

April 1, 2012: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1979 CCD

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(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- Marie Voelkel Holy

Monday of Holy Week, April 2 (Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11)

7:00 am- Richard & Irene Janak

10:00 am- Jim & Bessie Kouba (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3 (Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)

7:00 am- Gilbert Butschek

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

7:00 am- Weldon Schaefer

8:05 am- Bernie & Stephen Bludau

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

10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann (Stevens)

7:00 pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)- Irene & Willard Hagendorf

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, Holy Communion.

2:00 pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Living Stations, Veneration of the Cross, Holy 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/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7)

7:00 pm- For our Parish Family

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Acts 10:34a,

37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)

6:30 am- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp

8:00 am- Marilyn Marikle

10:30 am- Tim Schaefer

St. Mary's Holy Week Services –

Palm Sunday Mass, April 1, 9:15 a.m.

Good Friday Service, April 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 8, 9:15 a.m.

Ascension Church, Moravia Holy Week Services –

Confessions: Wednesday, April 4, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.

St. John Church, St. John Holy Week Services –

Palm Sunday Mass, April 1, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 5, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.

Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m.

Confessions: Good Friday, April 6, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 6, 1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 8, 9:30 a.m.

The "Blessing of Expectant Mothers" will be held at all Masses on April 14 & 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 2

-Rosary & Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

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

-No Adult Education Class.

-Extraordinary Ministry Training, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Church.

-Women's ACTS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph, Yoakum

-K.C. General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

-CCD: Grades K-12th, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

-English Second Language Class, 6:00 pm, Family Center.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Dan & Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Bill Gohlke, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Anita Bohuslav, Paul Najvar, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Larry Korenek, Red Kahanek, Theresa Steffek, Hank & Marion Morris, Angela Hermes, Chris Layton, Wade Amsden, Vernell Bozka, Denise DeBord, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, Geneva Strmiska, Brenda Bludau, Lois Dornak, Frank Rocha, Patricia Schlageter, LaNora Konvicka, Bobby Lee Drozd, Anne Mae Technik, Sandra Mozisek, Grace Ritchie, Benedict Brosch, John Schlageter, Frank Konvicka, Magdalene Steffek, Chibana Alfaro, Lambert Pollock, Liz Woytek, Frank Gutierrez, Sr., nursing home residents & the homebound.

Confessions during Holy Week –

Monday, April 2: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Martha Sitka & family in memory of Henry Sitka.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Gilbert Butschek.

Vigil Light: For recovery and health.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,203; Catholic Relief Services-\$700; Rice Bowl-\$999; Manna-\$789; Church Endowment-\$110; School Endowment-\$283; Loose-\$1,720; Children-\$49.

Anniversaries:

Edwin & Rosanne Gallia 30 years April 3

Welcome to the Parish: Jason & Sarah Jansky; Aaron & Sheila Etzler, daughters Kendall, Emma, & Olivia

Adoration in the Chapel ends at 6:00 pm on Wednesday of Holy Week and resumes on Easter Sunday at 6:00 pm.

Don't forget to turn in your Calendar Membership tickets! Drawing begins Monday, April 9.

From the Desk of Father John

Today, Palm Sunday, we remember with Palms Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We begin the most solemn time of the Church year, Holy Week. Let us spend time in praying and reflecting upon God's great love for us. Let us use this time to grow closer to God.

This Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., the Bishop, along with all the priests and deacons of the diocese, as well as the lay people, will celebrate the Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral. At this Mass, the priests renew their priestly commitment and the Bishop blesses the holy oils used for the various sacraments throughout the year. Everyone is invited to attend.

We are in the process of looking into the possibility of building another mausoleum in Sacred Heart Cemetery. In a couple of months you will be receiving some information in the mail about this. We will keep you posted as time goes on.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

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Apr 4: Stations of the Cross 2nd-12th Grade, parents invited. 11th Grade Penance.

Apr 5: Confirmation students participate in Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 p.m.

Apr 15: Mandatory Freshman Confirmation meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Apr 21: First Communion practice, 9:00 a.m.

Apr 22: First Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News

Office 798-4251

Apr 6 & 9: No school - Easter Break.

Apr 20: Marathon for Catholic Education, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on school grounds. More information will follow later.

Registration for 2012-13 school year is in progress.

Please register as soon as possible as there is limited space in several grades. The registration fee is \$150 per student.

March Baptisms: Max Kolbe, son of Aaron & Robyn Machac; Braxton Raylex, son of Billy Hearn & Holly Scott; Ava Jewel, daughter of Chris & Jennifer Mojica; Sebastian Manuel, son of Michael & Lualhati Sabayle; and, Sophia Leann, daughter of Librado & Maria Palacios

Wanted: Chair Person for the Country Store Booth at our parish picnics. Please call the Rectory to volunteer to Chair this booth. *Thank you for your help and support!!*

Spring Picnic Raffle - Donors are needed. If you are able to donate a prize, please call or come by the Rectory. *Thank you for supporting our picnic raffle!!*

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps support the struggling Christian Community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

Please be generous.

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Julia Okruhlik*, mother of Geralyn Klimitchek; *Daniel Brom*, father of Barbara Jasek; and, *Elizabeth Fuller* and *Ben Steffek* of our parish family. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Truck Raffle tickets are now available at the Rectory for a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado LT1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (Value \$38,090) & 13 other prizes! Drawing will be held at the Spring Picnic on May 27. Tickets \$100 each.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training and Refresher Course – All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help to distribute Communion at Masses and to the homebound **AND** all those interested in becoming commissioned to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, must attend a training course with Fr. Tommy on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the church. Bishop Fellhauer has asked that all those particularly in this liturgical ministry receive a theological and practical refresher on a regular basis. A sign-in sheet will be available for current Extraordinary Ministers on the day of the course. Those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers should contact Fr. Tommy beforehand to sign up for the course.

Attention Catholic Daughters: If you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, please do so as soon as possible. Please make your \$20 check payable to C.D.A. & mail to Anita Steffek, 549 C. R.186, Hallettsville. Many members are past due. If you are not sure if your dues are paid, please call Anita Steffek at 798-3771. *Thank you!!*

Easter Flowers – If you would like to donate towards our Easter flowers, you may come by the Rectory or place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. *Thank you for your generosity!!*



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord –



As Messiah and Son of David, Jesus is not out to build a life based on the cheers of the crowd. Their adulation will soon enough turn to jeers of "Crucify him," as we hear in the Passion story proclaimed today as well. Jesus' ultimate victory comes not from a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but from his conquest over sin and death through his own passion, death, and resurrection. By offering his life on the altar of the cross, Christ promises new life to all.

For Christians, the waving of palms is a joyous act this day, but the real meaning lies in what comes next: what the death and Resurrection of the Lord does to our lives.



The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY

Isaiah 50:4–7
Philippians 2:6–11
Mark 14:1–15:47

MONDAY

John 12:1–11

"You always have the poor . . . you do not always have me."

TUESDAY

John 13:21–33, 36–38

"Will you lay down your life for me?"

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 26:14–25

" . . . one of you will betray me."

HOLY THURSDAY

John 13:1–15

" . . . later you will understand."

GOOD FRIDAY

John 18:1–19:42

"It is finished."

HOLY SATURDAY

Mark 16:1–7

"He has been raised; he is not here."

Choose to Remember

Isn't it amazing what we choose to remember? We may forget names and faces but still remember things we consider meaningful. Mark's Passion narrative records what was meaningful to the early Church.

Mark sets the stage by noting that two days before the Passover, the Jewish leaders were looking for a "way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him," wanting to avoid "a riot among the people." If we were watching a movie, sinister music would be playing in the background during this scene.

Mark then changes locations: We are at the house of Simon the leper, in Bethany, a small town not far from Jerusalem. Here Jesus is eating dinner with his disciples when an unnamed woman anoints him with very costly ointment.



Scripture scholars tell us that the action of the woman was a familiar action that any Jew would have recognized. Anointing was part of the Jewish burial ritual: the woman was preparing Jesus for the tomb. Mark is alerting us of what is to come, if only we are observant enough to see it.

It is clear from the Gospel that the disciples weren't very observant. The woman is preparing Jesus for death, and the disciples argue over money. How can they be so blind?

Jesus says, "wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." Note that her action is remembered while her name is not. Perhaps the moral is that while we may not be remembered by name, our works of discipleship will never be forgotten.



The Faith of the Church

Oil has a long and significant history. It has been used to soothe wounds, limber muscles, or serve as perfume after a bath. Kings and warriors were anointed with oil to strengthen them for tasks. Blessed oil is used during the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick as a sign of the power of God bestowed during the sacrament (Cf. *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*, p. 204 ff).



Questions of the Week

You were anointed with the oil of Catechumens when you were baptized to mark you as God's chosen one and to strengthen you for discipleship. What are you prepared to do this week to act as a disciple?

Adults

What choices am I prepared to make this week to show that I have been anointed for God?

Children

What is one thing that I can do this week to show that God has chosen me for discipleship?

Responding to God's Word . . .

Mark chose to remember those disciples who stayed with Jesus until the end. Only three are named—Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of James and Joses; and Salome. The rest are remembered only as “many other women.” Except for Magdalene, we know nothing about these women other than what Mark says here.

Regardless of their names, these women served a vital role at the crucifixion: they stood as witnesses to who Jesus was and what he meant to them. They made sure—they guaranteed by their presence—that his life, message, and suffering and death would be remembered long after they

were gone. Perhaps this is why Mark remembers them here, so that what they did will be remembered always.

As disciples, we also stand as witnesses to Jesus' life and ministry and what he means to us. In addition, each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remember the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus—the Paschal Mystery. During the Mass, the priest leads us in praying the anamnesis, a memorial prayer said after the words of consecration that helps us recall—to be present with us again—the mystery of salvation.

What we choose to remember is important.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. As a family, bear witness to your faith. Do things like praying together before meals or at bedtime, helping out at a parish-sponsored events, or collecting canned goods to feed the hungry.

In the workplace or in school. Find a way to promote your faith by what you say and do. One way of doing this is to practice the cardinal virtues: prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude.

In the community. Let your actions demonstrate that you are a disciple of Jesus. To paraphrase St. Francis of Assisi, proclaim the Gospel in everything you do; use words only when absolutely necessary.



Meditation Moment

In his book *Who Is Christ?* Anthony Padovano writes: “The suffering of the cross is not meant for itself but for something else. Christ does not suffer because suffering is in itself a value but because love without restraint requires suffering. . . . We are saved not by the physical death of Jesus but by the absoluteness of a love which did not count death too high a price.”

For reflection . . .

What is one thing I have done for Christ?

What is one thing I am doing for Christ?

What is one thing I could do for Christ?

UNHAPPY IS DEATH WITHOUT THE LOVE OF THE SAVIOR; UNHAPPY IS LOVE WITHOUT THE DEATH OF THE SAVIOR.

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

FROM *MISSION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Standing in Witness

Lord God, We stand before you as witnesses to the faith of those who came before us. We believe now because of the faith of those who shared their faith with us. Give us the wisdom to share our faith with others. At our baptism, we were anointed with sacred chrism, marked with a sign that we had been chosen by you. Give us the strength and the courage to choose you in return. Help us to remember your love for us each and every day. Amen.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

If we want to know Jesus, we must start by knowing the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. It is there that we learn to ponder Jesus' person and his earthly words and deeds in terms of mystery. In him, we see God made visible.

See *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*, p. 79

Profile in Faith

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766–1853) was born a slave in Haiti and was brought to New York City by his owner.

Pierre became a prosperous hairdresser. Once he gained his freedom, he turned his attention to caring for those who were poor and orphaned, including the family of his former owner. He is remembered for standing in witness to Christ.

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