

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

## *The Entombment of Christ*

GOOD FRIDAY

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The Sanctuary Lamp burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity in the tabernacle. This week the candle for our Sanctuary lamp is provided in memory of †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

#### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Apr 01 5:30p Mass †Leo Swiat by the Gilbert family  
Apr 02 8:00a Mass For the people of St. Martin  
Apr 02 No Rel Ed Classes or Adult Study  
Apr 02 11:00a Mass †Larry Houghtaling  
by Jackie Houghtaling  
Apr 03 No Bible Study  
Apr 04 5:30p Fifth and last week of Lenten video  
series. Supper at 5:30p followed  
by video at 6:00p in parish hall  
Apr 05 9:00a Mass †Doni & Ben Hoevel by S Kim Lee  
Apr 05 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Edward  
Apr 06 No RCIA  
Apr 06 6:00p Mass of the Lord's Supper  
For the people of St. Martin  
Apr 07 No Friday Adoration  
Apr 07 No 9a Mass  
Apr 07 Parish office closed through Apr 10  
Apr 07 12:00p Service at St. Martin  
Apr 08 No Men's Group  
Apr 08 No 5:30p Mass  
Apr 08 9:00p Easter Vigil Mass  
For the people of St. Martin  
Apr 09 8:00a Mass †Ed & Wilma Maneikis  
by Dave & Sue Maneikis  
Apr 09 11:00a Mass †Dan Doherty & Kevin Doherty  
by Tom & Kay Doherty & Kathy Laske



## HOLY WEEK

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

##### Holy Thursday, April 6

6:00p Mass at St. Martin & 6:00p at St. Edward

##### Good Friday Service, April 7

No Adoration and No 9:00a Mass

12:00p Service at St. Martin

12:00p at St. Edward

##### Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 8

9:00p at St. Martin

No 4:00p Mass at St. Edward

No 5:30p Mass at St. Martin

##### Easter Sunday, April 9

Regular weekend Mass schedule at both parishes

#### LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Apr 08 9:00p Lector: Nancy H/1 volunteer

Ushers: 4 ushers needed

Apr 09 8:00a Lector: P Swiat

Ushers: Nick & Barb O, Joe R, Levan

Apr 09 11:00a Lector: Kathi L

Ushers: 4 volunteers needed

## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**LECTORS & USHERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES** Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Thank you all for your service to St. Martin's!

**PURPLE PRAYER CARDS:** If you would like to pray for a priest, seminarian or religious of our diocese, please feel free to pick up a purple prayer card on the table in the narthex. There are still some left. Thanks!

**LAST AREA PENANCE SERVICE THIS WEEK:** 6:30p Wed, Apr 05 at St. Augustine Cathedral.

**LENTEN VIDEO SERIES** - Your Adult Education committee is presenting on Tue, Apr 04 at 5:30p. We will have a simple supper along with the video presentations. There will be a brief discussion after if there are questions. This weeks video is from Formed, Presence "The story of the Eucharist & Bread for the Journey".

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION & BENEDICTION AT 6:30P ON WED, APR 05 AT ST. EDWARD.** All are welcome.

**OUR NEXT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** will be on Friday, May 5. No Adoration on April 7 because it's Good Friday. We have many open hours available. Even if you have signed up before, please sign up again. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

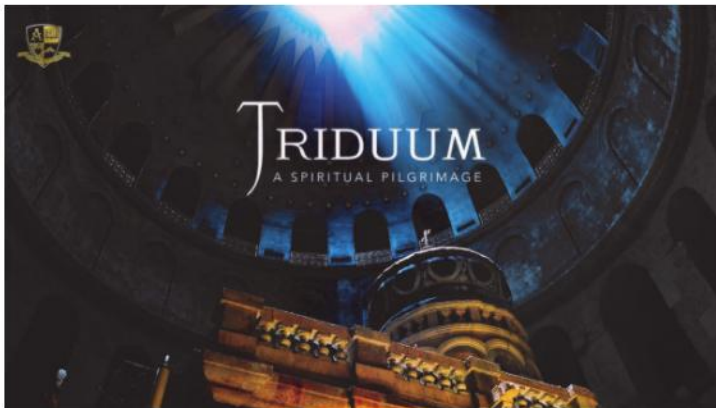
**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** will be on Apr 7 at 12:00p during the Good Friday service at St. Martin.

**EASTER EGG HUNT!** Join us on Holy Saturday, Apr 8 from 9:30a – 11a as kids ages 3 – 11 along with their parents learn a bit about the Catholic understanding of the Easter Egg & how it relates to Jesus Christ, get involved in some related crafts & activities, & of course hunt for eggs on our lovely parish grounds! Please see the Religious Education table in the narthex to sign-up for the day as a participant, to see how to get involved as a volunteer & to support through your generous donations. Questions, please reach out to Tim at dre@stmartinicksburg.org. Thank you and God bless!

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED FOR MOMS** and their Babies at Caring Network and Alternatives (pregnancy support centers in Kalamazoo). Prayer is the most important gift we can give to a mother who may be struggling or in a difficult situation. If you would like to be a part of this program, please see the poster on the bulletin boards in the Narthex for more information. Thank you.

**MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA** is one of the most widely revered saints in the world, and one of the greatest spiritual giants of the 20th century. She is a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" is a unique film that reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ through the poor is realized to this day, through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity. Our Knights of Columbus Council #13305 will be hosting a viewing of this 115-minute film in our parish hall after the 11a Mass on Apr 23rd. Theater food will be provided. We encourage you to bring the whole family and enjoy a movie that shines a light on this saint of our times and may change your lives in the process. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know how much food to prepare.



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#### WORD OF LIFE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

Email [deena.christine@yahoo.com](mailto:deena.christine@yahoo.com) or Call our parish prayer line at 269-303-8016.





### THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection.

This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



### HOLY WEEK MADE PRESENT TODAY

*The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." [Matthew 21:8-9](#)*

Holy Week begins. What an important week that we begin to commemorate today. The Scripture passage above comes from the Gospel that is read at the beginning of Mass to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Passover. That year, Jesus was to become the new Passover Lamb Whose blood was shed for us all and Whose flesh we now eat. Today's Liturgy of the Word concludes with Matthew's version of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and death on the Cross. Since we are blessed to read this narrative in full detail today, it is helpful to call to mind the Church's understanding of the Word of God.

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #29). This is an important lesson to learn, especially today as we read the heart of the Gospel in detail. Though Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, His last supper, arrest, mock trial, suffering and death on the Cross happened 2,000 years ago, those historical events are made present to us today in a unique and real way. By participating in the proclamation of this Gospel at Mass today, we are mystically united to this saving action of our Lord. And though our minds might wander at times, God is truly present to us if we listen and see.

As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death were proclaimed to you today, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On

Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It's a week of participation in the mystery of God's pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you. Keep it on your mind and heart throughout the week. Allow that love, offered some 2,000 years ago, to become truly present to you so that you will be more present to our Lord and His love for you. *My saving Lord, You entered this week of Your Passion with courage and determination. You freely chose to embrace every suffering and every humiliation You would endure so that You could enter my life more fully. Please be present to me throughout this week and help me to not only ponder this mystery of Your love but to also encounter that love in a real and transforming way. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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