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March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. This year, given the handling that goes into the distribution of palms, we will not have palms available. Masses will be at the Madren Center at the usual times – 8:30AM, 10:00AM (also livestreamed), and 11:30AM.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF HOLY WEEK

Confessions, in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 30, 12 Noon–1:00PM

Wednesday, March 31, 5:45–6:45 PM

Holy Thursday, April 1

- No 5:15 PM Mass, but distribution of Communion at 5:30PM.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper (**livestreamed only**) 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 2

- Chapel open from 9:00AM–5:00PM for private prayer
- "Seven Last Words of Christ" will be available online as a devotional to be used when convenient.
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (**livestreamed only**) 7:00PM

Holy Saturday, April 3

- No Confessions
- Blessing of Food – 11:00AM in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 4

- Regular Sunday schedule – 8:30AM, 10:00AM (also livestreamed), and 11:30AM (expanded space in the Madren Center)
- Communion will be distributed outside the Chapel at 11:15AM

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (*None at this time*)

Sunday at CU Madren Center
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM
(10:00AM also livestreamed)

Weekdays

5:15PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00AM–5:00PM in the Chapel

Confessions – Chapel

Saturdays 10:00–11:00AM
Or by appointment

Religious Education

K4–Grade 5

Catechist-guided Home Study

Youth Ministry

HS Bible Study Thursdays 7:00PM
MS & HS weekly Discipleship Groups

(Virtual) Office Hours

200 Edgewood Avenue
Monday–Thursday 10:00AM–5:00PM
Friday – 10:00AM–Noon

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Christ Renews His Parish

A WEEKEND FOR THE WOMEN OF SAINT ANDREW • MAY 15–16

Newcomers to the parish and anyone who has felt "disconnected" during this year of COVID are especially encouraged to take advantage of this time of renewal. A past participant commented, "This weekend gave me the opportunity to meet women from Saint Andrew parish and feel a connection to our faith community." Revitalize your faith; relax in a serene and open environment; renew old friendships or forge new relationships. *Return home ready to face whatever challenges 2021 may bring!* You only need to bring a warm heart, a smile, and a willingness to listen. **Relax and Renew!**

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Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew

The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues. We will continue to offer in-person Sunday Masses at the Madren Center during the construction of our new church. All are asked to follow safety guidelines and distancing protocols – **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

The livestream Mass continues at 10:00 AM on the parish Facebook page until further notice.
<https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/>

Missed the livestream but don't want to miss Mass? Use the **same Facebook link** to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, March 28

8:30 AM † Dale Riley

10:00 AM † Ed Skrocki

11:30 AM † Lou Medeiros

Monday, March 29

5:15 PM Malik Tucker

Tuesday, March 30

5:15 PM Great-Grandchildren

Wednesday, March 31

5:15 PM † Arch Templeton

Holy Thursday, April 1 – **Livestream ONLY** –

7:00 PM Our Parish Family

Good Friday, April 2 – **Livestream ONLY** –

7:00 PM Our Parish Family

Holy Saturday, April 3

11:00 AM Blessing of Food, in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 AM † Jim and † Marion Smith

10:00 AM † Ed Skrocki

11:30 AM Special Intention for Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 2

Sunday, March 28

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, March 29

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 30

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and

17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 31

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

[14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 1

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, April 2

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, April 3

Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, Gn 22:1-18/

Ex 14:15–15:1/Is 55:1-11/Rom 6:3-11/

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, April 4

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

[24]/1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

A Note From the Pastor



The first Palm Sunday must have been a day of mixed emotions for the disciples. Jesus had been tutoring them on just what kind of messiah he was going to be. Not the King David kind, but the “suffering servant” foretold by Isaiah. This revelation was a disappointment to some, especially Peter.

The raucous welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem must have made the disciples feel vindicated. And also, a little confused about Jesus’ inaccurate forecast.

In less than a week’s time, things would change.

In our argumentative and polarized culture, we can have a similar experience. As we learned last Sunday,

Jesus proposes a morality – sacrifice and service – that sits at odds with the prevailing morality of our culture. And yet, so often, the Nietzsches of the world who promote a culture of self-centered wealth, comfort, influence, and power appear vindicated as the masses make heroes of the rich and powerful. Those who insist that true greatness is to be found elsewhere are scorned as losers and sometimes even considered “fifth columnists.”

The Gospels don’t attempt to explain the Good Friday behavior of the Palm Sunday crowd. What changed their minds about Jesus? It’s only conjecture, but perhaps it was what we’ve seen in our own culture.

In the last 50 years we’ve seen a huge shift in demography, the economy, and religious values. There are many among us who see these shifts as threats to who and what we are and the pathways of family life, work, education, and religion that shaped us. If we lose what we think is the tried and true, what happens to life as we’ve known and loved it?

Our reaction often has been fear and, from that fear, anger. Perhaps the Good Friday crowd, seeing Jesus arrested, were both fearful that they would be next and angry that Jesus had snookered them. Like Israel, freed from slavery and offered the “promised land,” perhaps the Good Friday crowd was grumbling. No wonder the disciples fled and hid.

In time, Israel’s insistence on seeking salvation through a political messiah led the Romans to destroy Jerusalem in 70AD and scatter the nation.

The disciples, however, would see Easter and Pentecost as moments confirming Jesus and his teaching about salvation. And they would come to see that, while Jesus was certainly “teacher and Lord,” and would remain forever the center of the preaching and living of his gospel, he entrusted the ongoing work of evangelizing to us. Discipleship thus came to challenge every culture in which the gospel was preached.

As we ready ourselves for the great events that gave certainty to Jesus’ teaching, we might look into ourselves and see where there are vestiges of the Palm Sunday crowd in our life. Of the Good Friday crowd. And, given that our faith is more than just nominal, what effect Easter faith and Pentecost have on us. *Fr. Dan*

Youth Ministry

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“A NEW NORMAL”

Recently, I spoke with some of the local youth ministers, and we decided that with the vaccine rollout and the improvement in regards to the pandemic, it is about time we start getting back to “normal” – or more accurately, moving forward in the “new normal.” One way we will do this is by reintroducing Wild Wednesdays this summer. This is a marvelous event that was started here with other Clemson Christian churches a number of years ago and we were sad to have to cancel this weekly event last year due to the pandemic. But this summer we will welcome our students back to a wonderful ecumenical evening of sports and fun every Wednesday evening!



Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

HOME STUDY SCHEDULE – No Faith Formation class April 4. Have a Blessed Easter.

OBSERVING HOLY WEEK – The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the Passion of Christ – his Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection – through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

Three simple ways to celebrate Holy Week with your Faith Formation student –

1. Give yourself (and your family) the gift of quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of your home altar early in the morning or late at night.
2. Move your crucifix to the front door (or the door you use most) as a remembrance of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.
3. During Holy Week, turn off your car radio and pray silently while driving.



Music Ministry

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

Jamie Dean • jamie@saclemson.org

This year during Holy Week, as was done last year, we are offering a simple service of *The Seven Words from the Cross* that can be viewed online during Holy Week. This is a “home-made” product from parishioners in lieu of the live version that was offered previous to 2020. Short Bible passages from the Gospels will be read, each followed by prayer/meditation on the Crucifixion. Harp music helps to set a contemplative tone. All of this takes place in our beautiful Chapel. We are grateful to John Leininger for videoing this program so that it can be posted on Facebook (and viewed without a Facebook account) and sent to parishioners via Flocknote. The readers, Barbara Ramirez and Carol Piacenti, and the harpist Jamie Dean, are honored to be a part of this endeavor.

Campus Ministry

SENIOR DAY OF REFLECTION

Stephanie Manasa • stephanie@saclemson.org

As students approach the end of the academic year, our campus ministry will provide a special retreat experience to all our students who will be graduating and moving on from our community soon. College is an important time of transition for many young people in between their teenage years and full adulthood, and it is important to mark this passage out of university life and on to whatever lies ahead. In order to help celebrate this time, our campus ministry will take a group of seniors and other graduating students in the Class of 2021 on a day-long retreat at Sadlers Creek State Park. This day of reflection will give the students an opportunity to look back on what their time at Clemson, and specifically with CSA and Saint Andrew, has meant to them. What wisdom will they take with them from the past few years here? How has their faith life grown and changed? Through this retreat we also hope to offer support and guidance on how to live a faithful Catholic life as young adults and the importance of staying connected to the Church. We ask for your prayers during this time as all our students will soon prepare to end another academic year, and especially ask for guidance for those who are still searching for what will come next.

Commemorative Crosses

Many will remember last October when the pews were removed in preparation for the construction of our new church. Some were used by the Knights of Columbus to create commemorative crosses as a fundraiser to benefit Saint Andrew and other charitable endeavors of the Knights.

While supplies last, these commemorative crosses will be available Sundays at the Madren Center or can also be reserved by contacting Nancy at the church office, nancy@saclemson.org or 864-654-1757. A donation of \$25 for a 9 inch cross and \$35 for a 12 inch cross is suggested. There is some variation in the routed edge and grain/color. Checks are to be made payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 6884, and half of the total raised will go to the Saint Andrew Building Fund.



Enclosing the Building in Preparation for Exterior Finishes

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,
864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Deacon Gordon Snyder no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date,
262-965-5500 or gjsnyder@charter.net.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Prayer Support

For prayer support, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

Healing Prayer Ministry Prayer

Jesus, as I kneel in the chapel before the crucifix, I am filled with remorse for all the ways I have hurt you in the past, committing sins of selfishness, greed, pride, disobedience, and more. I am sorry, Jesus, for having offended you and I will do my best to sin no more. I know that you will never give up on me and that you will keep my hand firmly in your grasp. For the remaining days of Lent and beyond, whenever I am tempted to sin, I will pray to you for protection: Jesus, you are my light, my truth, and my salvation! Amen.

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Saint Andrew Catholic Church
PO Box 112
Clemson, SC 29633

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