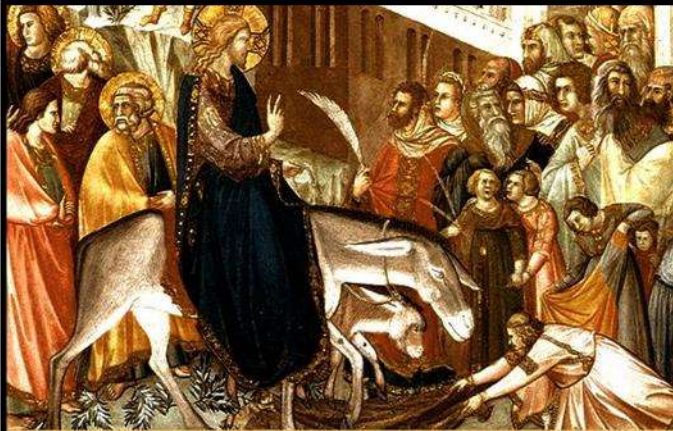


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## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The day recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of our salvation that takes place about a week before his Resurrection (Easter).

### Why do we wave palms?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, crowds greeted him by waving palms and covering his path with small branches. We wave palms today to hail Christ in his triumph for our salvation in the light of his Paschal Mystery - his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

*Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments are stretched out before him, there is talk of the miracles he has accomplished, and loud praises are heard:*

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*  
(Luke 19:38)

POPE FRANCIS

On Palm Sunday, priests will wear **red vestments** in keeping with the Church's focus on the Lord's glorious Passion



Read the story of Palm Sunday:  
**Mark 11:1-10**

Read the story of the Lord's Passion  
**Mark 14:1-15:47**

Traditionally, before the beginning of Lent the following year, the palms are collected and burned to a fine ash. The ashes are blessed and used for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.



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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Ryder Jackson

### Sunday, March 28

#### - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, March 29

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, March 30

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Family of Marj & Larry Sanders  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, March 31

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Living/Deceased Priest of our Diocese

### Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family  
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

### Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
1:00 p.m. Service  
6-7:00 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

### Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:35 p.m. Dan Runyon +

### Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday of the

#### Resurrection of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Tom & Ann Reifsteck Family

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon., Mar. 29 - Monday of Holy Week - Is

42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

### Tues., Mar. 30 - Tuesday of Holy Week - Is

49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33,36-38

### Wed., Mar. 31 - Wednesday of Holy Week - Is

50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

### Thurs., Apr. 1 - Holy Thursday - Ex 12:1-8,11-

14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

### Fri., Apr. 2 - Good Friday - Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb

4:14-16,5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42

### Sat., Apr. 3 - Holy Saturday - Gn 1:1-2:2/ Ex

14:15/ Is 55:1-11/ Rom 6:3-11

### Sun., Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrec-

tion of the Lord - Acts 10:24a,37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - MARCH 28, 2021

The joy of **Palm Sunday** (March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>) leads us into **Holy Week** and the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. The crowd's cries of "*Hosanna!*" are quickly replaced with their calls to "*Crucify Him!*" These coming days will bring us into the most intense moments of **Lent**. On **Passion Sunday** (*last weekend*), the image of Christ crucified and the images of the saints were veiled and hidden from our sight. The violet veiling, marked by the color of penance, reminds us of the sufferings of Christ, together with our own need for penance, in reparation for our sins.

These coming days truly enter us, as a visual people, into the mysteries of salvation. On **Holy Thursday**, after the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, the tabernacle shall be emptied, the sanctuary lamp extinguished, and the altar stripped bare. We strip the altar in preparation for the Crucifixion. On **Good Friday**, the Crucifix, which was veiled on **Passion Sunday**, will be unveiled. The true price of salvation is dramatically laid bare before our eyes as the chant cries out: ***Behold, the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the world! Come, let us adore!***

All of this makes the **Easter Vigil** that much more spectacular: the Easter fire, lit in darkness, leads to our Paschal candle guiding us into a church that, throughout the Vigil liturgy, will become full of candlelight. When the *Gloria* (*which will be the first hymn to pass our lips together as a parish family in over a year*) is sung, the lights of the church are lit. Now seeing clearly, we welcome the reappearance of the image of the saints, beautiful flowers, and iconography of the Resurrection.

Within these many liturgies (*all of which are listed on our Holy Week Schedule*), we also look forward to welcoming out of town guests to our parish. Please be mindful of the hospitality we should have for our guests. (*Many who have been away during the pandemic are also likely to come to Mass for the first time in quite a while.*) Let us make sure that we are ready to welcome all and make all feel at home at St. Joseph.

## INDIANA MASK MANDATE

Gov. Holcomb announced that, on April 6th, the state "*mask mandate*" will become a "*mask advisory*." How this will affect our parish policies? Our diocesan directives are **independent** of any state directive. Per our diocesan directives, Bishop Rhoades continues to request that all parishes in our diocese adhere to our social distancing and masking policies. As always, thank you for continuing to respect Bishop Rhoades' directives on these practices.

## FR. DAVID'S SUMMER UPDATE

The Canon Law School of the Catholic University of America will offer the entire Summer 2021 Semester online. Instead of having to travel to Washington, D.C., I will be able to remain at our parish throughout the summer. This does mean, however, that I will have a full course load for June and July, including several hours of online instructions, readings, and written assignments each day. As with last year, we will be making some changes to our weekday schedule in the summer to accommodate my class schedule. As always, thank you for your flexibility in these matters.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

**Note:** *Our Holy Week Schedule is included as an insert in this bulletin. Throughout our Holy Week liturgies, overflow seating will be available in the Social Hall if needed. These same liturgies will also be live-streamed.*



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.

**Lenten Parish Mission**  
**March 29, 30 & 31 - 7-8:00 p.m.**

# FORGIVEN

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 13 with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Watch for an email from Jeff Miller, Grand Knight regarding details of the meeting.

## PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Mar. 28 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Mon., Mar. 29 - Parish Lenten Mission— Formed- Forgiven Series- The Transforming Power of Confession - 7-8:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Tues., Mar. 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m. / Parish Lenten Mission - Formed Forgiven Series 7-7:30 p.m. / Live Stream Chrism Mass from the Cathedral - 7:30 p.m. shown in Church.
- Wed., Mar. 31 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Parish Lenten Mission/Mass 7:00p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 1 - Holy Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer / 7:00 p.m. Mass / Adoration following Mass until Midnight.
- Fri., Apr. 2 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer / 1:00 Service / 6-7:00 p.m. Confession / 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
- Fri., Apr. 2 - Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
- Sat., Apr. 3 - Holy Saturday - 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer / Easter Vigil Mass 8:35 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mass.
- Sun., Apr. 4 - No Religious Education Class— Easter Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 5 - Easter Monday - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., Apr. 6 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., Apr. 6 - Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph's - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 7 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 10 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Apr. 10 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 11 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 11 - Religious Education Classes Resume— 8:30-9:45 a.m.

## A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org). The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

## St. Joseph Parish Finance Report March 20/21

Adult Envelopes- \$1,633.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
 Loose- \$180.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$254.67  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$127.00

**Total- \$2,197.67**

## Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We were \$271.72 *behind* our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$497.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
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## MIXES IN A JAR



This year, due to COVID restrictions, the 7th & 8th Grade Students in Confirmation Preparation classes will have a fundraiser, "MIXES IN A JAR" instead of the traditional bake sale. This fundraiser is to help support students through our Bolivian Mission Program, (last year, with the help of those who took home our delicious baked goods, we were able to help parents of 4 children send them to school)! There will be an insert Order Form in next weekend's bulletin. Orders with payments will be accept through April 25, 2021. The filled jars will be available for pick up in the conference room the weekend of May 8/9. Watch the bulletin for more details to come!

## From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Wilma Jean Steele, mother of Scott (Monica) Harris and grandmother of Erica Harris, Emily (Andy) Helms and Matthew Harris) and great-grandmother to Olivia and Nora Helms who passed away Thursday, March 8, 2021

May God welcome Jean home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

**God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. John 3:16**





at St. Joseph Catholic Church

HOLY MONDAY (MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>)

Confession - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
Lenten Parish Mission - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY (MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>)

Mass - 8:00 a.m.  
*Adoration - 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.*  
Lenten Parish Mission 7:00 p.m.  
Chrism Mass with Bp. Rhoades - 7:30 p.m.  
*Live-streamed from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

SPY WEDNESDAY (MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>)

Adoration / Confession - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
Lenten Parish Mission Mass - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>)

Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) - 8:00 a.m.  
Confession - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.  
*Prayer in Parish Conference Room after Mass until Midnight*  
Compline - 11:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>)  
*Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) - 8:30 a.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 p.m.  
Confession - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.  
Tenebrae Service - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>)

Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) - 8:00 a.m.  
Confessions - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 3<sup>TH</sup>)

Mass during the Day  
7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

***"Let us love the Cross and let us remember that  
we are not alone in carrying it. God is helping us."***

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

# a guide to HOLY WEEK

By Melinda McPherson

## Palm Sunday



People of Jerusalem welcome Jesus as king as he triumphantly enters the city



Crowd waves palms and lays cloaks on the ground before him



Jesus rides in on a donkey to fulfill Old Testament prophecies



The liturgy begins with blessing of palms, an extra reading about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and a procession while the congregation waves palms to play the part of the crowds



Take the palms and place them in your home or workplace as a witness to faith in Jesus' Paschal Victory

Put yourself in the shoes of the people who first welcomed Christ as king, but in a matter of days, called for his crucifixion

What  
Happened  
That Day



What You'll  
See at Church



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Out the Day

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Though chronologically three days, the **PASCHAL TRIDUUM** is one liturgical day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery

## Holy Thursday



Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his Apostles



Jesus institutes the Eucharist and constitutes the Apostles as priests



Displaying great humility, Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles



Gives *mandatum*, command to love one another as he has loved them



During the agony in the garden, he accepts God's will, then is arrested



At the end of Mass the altar is stripped and all decorations are covered or removed. Even the tabernacle is emptied and all consecrated hosts are moved to an Altar of Repose to mimic the absence and loss felt by the disciples during Jesus' agony and death.

No final blessing as the liturgical day continues



Maintain silence

Spend an hour in adoration

## Good Friday



While Jesus was being questioned, Peter denies him three times



Pilate has Jesus scourged and a crown of thorns put on his head



Jesus carries his own cross to Calvary, where he is crucified



With the words, "It is finished," Jesus dies and darkness descends



Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb



This is the only day of the year where no Masses are celebrated, and no sacraments are performed, unless it's an emergency

Candles are only lit during the liturgy when the Eucharist is present and during the Veneration of the Cross



Fasting and abstinence from meat

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Maintain silence during the hours Jesus was on the cross

## Easter Sunday



Jesus rises, conquering death, and opening the path to new life!



Empty tomb is found first by the holy women, then by Peter and John



Jesus appears to multiple groups of disciples, they see and believe



Take part in a festive gathering with family and friends to honor this day as the highest of feasts

Start by blessing the table and home with holy water from the Easter Mass

Keep the celebration going during the Octave of Easter for eight days, and the Easter season for 50 days until Pentecost



Catechumens receive sacraments of initiation, and the whole congregation renews baptismal vows

We sing Alleluia again for the first time since the beginning of Lent

The new Paschal candle is carried into the church and the congregations' candles are lit from it



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