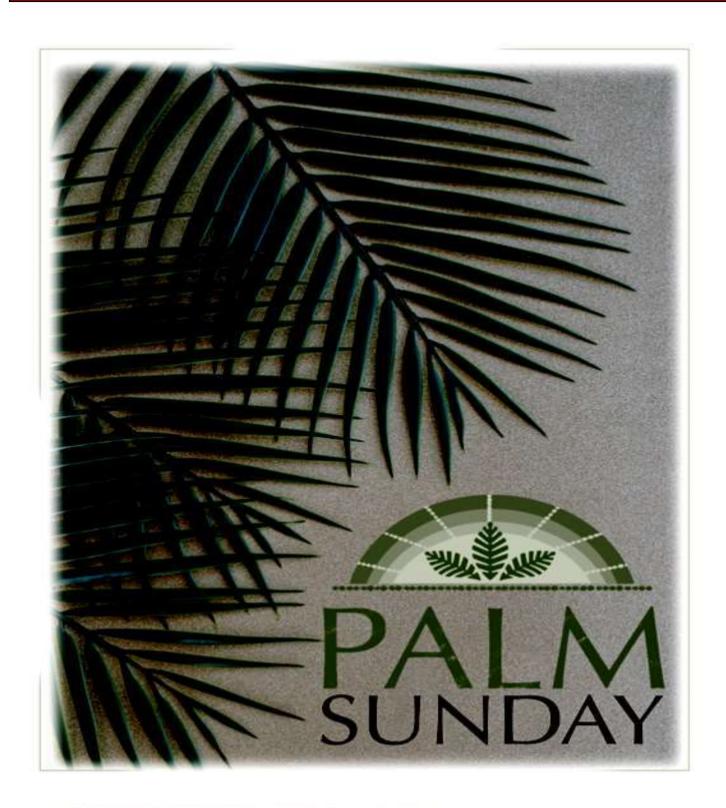
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#### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday**

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am 6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

#### **Daily Mass**

8:00am Monday through Thursday 12:00pm Friday

The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

#### **Holy Days**

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

#### **First Saturday Mass**

Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

#### **Confessions**

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

#### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

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**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are required.

**BAPTISMS:** Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. To register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:**

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1-2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Ís 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or

(at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading: In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading: Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11). **Gospel**: The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

#### eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to early bulletin submission requirements, the weekly collection figures from April 6 will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday** April 12 Intentions for the Immaculate 5:00pm Conception Teens who received Confirmation (Fr. Ken)

Sunday April 13 8:00am Constance Frances Walsh (Fr. Peter)

9:30am Donna McCoy (Fr. Ken)

11:00am Victoria & Anthony Mirro (Msgr. Mirro)

The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose) 6:00pm

Monday April 14

Intentions of McGuire, Giglio, & 8:00am

Fitzgerald Families

**Tuesday** April 15 8:00am Joan Gilhooley

Wednesday April 16

8:00am (Guild Mass) Dom Raia

Thursday April 17

8:00am Morning Prayer

7:30am (PC) Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Fr. Ken)

**Friday** April 18 Morning Prayer 8:00am 12:00pm Stations of the Cross

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Fr. Peter) 3:00pm

7:30pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm Spanish Service (Fr. Jose)

Saturday April 19 8:00am Morning Prayer 10:30am Blessing of Food

8:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)

April 20 Sunday

8:00am Margarita & Epifanio Mercader

(Fr. Peter)

9:30am (Church) Deceased Members of the

Merkel & Santomassimo Families

9:30am (PC) Michael James Merlo (Fr. Peter) 11:00am (Church) Rev. Pat Fitzgerald (Fr. Ken) 11:00am (PC) Michael James Merlo (Fr. Peter) 6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

#### The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal is happening in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal \$ 62,100.00 Total Pledged \$ 17,520.00 Payments Received \$ 14,002.00

Donors: 42 % of Goal: 28.21%

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal. CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

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#### LENTEN ACTIVITES

#### LENTEN REGULATIONS **FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

There is a limit of one full meal on Good Friday for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat on that day and ALL Fridays in Lent.

#### EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Merciful Father, prepare our hearts to enter into the mysteries of Holy Week with humility and true devotion, so that we might rise with you to new life.

#### EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Easter Flowers can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. A minimum suggested offering is \$25. You may use the envelopes you received in the mail or use envelopes you may find in the lobby of the Church and you can place them either in the collection baskets during Mass or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

#### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Collection on Good Friday supports the Christian communities in the Holy Land, including the preservation of holy sites and the provision of pastoral, educational, and social services. Thank you for your generosity.

#### LENTEN SUGGESTED PENANCE

**Sunday:** Make a holy hour with your family to pray for the graces of Holy Week.

Monday: Spend a few minutes repeating a simple prayer, such as "Jesus, I love you with all my heart." **Tuesday:** Pray for the conversion of all who have

turned against God.

Wednesday: Give comfort to someone who is afflicted.

**Thursday:** Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

**Friday:** Make the Stations of the Cross. **Saturday:** Spend 30 minutes in total silence.

#### **EASTER SCHEDULE 2025**

(All events take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.)

#### **Special Day of Reconciliation** Monday, April 14th

Healing Mass

2pm – 4pm, 6pm – 9pm Confessions

#### Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Journey Cross & Crucifixion

#### **Holy Thursday** April 17<sup>th</sup>

8am Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper - PC 7:30pm

#### **Good Friday** April 18<sup>th</sup>

8am Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross 12pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm Bi-lingual LIVING Stations of the 4pm Cross – PC Parking Lot

Stations of the Cross

7:30pm 8pm Spanish Service

#### **Holy Saturday** April 19<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer 8am 10:30am Blessing of the Food

8pm Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday** April 20th

8am Church

9:30am Church and Parish Center 11am Church and Parish Center

6pm Church (Spanish)

#### **HEALING MASS** Monday, April 14th - 8am Begin Holy Week with Healing

The Mass will offer the opportunity to receive the sacrament of anointing from Fr. Ken or to be prayed over and receive a blessing. It is a beautiful way to prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday-Good Friday -Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Religious Education Office Hours are:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9am to 5pm 631-288-4188

Our weekday morning Mass schedule has returned to

8:00am

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



Who can I forgive with the Lord's mercy this week?

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins **Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good

Friday); Fast and Abstinence **Saturday:** Holy Saturday

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Aurora Antunes, Deacon Joseph Byrne, Kevin Chisholm, Alexa Dalton, Brian Dalton, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth, Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes, Young Katie Kennedy, Rosanna, & Daniel Standing.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add/delete a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)
Thomas Hellman (USSF)
Lt. Col. William Robesch
RJ Ruggiero (Navy)
Lt. Cameron Worden
Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Please contact the Rectory @631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

#### **MEDITATION** with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

#### The Pantry is in NEED of:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties), Rice, & Beans, size 6 Diapers.

#### REFLECTIONS

#### **Living Stewardship**

As we enter into Holy Week, think of some way you can be at service to another. Perhaps offer to drive an elderly friend or family member to church during the Triduum.



#### **Bulletin Reflection**

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Jesus died for us. Remember also, however, He would have went through the pain and suffering of Good Friday even for just YOU alone.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

#### **TEDDY'S CORNER**

Teddy is waiting for Easter ... in his Babushka!





## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In solemn remembrance we have recalled the passion and death of the Lord. Around this holy table we give thanks for the gift of salvation and look forward to the promise of eternal life in paradise.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

#### **Invitation to the Blessing of Branches**

We begin the holiest week of the year by holding palm branches in our hands, which recall the palm branches the crowds used two thousand years ago to welcome the Lord into the holy city. Our palm branches are blessed, for they also welcome the Lord to this holy place. Though the people of Jerusalem had no idea what the true nature of Jesus' triumph would soon be, we do and so we anticipate Jesus' ultimate victory while recognizing the intense suffering and profound grief that will accompany it. Let us raise our voices along with our branches as we sing out as even the stones will, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

#### **SACRAMENTALS**

## The SANCTUARY LAMP, BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS

To arrange a sacramental in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

**Sanctuary Lamp:** April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 **Bread & Wine:** April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 **Altar Flowers:** May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!

## A Brief Examination of Conscience

#### Based on the Ten Commandments

## I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

## You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

#### Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

#### Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

#### You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

#### You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

#### You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

# The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

#### You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

#### You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

#### Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

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# Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

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## Senior Luncheon

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Mission Middle School Academy
invites you to...
an afternoon celebrating the wisdom of
our senior citizens



## Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mass at 11AM at St. John the Evangelist Church followed by lunch and activities in the school auditorium as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

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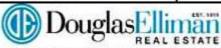
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