

St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

March 28, 2021

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How's your Lent going? It's almost gone! Still, there is some time left to **fast and pray**.

Whether you have had a wonderful Lent, or whether you just *wish* it had been, Holy Week is a an opportunity you don't want to miss. Promise yourself that this year—especially in view of all that's happened with COVID—you are going to set aside the usual busy-ness, with its inherent anxieties and distractions, and focus on the Lord and his plan for you. It's one week to Easter; you can do it!

One way to stay focused is to decide *today* about getting to Confession, and begin recollecting yourself in preparation. There are only three scheduled opportunities left to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation: on Monday and Wednesday night, and on Wednesday at Noon. **There will be 4 extra priests available for the evening confessions, and 3 extra for Wednesday Noon.** Please note that there are no further confessions scheduled before Easter. The penitential season of Lent actually ends on Holy Thursday evening, as we begin the Easter "Triduum", the Holy "Three Days". We should approach these sacred days the way the Church intends for us: already reconciled, and at prayer.

Remember too, that all Catholics ages 18 through 59 are expected to fast on Good Friday. The Church also encourages us (but does not oblige us) to continue the Good Friday fast as best we can until Easter. Also, abstinence from meat is expected of all Catholics **ages 14 and older** on Good Friday. (Senior citizens are not excused!)

This Sunday, of course, is Palm Sunday, and now we begin Holy Week, the most religiously intense and

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***Events marked with an asterisk* will be livestreamed.**

To view the livestream events go to www.stwilliam.com for the link, or from our Facebook page, St. William Parish, Walled Lake, MI

Confession Schedule

Monday, March 29th, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 31st,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

(NO CONFESSIONS are scheduled after Wed.)

Holy Thursday

***Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1st, 7:30 pm**
Adoration after Mass allowed until midnight

Good Friday

*Solemn Liturgy, April 2nd, 1:30 pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food 12:00 Noon ONLY

*Easter Vigil, April 3rd, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM

***10:00 AM**

12:00 PM

Parish Mission: *"To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can't help but proclaim it!"*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm, .
Sunday *10:00 am (*also Live-streamed)
and Sunday 12:30 pm
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call Deacon Bob Dreyer at 624-1421, ext. 345. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

RECTORY

Email: Rectory1@stwilliam.com
531 Common Street (248) 624-1421

Pastor	Rev. Michael G. Savickas	Ext. 346
Deacons	Rev. Mr. Bob Dreyer Rev. Mr. John Liddle	Ext. 345
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135 O'Flaherty Street

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Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday
April 10th
12 to 3 pm



Since Sunday Masses have been reduced to the public, contributions have greatly declined.

If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to Faithdirect.net, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.



Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Feb., 2021	*\$532,417	\$666,664	(\$134,247)

*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

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dramatic time of the Church year. If you aren't in a high-risk group, **PLAN ON COMING TO AT LEAST ONE** of the special liturgies, whether on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday evening. Trust me; you *need* this.

On **Holy Thursday** evening we celebrate the very special and intimate “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”, with the *Mandatum* (foot washing). The children who will be making their First Communion this year have been specially invited to this Mass wherein we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, and they will take part in the procession at the end. No other Masses are ever celebrated on this day except the Chrism Mass, earlier in the day, at the cathedral. On Holy Thursday night, after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, people are invited, if they wish, to spend some time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the “Altar of Repose”. Adoration, however, ends at midnight.

The Solemn Liturgy of **Good Friday**—which includes Communion—is at 1:30 PM. Since the church will be open, you can privately pray the Stations of the Cross at any other time during the day, if you wish. Station Booklets will be available in the back of the church.

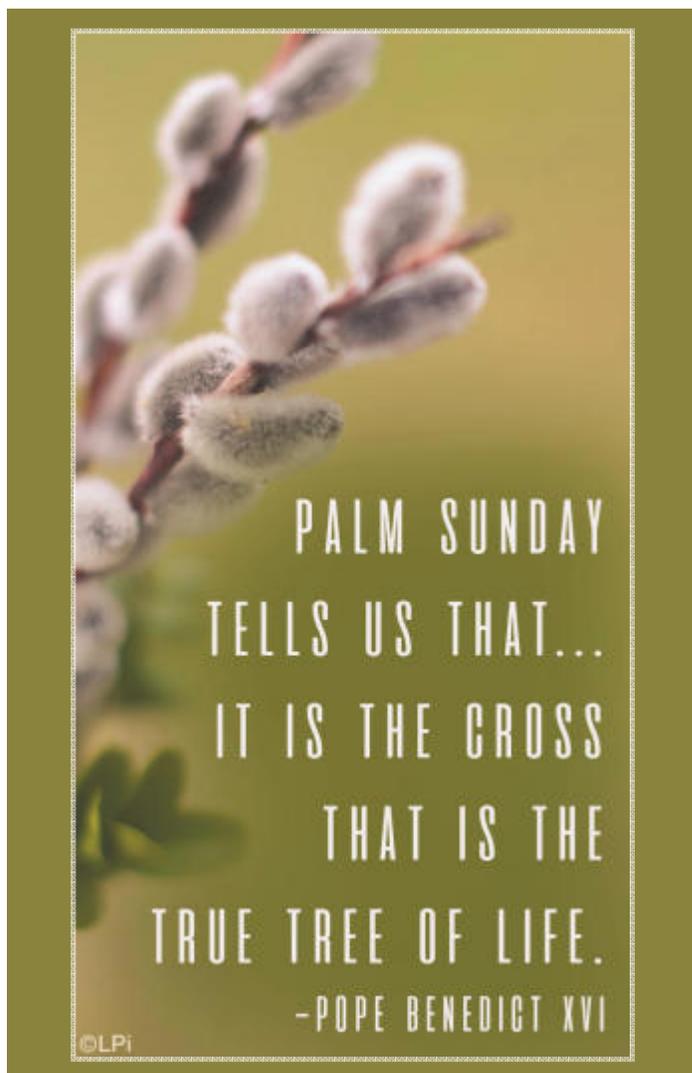
Then there is a breath-holding pause on **Holy Saturday**. There are no sacraments celebrated that day, not even Communion for the sick (except Viaticum for the dying), because the Church is “on hold”, in vigil, waiting to celebrate the resurrection of her Lord. (There WILL, however, be an opportunity to have your Easter Food blessed on Holy Saturday, from Noon until 1 PM. This will take place in the main parking lot so people will not have to leave their cars. Deacon Bob has volunteered to be there and bless individual baskets as people drive up to the East Tower Entrance.)

The **Vigil Service** itself, on **Holy Saturday night, IS THE KEY LITURGY OF THE ENTIRE YEAR**, and is the **premier Mass of Easter**. (Read that sentence again.) Other celebrations of the Church pale in comparison to the Vigil, whether in drama or symbolism or joy. It starts during the night, with the blessing of new fire. Into a darkened church comes a single flame on the large Paschal Candle, which symbolizes for us the presence of the risen Lord, the Light of the World. That flame is passed to all the assembly until the Church is lit by a glow that perhaps mirrors the glow of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all present. The *Exultet* is joyfully proclaimed in song. After the readings we renew our baptismal vows, and the Church baptizes and confirms new members, and they join us at the Eucharistic Table for the first time. What a way to start the celebration of Easter!

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael

PS: The Vigil can only begin after sunset, so it's scheduled for 8:30 PM and takes about 2 hours, including Mass. Partly for these reasons, I'm pretty confident we will have sufficient room for everyone who wants to attend. I also expect there should be enough room to easily maintain social distancing at both the 8 AM and Noon Masses on Easter Day. The 10 AM Mass may be a bit more crowded, but I'm hoping that we will not have to turn anyone away—although perhaps they could come back for the Noon Mass.

For those who still may be unable to attend in person, we will be livestreaming the Holy Thursday Mass, the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday, and the 10 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.



Rosary Alter Society

Our next general membership and board meeting will be Wednesday, April 7th, at 6:30 PM in Lower Zepf Hall. Please plan to attend.



Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday. Jesus gave this novena to St. Faustina and asked it to be prayed for 9 days, Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday.

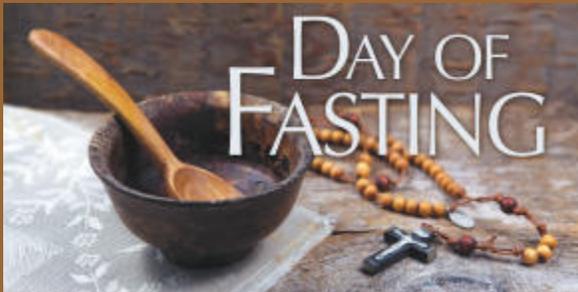
Please pick up a novena flyer in the kiosk or check the parish website for a link, www.StWilliam.com.

USHERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Once again it is time for high school seniors to apply for the Ushers College Scholarship.

Applicants may obtain an application from any usher. The directions for applying are on the application form. We encourage all parish member high school seniors to apply.

Deadline for applying is May 2nd. Please read and follow the instructions. Any questions? Please contact Bob Dolder 248-318-5913. Good luck!



Laws of FAST and ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE from meat binds ALL who are 14 years of age and older.

Days of abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

FASTING binds all adults 18 through 59 years of age.

**The days of fast are
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

On the days of fast one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

If in doubt concerning fast and/or abstinence contact a parish priest or confessor.

Hospitality Committee Update!

With 2020 behind us and the COVID issues diminishing, the St. William Hospitality Committee has held a couple of Virtual Meetings to discuss what we can do to help get the Parish back to a more normal environment. You've probably noticed there are more Greeters at the 10 AM Mass and the Tower Entrances are being "Refreshed" on a regular basis! We still need Greeters for the 4:30 PM and 12:30 PM Masses! We now have an 'Art Gallery' of Pictures and Posters in the corridor by the Main Restrooms – take a look after Mass! The pictures are being displayed here when not being used in the Restrooms or other locations in the Church.

We are always looking for Parishioners to become part of the Hospitality Committee so why not talk to one of the Greeters and let them know. We'll contact you when we have our next meeting. As the COVID restrictions are lifted, we'll be meeting in-person, rather than Virtual!

We're looking forward to planning events starting this Spring and continuing throughout the Summer!! We've missed seeing our Friends and Fellow Parishioners!

St. Vincent de Paul

Mark Your Calendars

Bundle Days are coming, May 15th & 16th

USCCB Word of Life

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all children of St. William Parish, from tiny tots through 4th grade to find the Easter colored eggs! They will be hiding all around the rectory grounds, for all who attend the St. William Ushers' Easter Egg Hunt!

Have Daddy and Mommy mark their calendar for Saturday, April 3rd at 9:50 a.m. SHARP to bring you to have lots of fun finding all those eggs and receive a prize. Bring Grandma and Grandpa too! You never know, you might see a white furry bunny hopping along the trail!

You may be hungry after looking for all those eggs. The St. William Dads' Club will be cooking up some great hot dogs for lunch after the egg hunt. The lunch will be served in the Activity Center.



Right to Life — Lifespan Conscience Protection

The Democratic Women's Caucus (DWC) and Secular Democrats of America are pressuring the president to eliminate the Conscience and Religious Freedom division of HHS, claiming that it is discriminatory toward various groups. Its removal would also remove the right of health care providers to object to performing abortions, sterilizations and mercy killing based on their strongly held moral beliefs. For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

Last Chance for 2021

St. William Dads' Club 33rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry Drive-Thru Carry-Out



Adult Fish Dinner	\$10.00
5 pieces of battered fried Cod, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, tartar sauce	
Fried Shrimp Dinner	\$12.00
Golden fried shrimp, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, cocktail sauce	
Baked Salmon Dinner	\$14.00
Atlantic Salmon with our special sauce, cole slaw, baked potato, roll, butter, and sour cream	
Baked Cod Dinner	\$12.00
Wild-caught Alaskan Cod with our special sauce, cole slaw, baked potato, roll, butter, and sour cream	
Pasta Dinner	\$ 5.00
Add-on Baked Potato	\$ 1.00

All pricing includes state-required sales tax

Enter main parking lot off of Common Street. Follow signage through lot to order stations and onward to curbside delivery. **Never Leave Your Vehicle!** See our on-line menu or place your order on-line:

www.saintwilliam.net



St. Vincent de Paul Society Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. ©LPi

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Passion (Palm) Sunday

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Wine Distribution

Question:

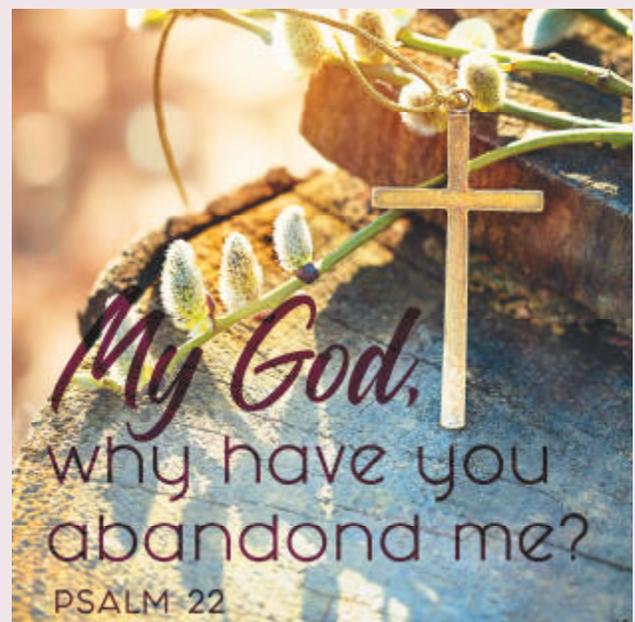
Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

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 the Lord.

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OUR MISSION

“We exist to provide a school environment in which Christ is encountered and Discipleship is fostered through the teaching and practice of Catholic Tradition, values and doctrine, while challenging each student to academic excellence.”



A special shout out to our parishioners, families, and the Knights of Columbus...

we are humbled by your kindness and thankful for your generosity! With your contributions, our St. William School 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' fundraising event was a great success! Thank you always for your support of St. William Catholic School!

upcoming events



April

- 1 Easter Break begins
- 2 Dads' Club Lenten Fish Fry
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 12 Back to School
- 16 Crusader Day

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Preschool - 8th grade

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 30th

8:00 am

Dave Husak (D) Troskey family; **Joseph Schuld (D)** Mary Jo Hurst; **Chris Dahl (D)** Helen Anderson; **Bob Mangan (D)** and **Nahay Shaou (D)** Dave Mansour

Wednesday, March 31st

8:00 am

Dave Husak (D) K of C; **Ryan Mele (SI)** family; **Ron Michels, Sr. (D)** Terzano family; **Joan Stuck (D)** and **Christopher Stuck (D)** Judy Vogelheim

Thursday, April 1st

7:30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper (no Mass Intentions)

Saturday, April 3rd

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Chester & Antoinette Tabaczka (D) family; **Debbie Muehl (D)** family; **Bill & Nancy Settle (D)** family; **Anthony Troskey (D)** and **Chris Moersch (D)** Troskey family; **Rachael Guadagni (D)** family; **Dave Kozora (D)** family; **Lorraine Hanusin (SI)** Miklosi family

Sunday, April 4th

8:00 am

Howard Phillips (D) family; **Chuck & Gloria Nusser (D)** family; **James Hall (D)** and **John & Angelina Pietrzak (D)** Delphine; **Bill & Anne Marie & children (SI)** Jeanne Fader

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:00 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); **Pham & Hoang families (D)** family; **Josephine Capicchioni (D)** family; **Stachowiak & Medonis family (D)**; **Jerry Stachowiak (D)** family; **Paul Sciberras (D)** family; **Adair-Poling families (L&D)**; **Kupovits, Mitchell & Nemeh families (L&D)**

Readings for the week

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

Pray for the Sick

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen

- ♦ Agnes Bushaw
- ♦ Andrew Hailo
- ♦ Avery Carducci
- ♦ Barbara Carducci
- ♦ Bonny Mesaros
- ♦ Casey Michael
- ♦ Dan Lessard
- ♦ Dennis Ryan
- ♦ Ellen Dawson
- ♦ Helen Anderson
- ♦ Henry Reinhar
- ♦ Jackie Wolverton
- ♦ James Miller
- ♦ John Benedict
- ♦ John Shubsda
- ♦ Lahni Andrews
- ♦ Larry Kern
- ♦ Lucille Colussi
- ♦ Mack Barnes
- ♦ Mary Bologna
- ♦ Nancy Elibri
- ♦ Norma Kirk
- ♦ Pam Balog
- ♦ Pam Makil
- ♦ Ryan Mele
- ♦ Sandy Bruckner
- ♦ Sharon Ryan
- ♦ Stephanie Kozlowski
- ♦ Trevor Monfette
- ♦ Val Colussi

Residents of:

- ♦ Bloomfield Villa
- ♦ Brookdale
- ♦ First & Main
- ♦ Henry Ford
- ♦ Maple Manor
- ♦ Novi Lakes
- ♦ Serenity
- ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr.
- ♦ Waltonwood

Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die – John 11:26

Antoinette Morelli

Gospel Meditation

Palm Sunday

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?

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Live the Liturgy

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!

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Detroit Catholic Young Adults

Detroit Catholic Young Adults Ages 18-35 National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica Tuesday, April 6th 7-8:30pm Have you had to deal with anxiety? So many of us struggle with this uncomfortable experience. God wants to give us His peace. Fr. Mark Livingston will walk us through how to deal with anxiety as a Christian. Join us Tuesday, April 6th at 7pm in the church at the Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica. After the talk, prayer teams will be available for anyone wanting to receive individual prayer. A simple social will follow afterwards. Event for young adults, ages 18-35. Please remember to wear a mask and maintain distancing guidelines. Facebook Event Detroit Catholic Young Adults <http://detroitcatholicyoungadults.org/> yacm@aod.org (313) 237-4647



Pray the Rosary

Our Legion of Mary members invite you to join them Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary.

All are welcome to stay after and attend their brief meeting.



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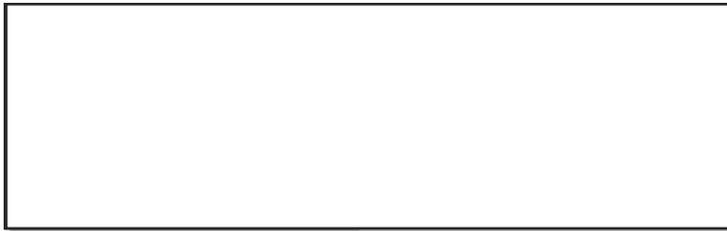
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