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Palm Sunday

The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 p.m.
..... 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sundays ..... 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday .....6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday ..... 5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday .....8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry) Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:
To sign-up, please contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

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Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.

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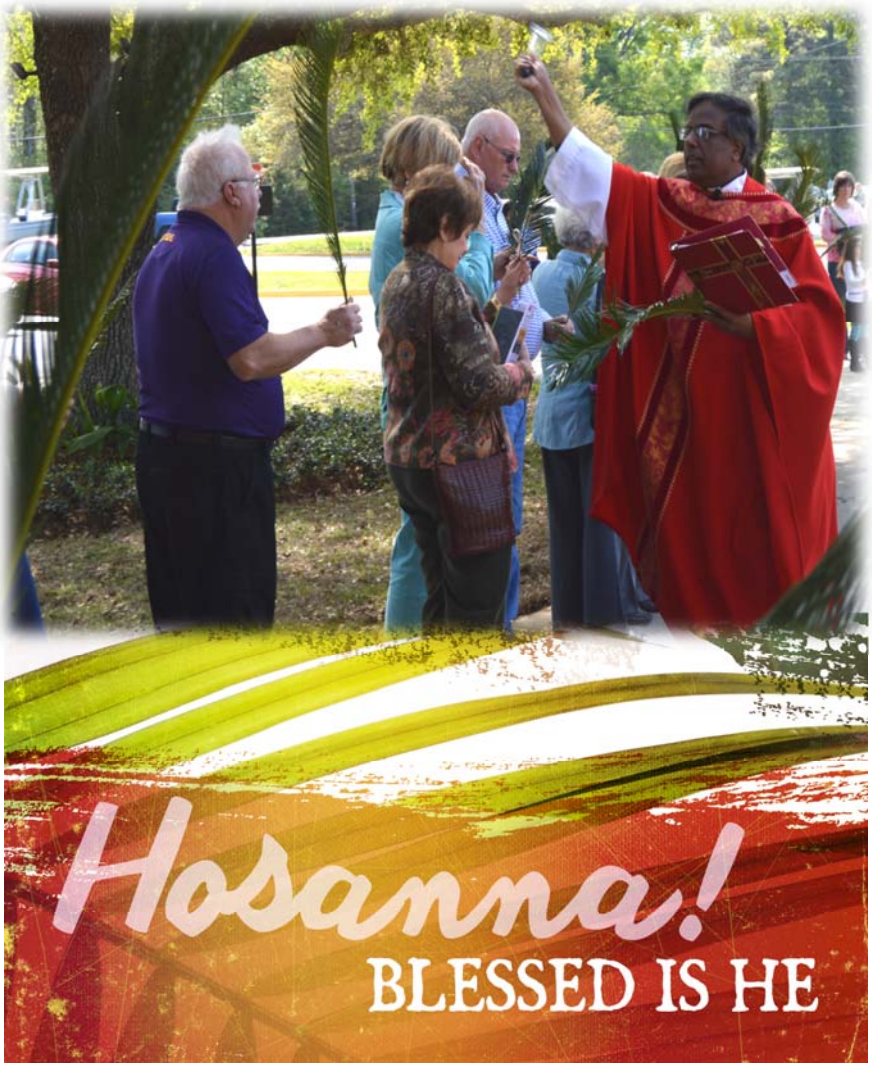
PALM SUNDAY



MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and
the Mission of the Sacred Heart
is a welcoming community,
centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith,
growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity
the mission Christ entrusted to us.

Holy Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 AM - 8:30 PM	That Man is You/Small Hall
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	RCIA Retreat/Main Hall/Small Hall/ Church/Room 2
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA/Small Hall
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Reconciliation/Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Mass/Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Hispanic Mass/Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mass/Church
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RCIA-RCIC/Main Hall/Pavilion/FFC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mass/Church
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Retrouvaille Follow-up/Main Hall
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Scouts Emblems Meeting/T 16/Pavilion
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mass/Church

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Mass/Church**
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA/Small Hall
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**Lenten Mass/Church**
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Girl Scout #10394/T 16
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Boy Scouts/Pavilion

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA/Small Hall
5:30 PM - 5:50 PM	Reconciliation/Church
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts/T 16
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	**Mass-Novena-Benediction/Church**
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Men's Club/Small Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Mass/Church**
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA/Small Hall
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM	Women's Cursillo Sp. Gp./Room 2
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	**Reconciliation/Church**
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study: No Greater Love/Main Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/ELC Rms
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Mass of the Lord's Supper/Church**

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	**Stations of the Cross/Prayer Garden**
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**Good Friday Service/Church**
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	**Divine Mercy Novena/Church**
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	**Stations of the Cross/Church**

***NO NOON MASS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Francis Peffley to discuss the Holy Shroud of Turin. This miraculous shroud is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. Throughout this conversation they talk about the scientific evidence for the authenticity of the shroud, its history, and how the shroud can help us meditate on the person of Christ and His Passion.

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Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

PALM SUNDAY, March 28
marks the beginning of Holy Week
regular weekend Mass schedule

MONDAY, March 29
Mass at 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 30
6:00 p.m. Mass with Novena & Benediction
Reconciliation: 5:30 p.m.-5:50 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 31
8:30 a.m. Mass
Reconciliation: 6-7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1
(No 8:30 a.m. Mass)
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration with reconciliation until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2
9:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
(outdoors weather permitting)
3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service
5:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Novena
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass (live stream)
(reserved for RCIA only)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (live stream), 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

- ***flocknote.com/iccds*** Important on the spot text messaging to all parishioners. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so by using the link above.
- Immaculate Conception YouTube channel: **ICC Denham Springs**. Go to: ***https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCphQiz8K823ADdVIR872xcg?pbjreload=10***. *subscribe.*
- **ICC website**: ***icc-msh.org***.
- **Sunday Eucharist** is live streamed at 4pm every Saturday on Facebook and our YouTube channel.
- **Facebook**: Immaculate Conception/Mission of the Sacred Heart. Like us, and you will start seeing us in your newsfeed.

Our Christian Commitment

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we enter into the holiest week of the year. The readings and prayers are specific on preparing our heart and mind for the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. As we have experienced during our Lenten journey, there are so many distractions that can come up. So, I am inviting you to join me in doubling down on your Lenten practices and maybe even become stricter on how you approach this week. I know I need to do the same because so much comes up this week: Chrism Mass, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, planning the Triduum (my favorite liturgical season), working on homilies, etc… While these are all good in themselves, I know I need to remain focused on what the Lord has called me to do and what He wants to reveal to me. Therefore, I wanted to provide you with some suggestions that have helped me in the past and I plan to do this coming week.

First, disconnect from whatever normal media you consume (TV, secular music, internet, social media) so that you can remove the "noise" that usually fills our time. Maybe this has been a focus for you already during Lent. If so, go just a little further this week. If this was not a focus, then really consider missing a week of TV shows, social media, or secular music so that you can free up more time!

Second, with this additional free time, please read some scripture. Here are recommendations on what to read that have been given to me along with practices I have incorporated:

- Daily Mass Readings
- The Book of Lamentations
- The Book of Psalms (maybe 30/day)
- The Letter to the Hebrews
- Passion accounts in each of the Gospels
- Gospel of John 13-17 (ties in with Holy Thursday and the Last Supper Discourse)

Third, save any major celebrations to Easter Sunday. I know people like to celebrate crawfish boils on Good Friday, but we have to be honest, is this really fasting? You might say this is a family tradition. Well, all traditions have a beginning and an end. Maybe this is the year to start something new and can truly make Easter Sunday a grand celebration!

Finally, pray for those coming into the Church. We currently have 54 people coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Some are being baptized while many others are coming Full Communion. Please offer prayers for them throughout the week to be open to God's grace and mercy!

I hope this has been helpful, and I pray that you have a grace-filled Holy Week!

Through the Alliance of the Two Hearts,

Fr. Matthew

Parish Life ♦ Stump the Deacon

STUMP THE DEACON!

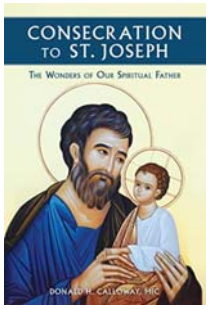
Did Jesus have to die on the cross?
Couldn't He have saved us another way?

I believe that God could have saved us a different way. He could have simply forgiven our sins without sending His Son to suffer and die for us. He could have snapped His fingers to save us. But, I believe Jesus accepted the cross for several reasons:

- The Jews believed in sacrifice; they embraced sacrifice. It was an important part of their religion. So, Jesus offered His life for us as the ultimate sacrifice.
- The terrible way that He died shows us how much He loves us despite our sins. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (CCC 604; Rom. 5:8).
- Jesus's death on the cross fulfilled the Old Testament prophesies.
- His death drew on the theme of the Jewish feast of the Passover. The Passover recalls when God led the Jewish nation out of slavery of Egypt. Jesus's death on the cross leads us out of the slavery of sin.

God could have saved us any way that He wanted, but this was the best way.

—Deacon George Hooper*; ghooper@icc-msh.org*



Consecration to St. Joseph

In honor of St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception and Mission of the Sacred Heart will begin a 33-day consecration retreat to St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 30. The consecration will conclude on the feast of St. Joseph, the Worker on Saturday, May 1 with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception.

Small Group Meetings - beginning March 30
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception (FFC-112)
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception (main hall)

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Mission of the Sacred Heart in Livingston (beginning March 31)

To register or for more information, contact Amanda Milton at 225.938.5236 or *amilton@icc-msh.org*; Gwen Richard at *gcrichard@icc-msh.org* or 225.665.5926; or call the church office at 225.665.5359.

*If you order your book through the church office, the cost is $17. If you choose to purchase your book individually, here are some suggestions: audiobook - $20, Kindle eBook - $10, or Amazon - $13.46.

Narrator: The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Narrator: The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest Him by treachery and put Him to death. They said,

Crowd: "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

Narrator: When He was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on His head. There were some who were indignant.

Crowd: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

Narrator: They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

Jesus: "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing My body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand Him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to Him,

Voice: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator: He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

Jesus: "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

Narrator: The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, He came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to Him, one by one,

Voice: "Surely, it is not I?"

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with Me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

Narrator: While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: "Take it; this is My body."

Narrator: Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: "This is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.* But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Voice: "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

Narrator: Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny Me three times."

Narrator: But he vehemently replied,

Voice: "Even though I should have to die with You, I will not deny You."

Narrator: And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples,

Jesus: "Sit here while I pray."

Narrator: He took with Him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then He said to them,

Jesus: "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

Narrator: He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by Him; He said,

Jesus: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from Me, but not what I will but what You will."

Narrator: When He returned He found them asleep. He said to Peter,

Jesus: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator: Withdrawing again, He prayed, saying the same thing. Then He returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer Him. He returned a third time and said to them,

Jesus: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator: Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

Voice: "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest Him and lead Him away securely."

Narrator: He came and immediately went over to him and said,

Voice: "Rabbi!"

Narrator: And he kissed Him. At this they laid hands on Him and arrested Him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

Jesus: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize Me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest Me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."

Narrator: And they all left Him and fled. Now a young man followed Him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed Him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against Him, alleging,

Crowd: "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

Narrator: Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

Voice: "Have You no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"

Narrator: But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said to Him,

Voice: "Are You the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"

Narrator: Then Jesus answered,

Jesus: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Narrator: At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

Voice: "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

Narrator: They all condemned Him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him and said to Him,

Crowd: "Prophesy!"

Narrator: And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

Crowd: "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

Narrator: But he denied it saying,

Voice: "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

Narrator: So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

Crowd: "This man is one of them."

Narrator: Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

Crowd: "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

Narrator: He began to curse and to swear,

Voice: "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."

Narrator: And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny Me three times." He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned Him,

Voice: "Are You the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He said to Him in reply,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,

Voice: "Have You no answer? See how many things they accuse You of."

Narrator: Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,

Voice: "Do you want me to release to You the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: For He knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

Voice: "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted again,

Crowd: "Crucify him."

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Voice: "Why? What evil has He done?"

Narrator: They only shouted the louder,

Crowd: "Crucify him."

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed Him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed Him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on Him. They began to salute Him with,

Crowd: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: and kept striking His head with a reed and spitting upon Him. They knelt before Him in homage. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak, dressed Him in His own clothes, and led Him out to crucify Him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. They brought Him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull —.They gave Him wine drugged with myrrh, but He did not take it. Then they crucified Him and divided His garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." With Him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on His right and one on His left. Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself by coming down from the cross."

Narrator: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked Him among themselves and said,

Crowd: "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

Narrator: Those who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus: "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*"

Narrator: which is translated,

Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
Crowd: "Look, He is calling Elijah."

Narrator: One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink saying,

Voice: "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take Him down."

Narrator: Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing Him saw how He breathed His last he said,

Voice: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Him when he was in Galilee and ministered to Him. There were also many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that He was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where He was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R) Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Life ♦ Formation

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children

The RCIA team and catechists offer thanks to the parish community who prayed for and with our elect and candidates during the RICA Penitential Rite and the RCIA Scrutinies. Please continue to pray for them as they enter their final week of preparation for the sacraments.

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 225.665.9631 or *tjackson@icc-msh.org.*

Who is RCIA for?

- Adults and school age children who have never been baptized
- Christians baptized in another faith
- Catholics (adults and children) who were baptized but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation

Watch our promotional video with this link:
https://stuartpoulton.com/rcia-program-for-the-catholic-church/

Parish School of Religion

Registration for 2021-2022 is now OPEN

Registration forms have been e-mailed to families of students enrolled this year. Please check your e-mail and spam folders. Parents of first graders please register your children. They must attend first grade to be able to make their First Communion in second grade.

For more information, please go to our website: *https://www.icc-msh.org/religious-education* or call 225.665.5926

Parish Life ♦ Formation

ICC'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION
Registration for the **2021-2022** is now OPEN.

REGISTRATION FEE $200.00

All classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds will be on a five (5) day program, Monday through Friday, 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To register, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at *elc@icc-msh.org*.

ICC'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP
Camp Dates: June 7 — July 30

Registration has begun!
Registration Fee: $150.00 | Tuition Fee: $600.00 for 8 weeks of Camp

Hours: 9:15 - carpool starts at 1:30 p.m.
5 days a week program only.

To register your child, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at *elc@icc-msh.org*.

Help Needed: If you are interested in working during the summer camp, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at *elc@icc-msh.org*.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins here at ICC on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We will continue the novena every evening leading up to the **Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 11.**

If you've been following Pope Francis, you no doubt are aware of his strong emphasis on mercy since becoming pope. During one of his homilies, Pope Francis said, "it is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must!" This reflects directly on the words of Christ regarding His abyss of mercy which He gave to Faustina saying, "**The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was wide opened by the lance for all souls – no one have I excluded!**" (Notebook III item 1182).

As Pope Francis says God's mercy is indeed an abyss beyond our understanding, and it is through God's unfathomable mercy that Pope Francis is trying to reach souls. Pope Francis said, "I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds, then we can talk about everything else." Mercy is, after all, about meeting a person where they are – wounds and all, just as Christ meets us where we are at. October 25, 2018-*Pope Francis and Divine Mercy* by Judy Keane

Parish Life ♦ Community

MASS INTENTIONS

March 27, 2021- April 4, 2021

SATURDAY: 3/27/21
4:00 p.m. Kathy Caruso; Jean Fermin†; Frank Genusa, Sr.†; Rose Jones†; Louis Rastanis†; Peggy Aucoin†; Irwin Steudlein, Sr.†; Henry Pulizzano†; Carolyn & Mike Barcelona†; Frank Genusa, Jr.†; Anna McMillon†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Kathy Alello†.

SUNDAY: 03/28/21
7:00 a.m. Neil Juneau†; Joyce LeJeune†; Mary Boyer†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Special Intention; Mike Cloyd†.
9:00 a.m Parishioners.
11:00 a.m. Vivian Bonano†; Donald Mansur†; Betty Pommier†; Elizabeth Fancher†; Sidney Scholl†; Special Intention; Jane Palmer†; Anthony Dentro, Jr.†.
6:00 p.m. Donald Dean†.

MONDAY: 03/29/21
8:30 a.m. Dr./Mrs. Ben Thompson†.
6:00 p.m. Evelyn Theriot†.

TUESDAY: 03/30/21
6:00 p.m. Bill Collier†.

WEDNESDAY: 03/31/21
8:30 a.m. Kathy Caruso.

THURSDAY 04/01/21 - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 p.m. Henry Pulizzano†.

FRIDAY: 04/02/21 - GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
NO MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 04/03/21
8:00 p.m. **NO MASS INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY: 04/04/21
7:00 a.m. Marguerite Oubre†; Broussard-Todd-Holmes Families†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Paul Varnado; Evelyn Gilease; Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Neil Juneau†.
9:00 a.m. Lacey Griffin†; Al Deranger†; Dorothy Devillier†; Betty Jo Graham†; Michael Howze†.
11:00 a.m. Vivian Bonano†; Henry Pulizzano†; Betty Pommier†; Special Intention; Kathy Alello†.
6:00 p.m. Caroline Bullen†; Donald & Evelyn Dean†; Sidney Scholl†; Anthony Dentro, Jr.†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 03/28/21—04/03/21
Burns in memory of: **ROSE JONES.**
ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 03/28/21—04/03/21
Burns in memory of: **ROSE JONES.**

In Sympathy

We express our sympathy and prayers to Linda Churay and Beth Matherne on the death of their son and brother, **MARK "STEPHEN" CHURAY**; and to Flo Jordan on the death of her brother, **ALEX OUBER.**

Community ♦ Stewardship

You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl—Please take home a Rice Bowl, available at the entrance of the church, and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor! What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit *crsricebowl.org* to learn more.

Serving the suffering Christ

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed Him King of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify Him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

March 21, 2021 Stewardship UPDATE

Identified offertory givers:	$	16,918.00
Visitors/unidentified:	$	660.00
Special Collection:	$	453.00
Total collected and retained in Parish:	**$**	**18,031.00**
Building Maintenance:	$	5,130.00
Agency and Mission Collection:	$	1,374.00
Total weekly collection:	**$**	**24,535.00**

Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more info, visit *www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.*

WeShare Online Giving
icc-msh.weshareonline.org

NOTE: WeShare now has holy days and special/ second collections listed for your convenience.

If you are an on-line giving contributor and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please call the church office at 225.665.5359.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

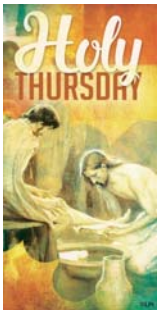
Holy Week at Home

Holy Week is a special time in the Catholic Church. We have had six weeks of Lent. During this week we remember the saddest and happiest times in our Christian faith.

Here are some readings to do at home during this week.

- **Palm Sunday:** Read and pray through Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11)
- **Monday:** Begin reading the account of Jesus's final week in John. Today, read and pray through Jesus's anointing at Bethany when Mary pours perfume on His head (John 12:1-11).
- **Tuesday:** Read and pray through Jesus's prediction of His death (John 12:20-36).
- **Wednesday:** Read and pray through Jesus's prediction of His betrayal (John 13:21-30).
- **Thursday:** Read and pray through the Last Supper (John 13:1-17, 31-35) and Jesus's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-45).
- **Friday:** Read and pray through Jesus's arrest and crucifixion (John 18:28-19:37).
- **Saturday:** Read and pray through the burial of Jesus (Matthew 27:57-66).
- **Sunday:** Read and pray through the resurrection of Jesus (John 20:1-18).

The Triduum of Holy Week



Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ when He established the Sacrament of the Eucharist and instituted the priesthood. During that Last Supper Jesus, the Messiah, Son of God, also washed the feet of His disciples. We are to emulated Him and "wash" the feet of each other.

Here are some ways to remember this special time at home:

- Have a foot washing ceremony
  -- Read John 13:1-15.
  -- Wash each other's feet.
  -- Share a time when someone showed you an act of service and what that meant to you.
  -- Brainstorm ways to incorporate the Works of Mercy into your life, especially during this time of Covid.

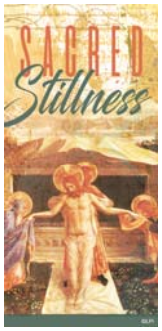
Parish Life ♦ Worship

- Remember Jesus in the garden
  -- Spend time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Consider Jesus's loneliness during this week, but especially as He entered into His Passion. Unite your loneliness during this past year to His loneliness in the Garden.
  -- Add flowers or plants to your prayer space to give it that garden feel.
  -- If it is warm enough, take your prayer outdoors.
  -- Read Matthew 26:36-46 to set the tone.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. On this day, follow the guidelines for fasting and abstaining from meat.

- Maintain silence from 12N-3 p.m.
- Turn off all electronics from 12 noon - 3 p.m.
- Around 3 p.m. spend time before a crucifix.
  -- Read John 18:1-19; 42.
  -- kneel and adore Christ crucified at the words, "And bowing His head, he handed over His spirit."
  -- Pray the Stations of the Cross. This will be livestreamed from many places.

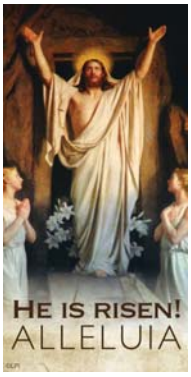
Holy Saturday



Have you noticed that the Scripture is almost silent about Holy Saturday?

The Gospel of Luke gives the only clue about what happened that day: "On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment." (Luke 26:56)

- Quietly make preparations for Easter Sunday
- Think about how the disciples and followers of Christ waited on that day. Compare our waiting the last year — waiting for our lives to be "normal." We can follow the disciples as they teach us what to do. In the midst of tremendous sorrow and pain, in the midst of chaos, in the midst of uncertainty and fear, Jesus's friends rested and waited.



Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian faith.

HE HAS RISEN!

- Celebrate with those close to you keeping in mind Covid restrictions.
- Watch YouTube-Immaculate Conception Denham Springs at 9 a.m. or Easter Mass.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

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Amy Anderson
Therese Andoe
Judy Baker
Renee Banks
Vito Ballard
Curtis Barbay
Kaley Barr
Pilar Barnes
Joyce Bennett
Jennifer Boersma
Richard Bolin
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Kevin Borries
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Jacob Martin
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Debra Tamplain
Suzanne Thigpen
Dwight Thousand
Bart J. Tullier
Nick Tullier
Pat Ulbright
Esther Walker
Ann Watts
Richard Young

If you wish to place a name on the **prayer list** or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665.5359. The prayer list is published every two weeks.

Readings for the week of 03/28/21

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/ Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: ***Chrism Mass:*** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/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 [Lk 23:46]/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: ***Vigil:*** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35 ©LPi

Parish Life ♦ Worship

The Adoration Chapel OPEN during the following times:

- Monday - 8:00 a.m. (continuing all night)
- Tuesday - until 5:00 p.m.
  Wednesday - Friday
  8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

***Adoration Chapel will be closed during the Triduum which begins Wednesday, March 31 after 5:00 p.m. and will re-open on Monday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m.**

Adorers needed for the following hours:
Tuesday: 10 - 11 a.m.; Thursday 3 - 4 p.m.;
Friday: 1 - 2 p.m., 2 - 3 p.m.

To sign-up to spend an hour with Jesus, call or text Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892 or Colleen Montgomery at 225.281.5275.

REMINDER: The noon - 1:00 p.m. hour every Friday is for the unborn and praying for priests. We pray ALOUD the Pro-life Rosary and the Chaplet for Priests. Please join us.

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