

## April 5: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:  
"Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!  
Hosanna in the highest!"  
— Mk 11:9-10

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### Palm Sunday, April 5 (Mk 11:1-10 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1;15:47)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Darren, Gina & Chris Conniff

#### Monday of Holy Week, April 6 (Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11)

7:00 am- Alfred Jahn

10:00 am- Stasie Sevcik (Hallettsville Rehab)

#### Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7 (Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)

7:00 am- Felix & Mary Janecek & Albert

#### Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8 (Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25)

7:00 am- Frank, Annie & Gene Holik

8:05 am- Weldon Schaefer

12:05 pm- Living & deceased members of Alfred Etzler Family

#### Holy Thursday (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)

10:00 am- Emma Meyer (Stevens)

7:00 pm- (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper) For rain

9:00 pm- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

#### Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42)

12:00 Noon- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Living Stations, Veneration of the Cross; Communion.

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#### Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil (Gn 1:1; 2:2/Gn 22:1-18/ Ex 14:15; 15:1/ Is 55:1-11/Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11 /Mk 16:1-7)

7:00 pm- For our Parish Family

#### Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord (Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)

6:30 am- Douglas Bludau

8:00 am- Russell Grahmann

10:30 am- Joe & Benita Pavlu

#### Sacred Heart Confessions during Holy Week:

Monday, April 6: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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**Vigil Light:** Special intention (family).

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$5,248.50; Rice Bowl-\$758; Loose-\$2,241; Children's-\$27; Catholic Ed.-\$490; Catholic Relief Services-\$554.

#### Anniversaries

Virgil & Betty Gutierrez 30 years April 11

Anton & Leona Machicek 45 years April 11

**Easter Flower donations** may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope with your name & dropped in the collection basket.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

-Meeting at 3pm in Family Center for Sacred Heart & St. Mary's parishioners who attended an ACTS Retreat.

-Community Palm Sunday Service, Faith Temple – Church of God in Christ, 717 S. Texana at 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-JCDA meeting, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Family Center.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Women's ACTS meeting, 7pm, Yoakum Family Center.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

-Washington Youth Group plates to go, 4:30–6:30pm, KC Hall

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

-Soup & sandwiches in Family Center after Mass.

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

-Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in church.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

-Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

#### St. Mary's Holy Week Services:

Good Friday Services, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 12 at 9:15 a.m.

#### St. John's Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday, April 9, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m. (Confessions: 6:00 – 6:55 p.m.)

Good Friday Services, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. (Confessions: 12:00 – 12:55 p.m.)

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#### Moravia Holy Week Services:

Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.



**God our Father, in Your infinite goodness  
& mercy, bless us with bountiful rain. We  
ask this through Christ our Lord.**

***From the Desk of Father John***

This past week we received a check for \$150,000 from the Adela Drozd Pohl Estate for scholarships for eighth graders from Sacred Heart School who continue on into Sacred Heart High School. This is added to the existing Charles & Adela Drozd Scholarship Fund. The interest from this fund will provide some scholarships for graduating eighth graders. Please keep Charles & Adela and all of our benefactors in your prayers.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Thursday we begin celebrating the Triduum – the three special days before Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

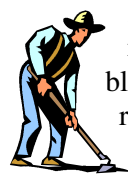
Holy Week is the most sacred time of our church year. Let us use this time to reflect upon God's great love for us. Let us take some quiet time to be with Our Lord and thank Him for all that He has done for us and is doing for us.

We realize God's presence in our lives and His love for us, even in difficult times when He gives us the strength to deal with the difficulties. May you have a very blessed Holy Week.

Welcome to the parish: David & Karen Wysocki, & John Luke, Michael & Elizabeth; Andrew & Sheila Henke; Scott & Angela Pustka, & Macey & Ashlyn; Charlie & Devonne Bock; Michelle Hall, & Regan, Mason & Briahna; David & Melinda Teltschick, & Sarah.

Perpetual Adoration will end in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday. Adoration will be in the main body of the church after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until midnight. Adoration will resume in the chapel on Sunday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

March Baptisms: MacKenzie Grace, daughter of Scott & Sharon Henrichs; Kenzie DeAnn, daughter of Kevin & Kelly Chance; Remie Mae, daughter of James & Nina Kusac; Emily Lauren, daughter of Jason & Virginia Krobot; Lacie Grace, daughter of Gary & Tracy Olivarez; Ashlyn Elaine, daughter of Scott & Angela Pustka; Chandler Isaac, son of Clayton & Chelsea Wimberly; Lukas Timothy, son of Timothy Barrera & Tiffany Nagelmueller.



**Prayer for Rain:** Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

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**\*Classes dismissed** April 9, 10 & 13 for Easter.

**\*Marathon:** Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.



**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

It is triumph and tragedy. It is exultation and condemnation. It is a story of unification, and of abandonment, of love and excruciating suffering like nothing we can imagine. Today we share together the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, greeted as a king with waving palms and shouts of Hosanna! We listen almost in disbelief as His followers and closest friends abandon Him in His time of need. We hear the prayer of love, in spite of the events to come, to accept whatever God's plan is for Him. We grimace at the details of the beatings and the death on the cross. In the depths of our hearts, we know why He would endure this – love.

It is perhaps the events in the Garden of Gethsemane that we realize both the humanity and unwavering love of Jesus. It is in the garden that we hear His prayer, a calling to His Father for the strength to accept the fate that is soon to befall Him. It is the last opportunity He would ever have to avoid His fate; yet He remains, humanly troubled yet divinely willing. We listen to Him chastise His followers – and us – for sleeping when He needs us the most. It is in knowing that He needs us as much as we should need Him – that His love for us is forever and pure – that we truly begin to understand the pain He was about to endure.



We are reminded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that it is in the passion of Christ that sin is most manifested and displayed (CCC 1851). The crowds calling for His death, Pilate's



***The Youth ConneXion***



**Sunday, April 12:** Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

*Interested in worshipping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.*

***Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124***

**April 8:** Stations of the Cross – all grades.

**April 9:** Holy Thursday Mass – Confirmation students participate.

**April 18:** First Communion practice at 9:00 a.m.

**April 19:** First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**April 25:** Confirmation practice at 9:00 a.m.

**April 26:** Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

If you would like your contribution statement for 2008, please **CALL the Rectory to request your statement BEFORE coming by.** Thank you for your consideration.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer needs a partner on Tuesday's at 12:00 a.m. Please call Charlene at 798-3224.

indifference, the beatings by the guards, the abandonment by Peter and the disciples; through all of this, it is Christ's death on the cross, in which He accepted and offered redemption for all of our sins, that we turn to today and every day.

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***Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the  
Lord!***

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## One Minute Meditations

### Healthy worship

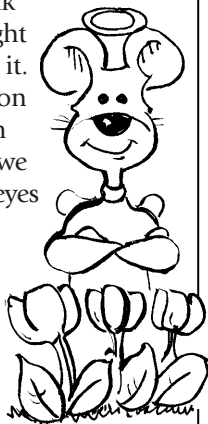
Recent medical studies revealed that people who attend church at least weekly have longer life expectancies and fewer complications from illnesses or surgeries than non-churchgoers. Going to church may not protect us from health crises, but it does help us cope with them.

### Empty and fill

There are times in our lives when we have to empty our minds of negativity so God can replace it with peace and joy. Each day, take time to rid yourself of anger, fear, self-pity, jealousy, and bitterness. Then look for God's gifts of peace, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness, and love.

### Our choice

Each day we have a choice of how we can live. We can waste time cursing the darkness or we can thank God for the light when we have it. We can focus on the ugliness in the world, or we can train our eyes to see and appreciate the beauty that is there instead.



## 5 reasons to be hopeful right now

It's hard not to worry these days. If we haven't been affected by economic troubles directly, we may be worried that we or someone we love will be soon. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how bad things get ...

**God loves us with the warm love of a father.**

*"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11).

**We can always count on our Father.**  
*"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"*

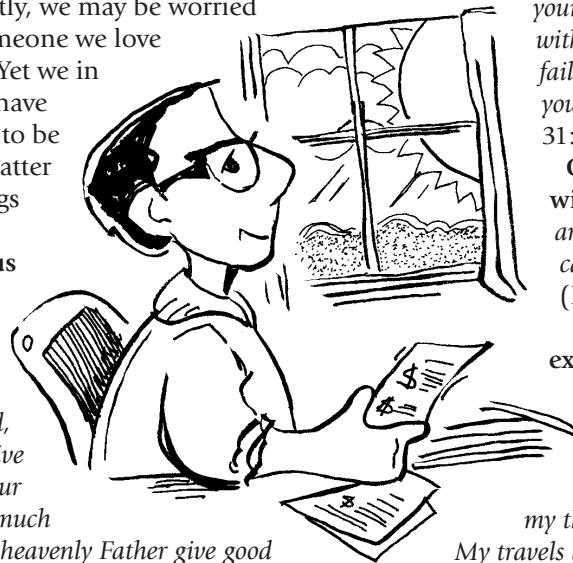
(Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"* (Deuteronomy 31:6).

**God is always with us.** *"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..."* (Psalm 145:20).

**God knows exactly what we need.** *"(Y)ou know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.*

*My travels and my rest you mark; with all my ways you are familiar."* (Psalm 139:2, 3).

**All we have to do is ask.** *"Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics believe that the Holy Trinity is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The concept of the Holy Trinity, though, is beyond our human ability to understand. That's why we call it a "mystery."

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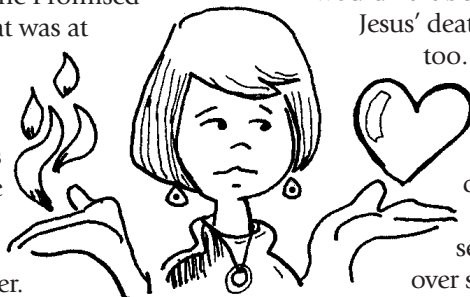
Before the time of Jesus, only the Father was known. Then Jesus revealed himself as God, *"the Father and I are one"* (John 10:30).

After his Ascension, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – *God's Spirit* – on Pentecost (Acts 2).

## It's our Easter choice ...

Before the Israelites could finally enter the Promised Land, Moses delayed them to explain what was at stake. He wasn't going with them but he wanted them to be able to stay there with God's blessing. (Deuteronomy)

So he put the choice facing the Israelites (and us) in the clearest possible terms: we can choose to live in God's friendship or outside of it. One choice means eternal life and happiness, the other misery forever. After waiting so long for the Promised Land,

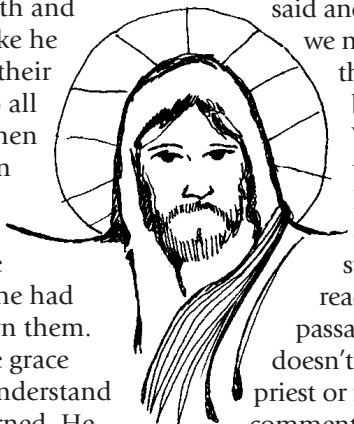


wouldn't it be a shame to make the wrong choice?

Jesus' death and Resurrection has given us a choice, too. Isn't it amazing that the Creator of heaven and earth lets us decide how we want to live? We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, the choice is still up to us. This Easter, choose honesty over deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. Then your Easter choice will be to choose life with God in his love.

### from Scripture **Luke 24:35-48, Loose ends get tied**

The disciples shouldn't have been surprised by Jesus' death and resurrection. It's not like he didn't warn them. Yet their minds weren't open to all that he revealed. So when he appeared to them in Jerusalem, he let them see him, touch him, and watch him eat. He reminded them of all he had taught them and shown them. Then he gave them the grace they needed to truly understand and live what they learned. He gave them what they needed to be his true followers.



In order to understand all that Jesus said and all that he expects from us, we need to know him the way the disciples did. We can start by carefully reading his Word. Some aspects of what we read in the Bible may be hard to digest and comprehend. When you get stuck on something you have read, read the surrounding passages and footnotes. If that doesn't help, consult your parish priest or find a good Catholic Bible commentary. Once you understand, ask the Holy Spirit to help you put God's Word into action.

### Q What are the 7 & themes of Catholic A social teaching?

Catholics have a history of speaking out for those who cannot speak for themselves. As a Church, we are committed to:

1. Life and dignity of the human person. Since we are created in the image of God, human life is sacred from conception to natural death.
2. Call to family, community and participation. We have a right to live in and contribute to our families and communities.



3. Human rights and responsibilities. Each person has a right to the things that make life decent – faith, family, food, shelter, etc.

4. Option for the poor and vulnerable. Jesus instructed us to care for those less fortunate.

5. Dignity of work and the rights of workers. Through work we participate in God's act of creation. The basic rights of workers, owners, and managers must be respected.

6. Demand for Solidarity. We work for the common good everywhere.

7. Care for God's creation. Our love for God inspires us to be good stewards of the earth and his creations.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 4 – St. Isidore of Seville (636).** St. Isidore was born to a family that included three other saints and succeeded his brother as bishop of Seville. He was a peacemaker and is known as "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used for 900 years.

**April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer (1419).** Against his parents' wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Order of St. Dominic. He became a famous preacher and was known as the Angel of Judgment because his sermons aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment.

**April 12 – Easter Sunday.** The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection.

**April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.



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