

**April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



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SUNDAY MASS:

Holy Rosary & St. Stephen: Livestream 8:00 a.m.
(can be viewed anytime)

WEEKLY MASSES:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Sign up online at

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or call Holy Rosary office
573-735-4718

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | April 4 |
| morning | Judson Stewart |
| Sunday | April 5 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Joseph & Rachel Leake |
| Livestream | |
| shorturl.at/zNQ57 | |
| Monday | April 6 |
| | No Scripture Service |
| Tuesday | April 7 |
| | Don Sohl |
| Wednesday | April 8 |
| | Daughters of Isabella |
| Thursday | April 9 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Nancy Yates |
| Friday | April 10 – NO MASS |
| 7:00 p.m. | The Solemn Intercession |
| Saturday | April 11 |
| 8:00 p.m. | Cathy Bichsel |
| Sunday | April 12 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Dwayne & Madeline Williams |
| Livestream | John Kramer |
| shorturl.at/zNQ57 | |

Your Gifts to God and Parish

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| March 1 | \$ 8,656.06 |
| March 8 | \$ 5,430.78 |
| March 15 | \$ 5,934.00 |
| March 22 | \$ 5,976.00 |
| March 29 | \$10,194.64 |



Dear Parishioners,

"My God, Why have you forsaken me?" These are the last seven words of Christ in today's Passion reading from Matthew. As we Celebrate Palm / Passion Sunday this weekend, you may be wondering why these were the last words Jesus spoke. These words are the beginning of Psalm 22, which is titled "The Prayer of an Innocent Person." It was a prayer thought to be written by King David. It is a lament - a psalm with an intensity of feeling - a "venting" to God about unjust treatment from the world; but it is not a prayer of despair. Those last words Jesus spoke might have even crossed our minds this last month with all the pandemic and the extreme changes to our jobs and our routine. There is hope in God's mercy and comfort and faith in God's will and design.

Even in death Jesus remains the righteous sufferer of Psalm 22. And the Jews would have known the parallelism of the reference to the Psalm and His own situation. Not unlike our current situation when someone might feel lost or wondering where God is in this world mess and turns to the comforting words of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd..." This verse is so well known that anyone who heard this cry to the Lord would know that the person was putting their trust in the Lord and was seeking peace. Jesus last words here, express Jesus' feeling of abandonment but not despair. Faith in God's will and protection conquers the human feeling and allows Him to "give up His spirit" and conquer evil by conquering death.

The Seven Last Words of Christ traditionally has led one to a reflection on the seven last statements of Jesus from the cross in all the Gospels combined. For centuries, scholars, saints and disciples have studied and meditated over these words and their meaning. The seven statements are listed below. Henrik Schultz and Franz Joseph Hayden wrote a requiem and a symphony with these seven statements as the inspiration and meditation. For Holy Week I invite you to add the Seven Last Words (Statements) to your prayer. Take a look at Psalm 22 and see how much of the Crucifixion of Jesus is prefigured in this scripture passage. Take time to pray and you will truly have a Holy Week. May God Bless you and lead you to experience Easter Joy!

- * "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46)
- * "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- * "Amen I say to you, this day you shall be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- * "Woman, behold my son...Behold my mother." (John 19:26-27)
- * "I thirst." (John 19:28)
- * "It is finished." (John 19:30)
- * "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

Prayers and blessings,

F. Greg Oligschlaeger

Readings for April 12, 2020

1st Reading – Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Moses urges the Israelites to holiness. They must bear no hatred in their hearts. Rather, they must follow this law: love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 We are all temples of the Holy Spirit, and as such belong to God. We must never think that we are self-sufficient, or that we alone rule our lives. We must beware the wisdom of the world, which is not of God. We belong to Christ, and therefore must live in Christ and depend on Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus tells us that we must return good for evil and love for hate. We must go the extra mile and love our enemies. We must strive to be perfect, just as God is perfect. This will prove that we belong to the Father.

On the Calendar...

April 12–Holy Rosary Mass 8 a.m. via Livestream
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March 18- May 1 - No public Masses and no school

Please pray for.....

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| Jim Schnitzler | Deacon Mike Long | Trent Zeiger |
| Hazel Smith | Sue Gilbert | Natalee Amos |
| Rosemary Evans | Deanna Buckman | Nick Hays |
| Jackie Ryan | Logan Maher | Daniel Patrick Mudd |
| Troy Ritter | Kenneth Ryan | Bonnie Ess |
| Barbara Kendrick | Connie Kendrick | William P. Smith |
| Teresa Ritter Toland | Mark Leake | Nick Mudd |

Father, God we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL – Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice. You are welcome to take your Holy Hour in either church in front of the Tabernacle.

Sunday: 1-2 pm, 3-4 pm

Monday: 11 am - noon

Tuesday: midnight – 1am, 1-2 am

Wednesday 6-7pm

Friday: 2-3am & 3-4am

Saturday 2-3pm

Please contact Phyllis Campbell, 573-795-2290 or Howard & Linda Willard, 573-735-4552.

Prayer Intentions for the month of April

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For a stronger sense of the mission of the Church, especially among our youth and young adults, in this time of pandemic and in our discernment of a new pastoral plan.

Cemetery news – Please remove all flowers and decorations from gravesites until after Memorial Day. We will be mowing and anything left on the ground after April 10th will be disposed of. Thank you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation - All confessions will be heard anonymously through the confessional with the screen. I am hearing confessions at the following times -**Tuesday 9:-10:30 a.m., Wednesday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Friday 9:00-10:30 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Please sign up for an appointment by calling the Holy Rosary parish office (573-735-4718) or using Sign Up Genius:

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. You may also call for an appointment for other times during the day.

----- School News-----

Home Learning - we hope that your children are able to spend some time each day to continue developing their academic skills. Informational work sheets and activities are being provided through various means of communication. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or your teacher.

Remember - Daily Prayer - a short amount of time to read from the bible and have a time for family prayer will bring many blessings to you and to our world.

From Deacon Mike's Desk

Formed/Books/Being Catholic

Know Your Story by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

People love stories. But when we lose sight of where the story of our life is going, the "narrative" and meaning of our lives becomes confusing to us, and we can lose hope. In this dynamic talk, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, renews our sense of hope and wonder (and humor), revealing that the reason we love stories is that we are part of a good story; one that answers the deepest desires and longings of our hearts. Whatever chapter our lives are in, God can transform our story, so that we can know and experience the beauty, adventure, and love for which we were created.

Rice Bowls may be turned in to the parish office. Please feel free to convert your coin to currency and/or your coin and currency to a check made payable to Holy Rosary Church and marked "Rice Bowl" on the memo line.



Holy Week schedule via Livestream

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Palm Sunday Mass will be at 8 a.m. Palms will be blessed but no one will be able to take palms back to their home until after public Masses resume. Palms **will not** be left in either Church for pick up.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7 p.m. There **will not** be washing of feet, a Eucharistic Procession at the end of Mass, nor Adoration in Church after the Mass.

Good Friday Commemoration Service will be at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass will be at 8 p.m. RCIA Catechumens and Candidates will **not** receive initiation sacraments this night. We will bring them into the Church when public Masses resume later, probably at Pentecost.

Easter Sunday Mass will be at 8 a.m.

The Palm

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!