

AMarch 28, 2010: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”
— Lk 19:38

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 28 (Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49)

8:00 am- Jerome & Victoria Respondek

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Neskora & Hermes Families

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday of Holy Week, March 29 (Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11)

7:00 am- W. H. & Rosie Kubenka

10:00 am- Agnes Seitz (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30 (Is49:1-6/Jn13:21-33,36-38)

(Jewish festival Passover begins)

7:00 am- Ernest & Janie Hermes, William & Emma Meyer

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31 (Is50:4-9a/Mt26:14-25)

7:00 am- Stephen Bludau

8:05 am- Dorothy Henneke & Trey Kapalski

12:05 pm- Special Intention

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

10:00 am- Joe Konvicka (Stevens)

7:00 pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)- Bill Mitchon

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.

2:00 pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Living Stations, Veneration of the Cross, Communion.

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil (Gn 1:1; 2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex

14:15; 15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32; 4:4/Ex

36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12)

7:00 pm- For our Parish Family

Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord (Acts 10:34a, 37-43/

Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)

6:30 am- Bernard Bludau

8:00 am- Hilbert & Agnes Bludau

10:30 am- Marie Voelkel Holy

St. Mary's Holy Week Services:

Good Friday Services, April 2, 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 4, 9:15 a.m.

Moravia Holy Week Services:

Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m. (Confessions: 6:00 – 6:55 p.m.)

Good Friday Services, April 2, 1:00 p.m. (Confessions: 12:00 – 12:55 p.m.)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Jerry & Margaret Kallus.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-South Texas Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fried Chicken Dinner 10:30 a.m. \$7.00/person. Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m.

– 1:00 p.m.. Battle Dance: Czech & Then Some, Red Ravens & Czechaholics 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

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

-Parish Finance Council mtg., 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

-CCD: Grades K–11th, 6:00 – 7:10 pm (Stations of the Cross)

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

-Soup & sandwiches in Family Center after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

-Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. in church.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

-Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Bake Sale after 8:00 am Mass.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemece, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Mason Hanson, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Vigil Light: Special Intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,188.50; Loose-\$1,170; Children-\$61; Catholic Relief-\$672; Rice Bowl-\$703.62; Catholic Ed.-\$1,729; School End.-\$20; Church End.-\$275.

Pray for the repose of the soul of *Emily Brunkenhoefer* of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Ronnie & Libby Bludau

25 years

March 30

From the Desk of Father John

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year for Catholic Christians. 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. The Second Vatican Council returned emphasis to the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday – as the center of our faith.

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from His resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. We do not spend all of the three days in church, of course, but at various times during these days we are called to gather together at church to celebrate and remember the saving action of Christ.

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the sacred Triduum. On this night, we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the end of the liturgy, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most somber of feasts, Good Friday.

The spirituality of the Triduum is centered on the accounts of the Paschal mystery in the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper is not the Passover meal; rather, Jesus is crucified at the same time the lambs are being slaughtered for Passover, as a sign that He is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for all of humanity. The last meal Jesus shares with His apostles in the Gospel of John is marked by the washing of feet. Jesus gets down in the dirt and washes the feet of His disciples and in this way connects the Holy Eucharist with service to others.

Most Holy Thursday liturgies include a modern-day experience of foot washing. This recalls Jesus washing the feet of His apostles and is a powerful example of how we are called to serve and care for one another. Holy Thursday is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, meaning "a new mandate." It refers to the mandate put forth by Jesus in John 13:34, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Good Friday is a somber remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. Good Friday is not only a commemoration of a historical event; rather, Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, along with His glorious resurrection, comprise the heart of the Christian faith.

The church is bare on Good Friday, the altar stripped of ornamentation and the tabernacle left open and empty. Good Friday is a day of mourning. Traditionally, there is no music (other than chanting) on this day, and the prayer of consecration is also omitted from the service as a sign of what Christ's sacrifice on the cross truly means. Good Friday is not a Mass; the Holy Communion that is given out has been consecrated on Holy Thursday and kept in the tabernacle for adoration.

The service is divided into reading of the Passion on the living stations, Veneration of the Cross, and reception of the Eucharist. Christ's passion is read from the Gospel of John and concludes with the prayers of the faithful, offered for the unity of the universal Church. The Veneration of the Cross is a time for the faithful to individually revere the Cross and ponder the enormity of Christ's salvific act. Holy Communion is then distributed, and the priest, along with the entire congregation, departs in silence.

The Easter Vigil is the restoration of the early Church's tradition as the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. It is the high point in the Church liturgical year. The Vigil begins in darkness (usually outside), and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

Those who are coming into full communion with the Church receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, and we, as the community of believers, participate in this initiation by renewing our own baptismal promises. We recommit ourselves to Christ by once again rejecting sin and accepting the freedom that comes from living as children of God. We pray and welcome the newly initiated as they receive the oil of chrism and "share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit" at confirmation. The white garments given to the newly initiated (and to us at our baptism) represent Christ's everlasting victory over death.

The Vigil concludes with reception of the Eucharist. As the newly confirmed receive the final Sacrament of Initiation, the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are ready to celebrate Easter. The tomb is empty. There is Light in the darkness. Alleluia, Christ has risen!

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

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for the Spring picnic, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so we can get the information to the printer. *Thank you!*

Adoration in the chapel ends on Wed., March 31 at 6:00 pm. Adoration will be held in the main body of the church on Holy Thursday after the 7:00 pm Mass until Midnight. Adoration resumes on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Community Palm Sunday Service, March 28, 2:00 p.m., St. Peter Lutheran Church.
