND BE GLAD!* Attend Mass joyfully and give praise and gratitude for all the blessings in your life. Make room in your pew for newcomers and greet them with a welcoming smile. Enjoy time with family and friends. Take a walk outdoors. Let this day be full of incredible joy! After all, we are an Easter people – God sacrificed himself so we can enjoy eternal life with him. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS

For Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Monday, April 14 – NO MASS

Tuesday, April 15 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Living and Deceased Members of the

Maurice and Catharine Bauer Family (Susan Larrow)

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord — For the People

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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

For the People **INCENSE**

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Mothers and Fathers of Immaculate Conception

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

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

Wed: 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 4:16-2

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 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: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 /Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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