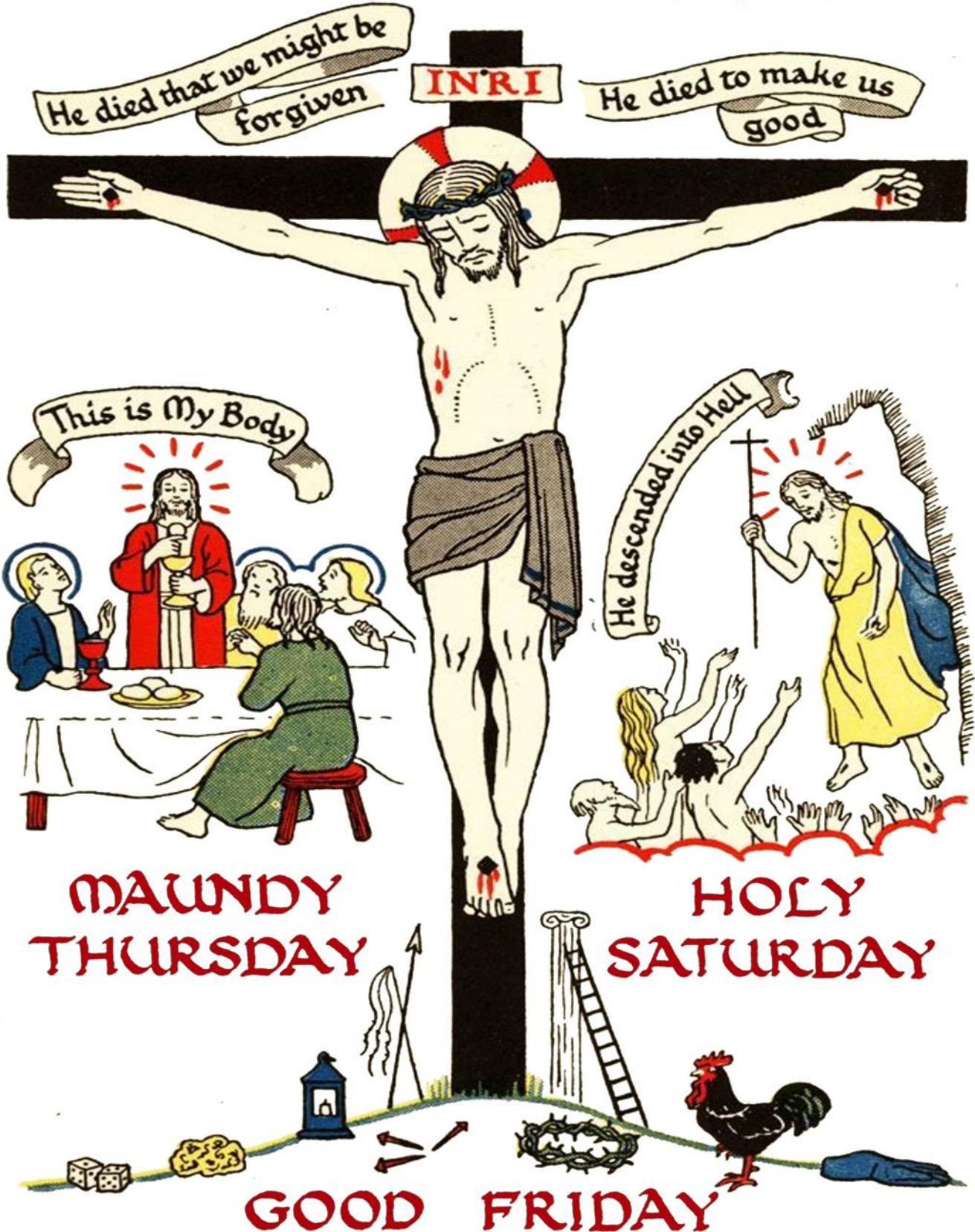


## HOLY WEEK



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## Saturday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

## Sunday, March 24

### 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. Oscar Heyne +

## Holy Monday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

## Holy Tuesday, March 26

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

## Spy Wednesday, March 27

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Adoration / Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

## Holy Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. *Lauds* (Morning Prayer)  
4:30-6:30 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper -  
Phyllis Makowski +

## Good Friday, March 29

8:30 a.m. *Lauds* (Morning Prayer)  
1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion

5:00-6:30 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

## Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. *Lauds* (Morning Prayer)  
8:30-10:00 a.m. *Confession*  
9:00 p.m. *Easter Vigil In the Holy Night*  
Darlene Coulardot +

## Easter Sunday, March 31

### Mass during the Day

7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the  
Tom and Ann Reifsteck Family

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - MARCH 24, 2024

This weekend (March 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. On this rare occasion, we hear two gospel readings today: That of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and of His Passion. Having these two Gospels proclaimed in one liturgy reminds us of the great drama that is unfolding during Holy Week: Welcomed by great crowds into Jerusalem, within five days, those same crowds cry out "*Crucify Him!*"

I cannot encourage you enough to take part in the liturgies of the **Paschal Triduum**. These three days begin *Holy Thursday* evening with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM**, continues *Good Friday* with the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM** (a truly unique celebration in our liturgical year), and culminates with the magnificent **Easter Vigil at 9 PM** on *Holy Saturday*. In these three days, we are taken on a tour of the entirety of salvation history.

These three main liturgies (which are, truly, one continuous liturgy) are accented by a number of other celebrations, including watching the *Passion movie* on Monday at 7 PM, various times of *confession* throughout the week, chances to join in the *Liturgy of the Hours* during the **Paschal Triduum**, and the chance to walk the *Stations of the Cross* at 7 PM and join in our *Tenebrae service* at 8 PM on Good Friday evening.

All of these offerings are meant for one purpose: *To aid us in being led to a far deeper appreciation of the depths of everything that God has done for us.* Do not be afraid to think of **Holy Week** as a week of "retreat." In this week, we have the opportunity to bring our Lenten journey to fulfillment and embrace the many graces that God has gifted to us in these forty days as we near the empty tomb. We will have the full **Easter season** to truly *unpack* these graces.

## THE CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Have you ever attended the **Chrism Mass**? It is the annual celebration of the institution of the priesthood, one of the two principal mysteries of *Holy Thursday* (along, of course, with the institution of the Eucharist). At the **Chrism Mass**, the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism: the oil used for the ordination of priests, anointing after Baptism, and for Confirmation. He also blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens.

These oils will be sent out to the parishes of the diocese and presented to each parish at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on *Holy Thursday* for use throughout the year. In addition to the blessing of oils, it is also the evening on which the priests of the diocese renew our priestly promises. It is truly a unique and beautiful Mass. If you have never attended before, I encourage you to do so: **Tuesday, March 26th, at 7 PM at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne.**

## HOLY WEEK—NEAR AND FAR

As a part of our outreach to our local community, we sent out a county-wide mailer this week with an invitation for all to join us for our celebration of the **Paschal Triduum**. On the mailer, we listed our primary Mass times for the **Triduum**. Our full **Holy Week** schedule, including additional confession times, can be found in today's insert. As we prepare for **Holy Week**, may we also be prepared to welcome new guests into the life of our parish family.

For those who may be traveling this coming week due to Spring Break, do not be afraid to enter the life of the parishes where you are visiting. Part of the beauty of our Catholic Faith is seeing that the Church is truly *catholic*, which means universal. Though separated by distance, we remain united as one in prayer. You can find local Mass times wherever you may be traveling by using *MassTimes.org* or by calling the local parish.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—EASTER EGG HUNT

On the Octave Day of the Easter Season (**April 7<sup>th</sup>**), we will host our annual **Easter Egg Hunt after our 10 AM morning Mass**. Mark your calendars to join us for this parish potluck (*the parish will provide the main entrée and drinks*) and an afternoon of fun.

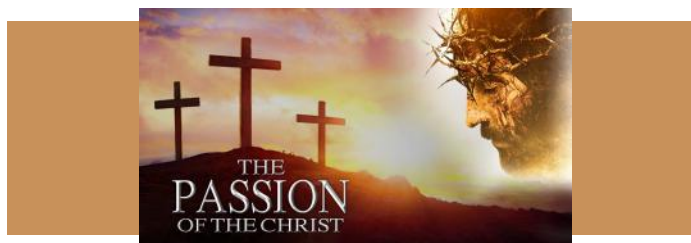
~Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. David

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.







Join us Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the Parish gym for a free viewing of *The Passion of the Christ*.



**St. Joseph's Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck**  
**Following 10:00 Mass (approximately 11:30)**  
**Pizza & Drinks will be provided;**  
**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**  
**Sign up sheet in the narthex**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 23** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 24** - No Religious Education Classes  
**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**
- **Holy Mon., Mar. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Holy Mon., Mar. 25** - *The Passion of the Christ* Movie - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Gym.
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 26** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 26** - *Chrism Mass* with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.
- **Spy Wed., Mar. 27** - Adoration / Confession - 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Holy Thurs., Mar. 28** - *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 the Parish Conference Room after Mass until Midnight / *Compline* (Night Prayer) - 11:45 p.m.
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- **Holy Saturday, Mar. 30** - *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) - 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-10:00 a.m. / **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.**
- **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31** - Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31** - No Religious Education Classes
- **Easter Mon., April 1 - Fri., April 5** - **The Parish Office will be closed. The Parish Office will re-open on Mon., April 8.**
- **Easter Tues., April 2** - Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Wed., April 3** - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Thurs., April 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Easter Fri., April 5** - First Friday Adoration - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Easter Fri., April 5** - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's Church, Decatur - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., April 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., April 6** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.

### **Holy Week and Easter Schedule** **Holy Thursday and Good Friday as per sign up sheet**



**9:00 Easter Vigil** - Teresa Smith, Jay Crisp/Adult Choir  
**7:30 Easter Sunday** - Mike Morrissey  
**10:00 Easter Sunday** - Children's Choir & Youth Schola



**9:00 Easter Vigil** - George Witwer,  
**7:30 Easter Sunday** - Bruce Holland  
**10:00 Easter Sunday** - Volunteer



**9:00 Easter Vigil** - Monica Harris  
**7:30 Easter Sunday** - Jill Morrissey  
**10:00 Easter Sunday** - Kevin Seago, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer



**9:00 Easter Vigil** - Alex/Audrey Mechling, Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlie Andrews, Thurifer  
**7:30 Easter Sunday** - Charlene/AnnaLynn Felger, **Need 1 more Server**  
**10:00 Easter Sunday** - **Need 4 Servers**

### **St. Joseph Parish Finance Report** **for the Weekend of Mar. 16/17**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,061.73  
 Loose- \$208.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$25.00  
 Easter Flowers- \$46.00

Funeral Donation- \$200.00  
**Total- \$3,540.73**

### **Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$246.48 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$561.00

**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.**

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

### **WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD**



Through water and the word, Alice Mayer, daughter of Jeremy and Vanessa Mayer, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Saturday, March 16, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.

**REMINDER:** Religious Education classes will not meet on Sunday March 24th & 31st for Spring Break/Easter.

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

The Parish Office will be close, Easter Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 5th. In case of a Sacramental Emergency, please call Fr. David at 260-296-0511. The Parish Office will re-open on Monday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Have a Blessed Easter Season!



at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton

HOLY MONDAY (March 25<sup>th</sup>)

Mass - 8:00 a.m.

*The Passion of the Christ* - 7:00 p.m.

*Hosted in the Parish Gym*

HOLY TUESDAY (March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.

**Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades** - 7:00 p.m.

*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne*

SPY WEDNESDAY (March 27<sup>th</sup>)

Adoration / Confession - 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Mass - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (March 28<sup>th</sup>)

*Lauds (Morning Prayer)* - 8:00 a.m.

Confession - 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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*Prayer in the Parish Conference Room after Mass until Midnight*

*Compline (Night Prayer)* - 11:45 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 29<sup>th</sup>)

*Lauds (Morning Prayer)* - 8:30 a.m.

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion** - 1:00 p.m.

Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross** - 7:00 p.m.

*Tenebrae Service* - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (March 30<sup>th</sup>)

*Lauds (Morning Prayer)* - 8:00 a.m.

Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m.

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

Mass during the Day - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR.**

**WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG!**

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II



# 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

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Happened  
That 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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h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?



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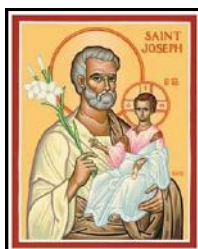


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