

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD**

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**Meditation for Palm Sunday**

**“In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He rose from prayer and came to His disciples.” —Luke 22:44-45**

Jesus prayed always. He even prayed while He was hanging on the cross and dying. He prayed: “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing”. With His last breath, He prayed: “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit”. These two prayers are related. To give ourselves totally to the Lord, we must forgive. When Jesus taught us to pray, He taught us to ask our Father in heaven to give us our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses. If we do not give forgiveness, we are not giving our “all.” Therefore, we are not giving as Jesus gives. Thus, we must forgive in order to give our lives to the Lord.

During Holy Week, we are encouraged to accept the grace to forgive all those who have sinned against us. Jesus forgave us for participating in His crucifixion through our sins. We have been forgiven the unimaginable sin of being involved in crucifying God (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 598). In thanksgiving for being forgiven, we should pass on the Lord’s forgiveness to those who have sinned against us. Jesus died forgiving His enemies. May we live forgiving our enemies and thereby give our lives to Him as a total, unblemished sacrifice.

**Prayer: Father, make this week holy through miracles of forgiveness. May I decide to accept these miracles now on the first day of Holy Week.**

**Holy Week Schedule**

- Mon. Apr. 15, 8:00 am †Neil Cahill [Rdr:Ida]
- Tues. Apr. 16, 5:30 pm Altar Society [Rdr:Theresa]
- Wed. Apr. 17, 8:00 am Parishioners [Rdr:Audrey]
- Holy Thursday Apr. 18, 7:00 pm Priests of the Diocese
- Good Friday Apr. 19, 3:00 pm
- Easter Vigil Apr. 20, 8:30 pm †Jack Hazel
- Easter Sunday Apr. 21, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*
- Easter Sunday Apr. 21, 10:00am †Paul & Clara Clement

**Choir this Wednesday 5:00 pm**

**Food Pantry April: Canned Fruit**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Offering = \$3,050**

**Please Return your CFSA Pledge Card**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sis Hepper, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Joyce Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Jerry Poe, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nick Bornong, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Sr. Deanna Butler, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Gwen Collins, Heath Huberg, Nancy Totton, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Mattie Sieler, Lisa Anderson.

**HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3:00 PM**  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:30 PM**  
**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 8 & 10:00 AM**  
*Servers are to arrive 30 min. early except Sunday*

**Lenten Confessions: Today (Sunday) April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm**

**No Stations of the Cross this Tuesday.**

**Devotion to the Divine Mercy:** God wants each and every one of us to experience His merciful love. It can be easy for us to get caught up in guilt and despair, but that is not of God. When your sins or other things get you down remember the ABC’s of Divine Mercy: **Ask for His Mercy. Be merciful to Others and Completely Trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. **Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday.** Pick up a copy at the main entrance.

**Help decorate the church for Easter.** It’s a lot of work for one or two people so **please come Holy Sat. at 10:00 am.** Thanks to those who prepared the palms.

**Collection for Holy Thursday (Rice Bowl)** goes to the needy locally and a portion to Catholic Relief Services. We have a moral responsibility toward helping the poor. Here is a great opportunity. Please be generous.

**Holy Land collection:** This is Good Friday’s collection. Help support the struggling Christian community in a war-torn area and to protect Christianity’s holiest places.

**Altar Society Meeting:** This Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm. All women of the parish are members and are encouraged to attend.

**First Communicants & Parents Retreat** – Sunday, April 28, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - in the Hall.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** This Mon, April 15, 7pm. Men, consider joining this service group.

**Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics age 18 to age 59.**

**Easter flower contributions** can be submitted in an envelope with a memo “Easter flowers” with names of those in whose memory or honor you are giving the flower.

## **How can St. Joseph Parish be all that God wants it to be?**

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:45 am and ending at about 4:30 pm St. Joseph Parish will be a satellite location for the New Evangelization Summit. We will be streaming on our TV screens the talks from the gathering taking place in Ottawa. We will hear a message that will inspire us, encourage us and give us practical wisdom and resources on effective evangelization to help us fulfill the mission of the parish. All parishioners are encouraged to come Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. **Please register by visiting [www.newevangelization.ca/](http://www.newevangelization.ca/) or call the office 845-2100 and let us know you are coming.**

### **Please See the Movie “Unplanned” at the Mac Theatre in Mobridge:**

**Friday April 26, 7:00 pm, Saturday April 27, 7:00 pm, Sunday April 28, 4:00 pm**

This could be a game changer. Everyone needs to see it - regardless of one's views on this topic. Please see this movie and invite fellow parishioners, family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. to see it. The movie carries a message of hope, conversion, and redemption for anyone in need of God's grace and mercy. Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. It is truly life-changing. View the trailer here: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

**Our Lenten Journey** is reaching its end and we now approach the holiest days of the year, the holiest days of all time - the Sacred Triduum (three days). We are called to prayerfully enter into the last days of our dear Savior's life. To cheer him with our palms as the expectant Messiah, dine with him as He gives us the great gift of the Eucharist and Priesthood on Holy Thursday, to suffer with Him on Calvary's cross on Good Friday and finally to celebrate the greatest event in the history of the world - the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us commit ourselves to enter fully into the gift and mystery of Holy Week by preparing ourselves through prayer, confession, good works and participation in our Triduum services.

### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 18 7:00 pm - The Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**The memorial of the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and of Holy Orders.**

The Lord's Supper precludes the passion, but also prefigures it. The Eucharist, given to us “the night before he was betrayed,” commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. Celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples for the last time, he gave this command: “Do this in remembrance of me.” The Lord gave us the priesthood at the first Eucharist. So, we must center our life on our Eucharistic Lord and desire to receive Him daily and deeply in the covenant love of Holy Communion. “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself”. Try to go to Mass daily. Make frequent visits to Church to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray a Holy Hour as often as possible before our Eucharistic Lord. Receive your full heritage. **Adoration to follow until about 9:15 pm.**

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm**

**The celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. This is a day of fasting.**

Jesus was executed in our place. “The Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all”. “It was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured”. “He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins”. If we realized how great are our sins against the all-holy God Who is Love and how great is the salvation Jesus has given us by dying in our place, we would love Jesus with all our hearts, repent completely, worship Him forever, keep thanking Him publicly, and be willing to do anything for Him, even to suffer and die. “Look on Him Whom” we “have pierced”. Our sins are great. His love is perfect and crucified. So, we come together to gratefully commemorate the Lord's supreme love for us.

### **EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 pm**

The Easter Vigil is an Ancient tradition which stretches to the earliest years of the Church. It is the high point of the Easter Triduum and a celebration of the climax of Salvation History. In the Easter Vigil we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises of our salvation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is truly a meaningful and beautiful liturgy where we recall the mysteries of Christ's redeeming love and mercy. As we participate in faith we can lay hold of and be filled with the saving graces of our Lord's Death and Resurrection. The Easter Vigil is a time to celebrate the Joy of our salvation. Let us not absent ourselves from this gathering of the assembly.

**Beloved: A Women's Conference:** June 15, 2019, Sioux Falls, a conference for women to be refreshed and renewed in the Father's love. Watch for more information.

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