



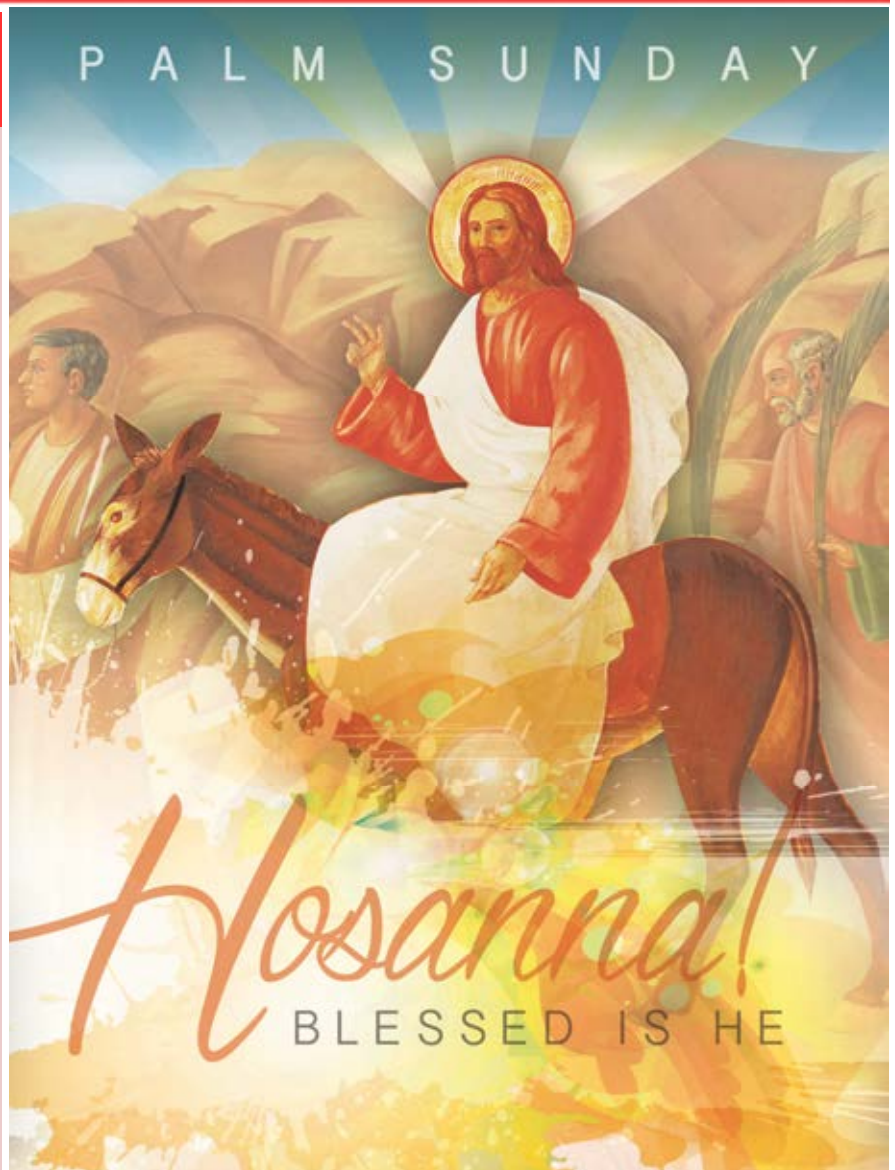
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays - 7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



Palm Sunday Appearance: A mom and dad returned home from Church on Palm Sunday. Their little son, who was ill that day, stayed home with an older

sibling. The little guy was intrigued by the palms his parents brought home. He decided to pepper his parents with questions about the palms and the Palm Sunday liturgy. They described how they started outside and then processed with the palms, almost as if in a parade, to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. At one point in the dialogue the little guy said, "Wouldn't you know it, the very day I stay home from Church, Jesus finally shows up."

Holy Week: Today we begin our solemn journey with the Lord. We have celebrated his entrance into Jerusalem and now we journey with him to the cross and ultimately stand as witnesses to his glorious resurrection. These sacred days are filled with beautiful liturgies that have special meaning for us as Christians. I hope and pray you and your family will make the time to attend as many of these liturgies as possible, or even watch them online at livestream.stjoan.church, because we celebrate events that changed the world and events that changed your life and mine.

Many of us approach this sacred week with lots on our minds. We might be helping extended family members work through a tragedy or maybe our own family is dealing with a heavy cross right now. We all continue to watch in absolute horror at the absolutely senseless death and destruction occurring in Ukraine. As you reflect on these situations in your own life and in what is taking place in our world, we need to place all of these concerns at the foot of the cross and know that just as God had a plan for Christ and asked him to embrace the cross for a reason, God likewise has a plan and a destiny for each of us. The sacred events of this week are certainly centered on the saving reality of the Cross of Christ but it is also about the saving reality of the crosses that Christ asks us, in the name of the Father, to embrace for the world's salvation.

The Paschal Triduum: What exactly does *Triduum* mean? *Triduum* comes from two Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) meaning a space of three days. We calculate these

days in the same way the Jews count days and festivals, that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus, the *Triduum* consists of three twenty-four hour periods. The *Triduum* starts with sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday.

"The liturgy we celebrate these days is far more than an objective recall of the events of first century Palestine, or even a prayerful recollection by means of which we understand and appreciate more fully what God has done for us. Despite the dramatic impact of these liturgies we do much more than dramatize what happened once in the history of salvation. More fundamentally, the liturgy these days is our present privileged experience of these same saving mysteries in Christ. Through these liturgies we are inserted into and are made sharers of the same saving deeds Christ accomplished for our salvation and sanctification. We do not *observe* again what Jesus accomplished; we *share in* the accomplishment of salvation. Through the symbols and gestures, scripture proclamation and prayers, we participate in the same redeeming actions which Christ underwent for our salvation. What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection is actualized and made real in the liturgy. Through the various celebrations over three days we are progressively and more intimately brought into the paschal mystery. What God accomplished in Christ continues to draw us into the love of God. This incorporation into Christ makes us the body of Christ on earth (Kevin W. Irwin, *A Guide to the Eucharist and Hours: Easter*, p. 14)."

The liturgies we are about to celebrate are sacred indeed. They are filled with much symbolism and ritual. In celebrating the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist and the command to be of service as ritualized in the washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. From hearing the proclamation of the Lord's Passion to our veneration of the cross on Good Friday, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. From seeing the fire being blessed, hearing the proclamation of the Easter *Exultet*, to witnessing the baptism of those in the RCIA, the reception of those being brought into the Church, to our own renewal of baptismal promises where we reject Satan and profess our faith in Christ Jesus, we enter more deeply into the paschal mystery. But this entering into the paschal mystery is not just a once a year

occurrence. We need to *live* the paschal mystery each day of our lives. We need to die to self by doing God's will and serving others so we can rise to new life.

Living the paschal mystery is about putting God and others ahead of ourselves. Living the paschal mystery is about keeping Christ as the center of our lives. "As we live this Christian mystery we gradually grow in our awareness and experience of the reality that the only way to live as Jesus taught us is to die to self. Indeed, in the paschal mystery dying to self and rising to new life collapse into the same reality of surrendering ourselves to allow God to work in and through us. The paschal mystery is living the rhythm of dying and rising as a people who are on a mission – with Christ we bring salvation to those who hunger for justice and truth, forgiveness and reconciliation, mercy and peace. We are a people on a mission – and this is what these days are about (Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., *et al.*, ed., *Living Liturgy*, p. 102)."

As you and your family make plans for Holy Week and Easter, please consider attending these sacred liturgies, especially those you have never experienced before. You should also consider inviting a family member, a friend, or someone who may not attend Church regularly to come along with you. The experience and prayer of the Holy Week liturgies may bring them closer to Christ and allow them to come to a fuller understanding of the saving reality and beauty of the cross of Christ.

Our schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 12 p.m. - Stations of the Cross; 1 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 11 a.m. - Confessions; 12 p.m. - Blessing of Food; 8 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses: 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Have a blessed and prayerful Holy Week. Let us keep one another in prayer! See you in Church!

In Christ,

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A course of Bible study and prayer, centering on our adult response to what it means to live a "Life in the Holy Spirit."
(John 3:1-8)

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Offered via Zoom on Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

April 19 – May 31, 2022

Led by Arlene Apone, Charismatic Renewal Liaison to Archbishop Vigneron

To register - email: dccrcenter@aol.com

Come and see what living your life in the Holy Spirit is all about, and be renewed in your walk of faith. Join this opportunity to experience the fullness of the spiritual gifts received at Baptism, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

You'll need your Bible, a pen and notebook.

For further information call Arlene Apone @ 586-822- 2023

And Jesus said to them,
"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.
He who believes and is baptized will be saved;
but he who does not believe will be condemned.
And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will
cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up
serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them;
they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:15-18





St. Joan of Arc
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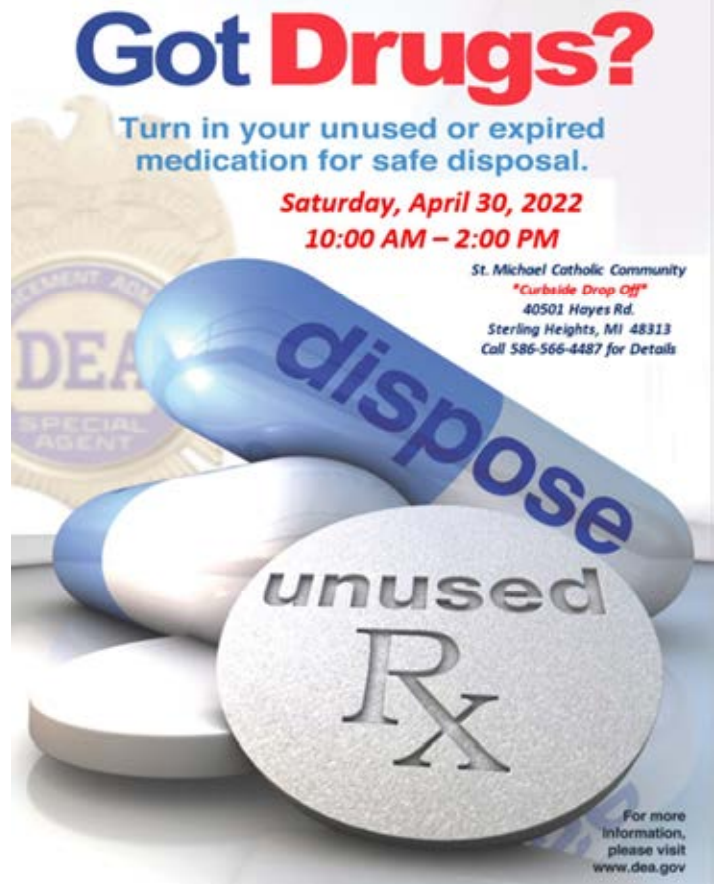
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**Saturday, April 30, 2022
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

St. Michael Catholic Community
"Curbside Drop Off"
40501 Hayes Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
Call 586-566-4487 for Details

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For more information, please visit www.dea.gov

8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2023 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Erin at 586-321-0667.

The Class of 2023



Can Tab Recycling



We are back to recycling can tabs. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

How you can help: Spread the word! Let your family, friends, co-workers, and classmates know that their small pop tabs, food can tabs all can make a big difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Donations can be dropped off in the buckets at church, brought to the Parish Center during business hours.

Misc. Announcements

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



**2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
at
St. Joan of Arc**

**We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed
by the meeting at 7pm.**

**April Meetings will be on
4/13 and 4/27**

We hope that you can join us!

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St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

**The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting
the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.**

**The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the
Mother of Mary Conference room in Church.**

**April meetings will be on the 13th and the
27th all knitters are welcome.**

**If you are interested in joining or have ques-
tions please call:
Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.**



St. Joan of Arc Pilgrimage

June 17-26, 2022

Stay in Monasteries while visiting St. Joan's 'Deep France'

God willing, next June we will again lead a St. Joan of Arc pilgrimage/retreat to France. This will be our thirteenth opportunity for taking a group on this fascinating journey. Our travel philosophy remains the same - one of going back to the essentials, of simplicity, of quality time in some places instead of 'rush-rush' in many. Although we will indeed see and do much, we hope to travel first of all as spiritual travelers, rather than as consumers. Consequently, we will again purposely remain a small group. Each day we will gather for some combination of the following: prayer/meditation, information on activities of the day, addressing questions, *Question du Jour* discussions. Come and experience many of the places where St. Joan lived, visited, and prayed.

Sites will include: Orléans, Troyes, Domrémy-la-Pucelle, Vaucouleurs, and Reims, with quiet stays at monasteries in the heart of France. Please visit our website, with more information and photos: www.pilgrimwitnesses.com.

For any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or email:

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Learn more about the

Discalced Carmelite Secular Order St. Joseph Protector Community

We are a community of practicing Roman Catholics, men and women, married and single (as well as secular priests and deacons) who are members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We meet monthly to support one another in striving for a more intimate relationship with God under the protection of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

WHAT

Inquiry Meeting - An opportunity to meet with council members to learn more about us and join us for prayer and fellowship.

WHEN

May 22, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.

WHERE

St. Hubert Parish Activity Center in Harrison Township, MI.

TO REGISTER

Contact Margaret (586) 764-5128



*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Pray for us!*

June 20-24, 2022

BUILT
FOR
GOD

SJA VBS



Registration Opens May 1st
Adult and Student Volunteers Needed
Contact Mrs. Hass at khas@sjasc.org

Healing the pain of Abortion One Weekend at a Time

**Rachel's Vineyard
Retreat Weekend - May 13-15, 2022**



Where: The Augustine Retreat Center in Conway, Michigan.

The weekend is a chance to get away from daily pressures to focus on buried emotions of the past and walls that have limited our lives due to the effects of abortion.

Rachel's Vineyard provides a confidential, non-judgmental, safe, and caring environment for *men and women* seeking healing, restoration, and renewal. The weekend will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope and love. The cost for the weekend is \$160 per participant, which includes two-night accommodations, meals, and retreat material.

To register or if you have questions, contact:

Jane O'Brien: 231-675-1715 or jobrien4611@sbcglobal.net

Kristyn Lent: 231-838-8383 or klent@charter.net



EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 17

Reading One – Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading Two – Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Sequence - Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel – Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, April 11th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
12:30-2pm Confessions - Family & Youth Center
6:15 pm Confirmation Practice & Prayer Mtg.

Tuesday, April 12th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
5:30-7pm Confessions—Family & Youth Center

Wednesday, April 13th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, April 14th

- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Live Streamed

Friday, April 15th

- 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Live Streamed
1:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Live Streamed

Saturday, April 16th

- 11:00 am Reconciliation
12:00 pm Blessing of the Food Baskets - Church
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, April 17th

- 6:00 am Sunrise Easter Mass - Live Streamed
8:00 am Easter Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am Easter Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 pm Easter Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

April 10, 2022 — Troubled Times

There are certainly times, in this deeply troubled world, where it might seem like the lament of the psalmist is particularly applicable to our own situations.

“May dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced by hands and my feet; I can count all my bones,” we pray in today’s responsorial psalm. “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

That, of course, is our collective response to the cry of the prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading:

“I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.”

And that cry, we know, prefigures the suffering of Jesus recounted in the reading of the passion.

It all takes on a sense of tangible urgency in news stories such as the one from Warren a few weeks ago in which a man was accused of abusing – causing serious injury to – his 3-month-old twins and a cat.

At the time of this writing, the man had been arraigned but had not yet faced his preliminary examination.

Regardless of the outcome of that particular situation, we’re reminded that such abuse is all-too-real these days; that good people are victims of not-so-good people all the time.

“It is especially heinous when the victims are violent crime are defenseless infants and pets,” a Warren police official was quoted as saying in *The Detroit News*.

Indeed, that is true. So we might wonder where the meaning is behind such atrocities. And where the justice is, as well.

Such questions are difficult to answer. For now, as we enter Holy Week, perhaps it’s sufficient to reflect on the fact that, as dark and difficult as our individual or collective situation may seem at times, we know goodness will prevail.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday April 11, 2022 Monday of Holy Week (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Sam & Grace Valenti and Wanda Dillon

Tuesday April 12, 2022 Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Brad Shuder and Cornelius B. Thelen

Wednesday April 13, 2022 Wednesday of Holy Week (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Joseph Fikany and for the deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of April

Thursday April 14, 2022 Thursday of Holy Week (White)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 15, 2022 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Red)

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 16, 2022 Easter Vigil (White)

8:00 p.m. Katherine Titus, the deceased members of the Walsh family, Charles & Margaret Forrester, Michael Forrester, James Forrester, Pasquale & Stella Urso, Bonnie Batche, George J. Bugarin, Richard M. Barno, Edward & Henry Blind, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family and the J. Champine Family

Sunday April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Purple)

6:00 a.m. A Special Intention for Sally Cabot

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Arnold Langbo

12:00 p.m. Timothy Fox, George J. Bugarin, James Le Fevre, Michael Urso, the deceased members of the McQuillan Zaranek & Walters Families, Joseph & Florence Semany, Ron Lagodna, Virginia Prill, Ralph & Betty Barnowski, Frank Bradley, Nicodemus Krawczyk, Roland & Gerry Doak, John L. & Marguerite Joseph, Lois Busch, Phyllis Dunaj, Betty Jean Scrivo, and Special Intentions for the Aldo Cardosi Family, and the Rogier & Dettloff Families.

Daily Readings

Monday, April 11

Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12

Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 14

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21

Friday, April 15

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 17

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
Luke 24:13-35



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

**Florence Fournier
Barbara Ann DiClemente
Jerica Boss**



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



From Palm to Passion: We enter today into the holiest of weeks in our Church calendar. Our journey through Holy Week is a tumultuous one.

We begin today by entering into Jerusalem with Jesus and His disciples. He rides into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and is greeted by the crowds who hail the arrival of the Messiah. Hidden within the crowds are those who will turn against Him, those who see Him as dangerous, those who are conspiring against Him and who will willingly turn Him over to their Roman occupiers to be put to death.

But Jesus arrives riding a donkey. It seems an odd choice for the King of the Jews. In the ancient Middle Eastern world, leaders rode horses if they rode to war, but donkeys if they came in peace. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, the Jews knew what this meant, but probably didn't understand fully all the implications for Jesus. The prophet Zechariah had prophesied:

“Exult greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!
Behold: your king is coming to you,
a just savior is he,
Humble, and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

They lay down palm branches before Him to pave His way, proclaiming, “*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.*” The palm branch was a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. Some Pharisees try to get Jesus to make the crowd stop shouting. They ask him to rebuke the people for what they're saying — the whole “*Blessed is the King*” bit. The Pharisees get it. This isn't just any phrase. This is the kind of welcome reserved for Israel's Savior.

It's a phrase found in the Hebrew Scriptures, going back to Psalm 118, a psalm that rejoices in the Lord's victory. The Passover meal was a celebration of God's saving of His people in the exodus from slavery in Egypt, and the *Hallel*, recalling these ancient events, was sung as a part of this celebration. The *Hallel* included Psalm 118, the Psalm the Jews would recite at the Passover meal in just a few days time. And what might it have meant to them this time around? Now they believed that finally their Messiah, the King, who would save them from captivity in their own land at the hands of the Romans, had arrived. The Pharisees tell Jesus to stop the madness and

tell the crowd to be quiet. The crowd are using incendiary language in the eyes of their Roman occupiers.

Jesus doesn't stop them, though. He says, instead, that if the people weren't saying it then the rocks themselves would cry out. Of course, Jesus is the Messiah. He has come to Jerusalem to save His people. But the crowd has misread the situation. They are not wrong that Jesus is the Messiah, the King who has come to save them, but not salvation in the way they are anticipating it.

The people wanted salvation and success, which means, they wanted the Messiah to march into the city and get tough with the Romans. They wanted to be free from Gentile oppression, even if by force, even if by threats and plagues and the parting of the sea, as they recounted so well in their history. They wanted another exodus, one that expelled the Romans this time. Instead, what they got by Good Friday morning was a bloodied and apparently defeated man in Roman custody, rejected by their own leaders, standing next to an infamous criminal called Barabbas. They wanted an incomparable king, and they got one, but all they can see a beaten blasphemer. Or so they thought.

The joyful sounds of the crowd this Palm Sunday would later be drowned-out by their stony hearts. “Blessed is the king!” would soon become “crucify him!” For this reason, there is something very unsettling about today. We read of this joyful response to Jesus, but we know the full story and we know it's a fleeting response.

The deep tragedy of their words, of their blindness, should cause us to ask if we might have reacted any differently. How quickly our attitudes can change when things are not going our way. When the Lord, upon whom we have placed all our hope, appears to have given-up on us — when He doesn't seem to be giving us the help we're praying for, are we sometimes tempted to assume that He is not who we thought He was? Do we ever wonder if God has abandoned us? Those are the times not to turn against the Lord, but to double-down on our faith and to remember the Cross.

On the cross, in His agony, Jesus prays Psalm 22, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” This is our Psalm response for today's mass. Maybe we want to ask this at times ourselves. We only hear this part of the Psalm from Jesus in scripture, but it is *not* a Psalm of the hopeless. The Psalm ends:

I will live for the Lord;

my descendants will serve you.

The generation to come will be told of the Lord,

that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn

the deliverance you have brought.

Jesus will never lose trust in His Father or be deterred from carrying out His Father's Will, no matter how things may appear to be going on the surface. We have to be willing to ride out the storms with the ultimate trust in God's Providence, knowing that God “plays the long-game.”

We ride the highs and the lows of the Passion story this week, from today's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the agony in the Garden and Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial and ultimately. But we know how the story continues... to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. That means we can afford to live this Holy Week, and always, as a people of hope. From the lowest of lows, God is still working to bring about his plan of salvation for us. We have been saved by the cross and continued to be saved daily by His grace.

We walk this week the *via dolorosa*, the Way of Suffering that leads to the cross and then to the tomb, from which we rise again with Christ. The *via dolorosa* is a literal set of streets in Jerusalem. You can walk the path Jesus took on His way to His crucifixion, carrying His cross. Every Friday in Jerusalem, a procession is organized by the Franciscans and hundreds of people pray the Stations of the Cross along this actual route Jesus took. The procession stops at 14 Station churches and chapels, ending at Jesus' tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. I met a man there in 2014 by the name of James. James was from Livonia. (Small world!) He had given-up all he had and moved to Jerusalem to spend his days walking around the area of the Holy Sepulchre, talking to people about Christ. Maybe we're not called to be *that* radical this week, but can we perhaps commit ourselves at least in some way to enter into this Holy Week in some special way? Perhaps come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, 12pm Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, or the Good Friday liturgy at 1pm. The deeper we enter in, the more joyful our leaving the tomb will be and greater the Resurrection will appear to us this Easter.

You are in my prayers this Holy Week.

Fr. Andrew

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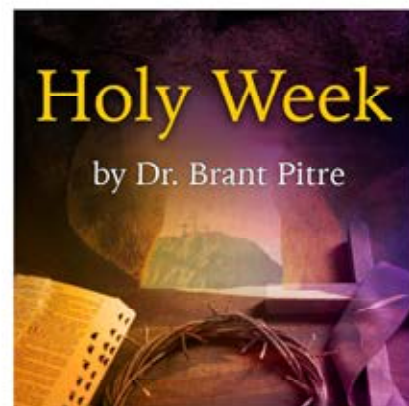
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HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre takes listeners on a Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why he cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

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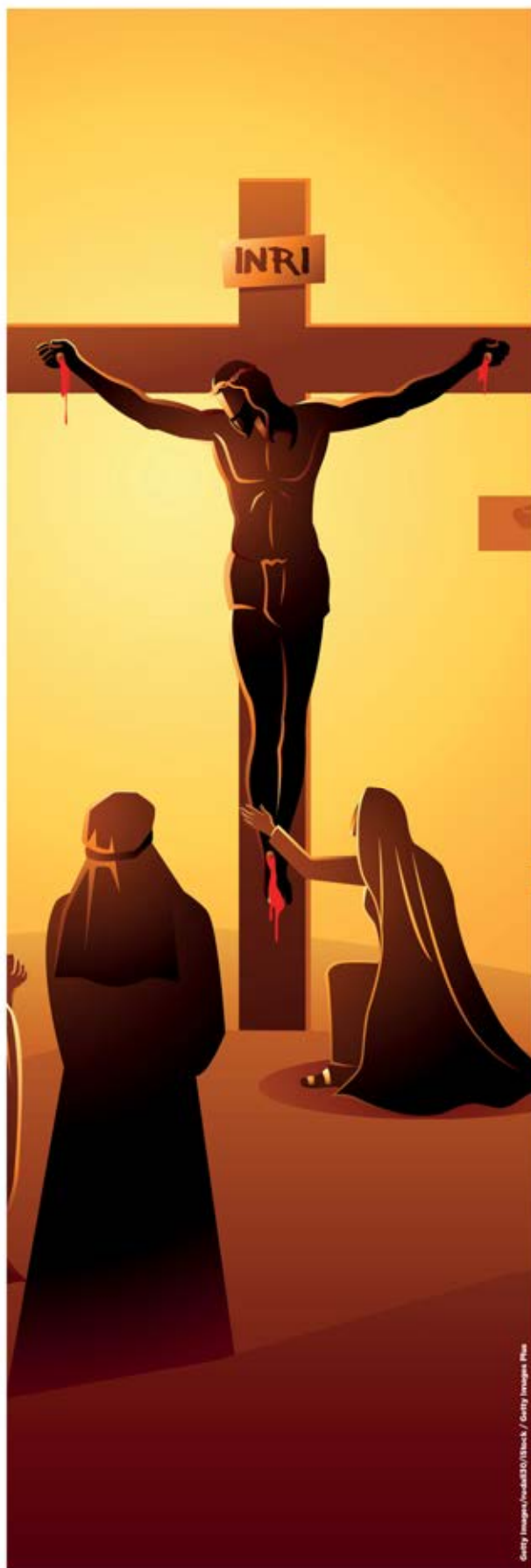
Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

PRAYER Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.



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The Gift of Redemption

By Fr. Mark Haydu

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to

have a commonality that betrays a will, or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force.

The same was true for Christ's crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the *non serviam*. The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Christ to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us make Jesus' prayer our own: let us ask the Father to remove the veil from our eyes, so that in looking at the crucifix over these days, we may understand that God is love. At Easter, God [reveals] himself in the humility of a love that seeks our love. Thus, we give him glory.

General Audience, April 17, 2019



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTION2 REFLECTION

- How do I react when others hurt and insult me?
- Do I stand idly by when I see others being mistreated?

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
...I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be
put to shame.

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, ...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Luke 19:28-40

They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

Becoming the Paschal Mystery

By Johan Van Parys

Have you ever wondered where Lent comes from? The word Lent comes from the Middle English word *lente*, meaning “spring.” Just as new life abounds in spring, during Lent we prepare to celebrate new life at Easter. The origin of Lent can be traced back to a period of intense fasting and praying in preparation for adult baptism. In some Christian communities this period lasted anywhere from a few days or a few weeks to the symbolic forty days. Our current forty-day Lenten fast refers back to the forty days of Jesus’ fast and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert.

It was determined that the Easter Vigil is the best time to celebrate baptism, and forty days of preparation before Easter became a custom. Currently the period of preparation for Easter known as Lent is recognized by the entire community; it used to be recognized only by catechumens planning to be baptized during the Easter Vigil.

Lent also became the time for great penance by those who belonged to the Order of Penitents as the precursor to the sacrament of reconciliation, which was created to allow people to repent for grave sins. The bishop admitted sinners to the Order of Penitents during a special rite that included the use of ashes. A remnant of this rite is found in our Ash Wednesday service.

Members of the Order of Penitents



were excluded from the sacraments and expected to dedicate their lives to prayer and penance. Once a year, on Holy Thursday, the bishop welcomed those who were ready to be readmitted to the Church and the sacraments. Penitents would intensify their prayer and penance during the days leading up to Easter.

Today, these two movements toward the sacraments of initiation and reconciliation characterize the season of Lent. Lent is indeed the time of final preparation for those who will join the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Those who are already members are called to reconcile with God and the Church so they can celebrate Easter in a worthy manner.

In addition, Lent offers three

disciplines as part of the preparation for initiation and reconciliation: fasting, praying, and giving of alms (charity or care for others). Prayer helps us reconnect with God. Without this relationship, our Church membership is an exercise in following rules and regulations. Penance helps us reconnect with ourselves as an exercise in removing everything that clouds our vision. Giving alms enables us to reconnect with others through sharing.

May the celebration of this great season of Lent be a time of sincere penance, prayer, and sharing so that, in a renewed spirit, we may become the paschal mystery we celebrate. +

Penance helps us reconnect with ourselves as an exercise in removing everything that clouds our vision.



Lord, you are the model of nonviolence and unconditional love.

May your example inspire me to be a more loving and forgiving person in life

—Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 11–16

Monday, Holy Week:
Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday, Holy Week:
Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday, Holy Week:
Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Thursday, Holy Week (Chrism Mass):
Is 61:1–3a, 6a 8b–9 / Lk 4:16–21

Friday, Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday): Is 52:13–53:12 / Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday, Holy Saturday:
Gn 1:1–2:2; Gn 1:1, 26–31 / Lk 24:1–12

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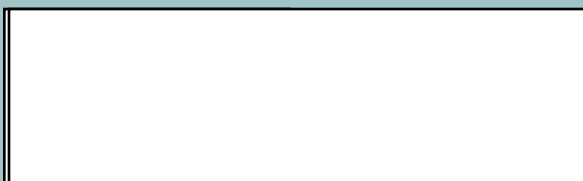
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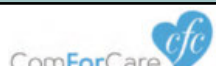
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