

# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

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**APRIL 5, 2020**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 9:15 a.m.**

**Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.**

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and also by appointment.

## BAPTISM

For information, please contact the rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday– Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## MARRIAGE

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

### **DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS ON PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**

This Palm Sunday weekend, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, both Our Lady of Hope and Saint Mary will have blessed palms outside the main doors at both churches. The palms will be spread out on a table for people to pick up. Bulletins will also be available along with a basket for offertory envelopes. The hours for pickup at both churches will be Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm and Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. In case of rain, the tables will be moved into the gathering space. Father Isidore will be at Our Lady of Hope on Saturday and at St. Mary on Sunday assisting in the distribution of palms. Father Joe will be at St. Mary on Saturday and Our Lady of Hope on Sunday assisting in the distribution of palms. Please follow social-distancing regulations of at least 6 feet in between persons when picking up the palms. Have a blessed Holy Week and pray for an end to the pandemic.

### **Readings for the week of April 5, 2020**

**Sunday, April 5**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**Monday, April 6**

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

**Tuesday, April 7**

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

**Wednesday, April 8**

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

### **Easter Triduum**

**Holy Thursday, April 9**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Good Friday, April 10**

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Holy Saturday, April 11**

*Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### **SUNDAY & WEEKLY MASSES**

The Diocese of Cleveland presents a television Mass at 6 a.m. every Sunday on Fox 8 and at 11:30 a.m. Sundays on Cox Cable channel 45. The weekly Mass also can be viewed on the diocesan website. For more links to live-streamed, taped, television or radio Masses, go to [www.stmarybedford.org](http://www.stmarybedford.org).

### *Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .*

Sam Alesci, Gen Cannella, Albert Ciprian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Deb David, Robin Davis, Dick Dolan, Helen Druso, Trish Duncan, Dominic Flauto, Jim Gersmeyer, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Leonard Iacco, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Judy Kobus, Fr. Andrew Krafcik, Ken Krawczyk, Corey Kurilko, Ryleeann Kurilko, Lucy Lagaza, Cindy Lowe, Wileta Lynch, Ryan Martin, Nicole Murphy, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Dolores Parker, Virginia Pfeiffer, Conner Press, Casimina Radicelli, Sister Patricia Raelene, Diane Rongers, Margaret Sacco, Bill Salettel, Eileen Salupo, Charles Saraniti, Emma Sarkissian, Rosalie Scimone, Veronica Sebastian, Jonathan Sedor, Anna Marie Slaby, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Walt Wawro, Diane Whitelaw, Carl Wilson Jr., Loretta Yarish, Gwen Yates, Albert Zak, Patricia Zak

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Unfortunately the parish devotions, bible studies, and other events had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The Diocese of Cleveland, in conjunction with the Augustine Institute, is offering an online program called Formed that provides religious and spiritual content free of charge for the next 40 days. You can stream religious movies, view online bible studies, learn about the sacraments, along with many other catechetical opportunities. A link to the sign-up page for Formed can be found on the parish website. You will need to supply your name and your email address.

### **OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Coronavirus has caused considerable economic difficulties for many of us. If you are able, St. Mary asks you to continue giving your regular weekly offertory. You can give online through the parish website ([www.stmarybedford.org](http://www.stmarybedford.org)), you can drop your envelope off in the mailbox at the office, you can mail in your envelope, or you can bring your envelopes to church once the public celebration of Mass is resumed. Thanks for your generosity in keeping our parish operational and vibrant.

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving is as simple as...

1. Log onto [www.stmarybedford.org](http://www.stmarybedford.org) using any device.
2. Click One-Time or Recurring donations.
3. Select the form of payment you wish to use.
4. Funds will be deposited in the Church bank account.

You can stop the on-line giving anytime during the pandemic and resume your normal giving when you return.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday which begins the most holy of weeks in the Church year. If you remember, the liturgy on this day begins in the back of the church where we bless the palms. The end of the introductory prayer before the proclamation of the Gospel says: *"Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life."* Taken literally we have to be partakers in the Cross of Jesus Christ in order to share in his Resurrection. This is something we hear over and over throughout the Gospel, and it's something we are all living in a very real way this Lenten Season.

All of us have been asked to stay at home for an indefinite period of time, and to go out for only the basic necessities like food and medicine. Many of us are getting lonely and/or bored. Social isolation is not easy. Not only are we getting lonely, but we may be filled with fear; the fear of contracting the virus or having a friend or loved one get sick with Coronavirus. We cannot, however, let fear run our lives. We need to be a people of hope as we take care of ourselves and our families during this crisis. We have been encouraged by our public officials to go out and get some exercise by biking or walking, and hopefully this will be easier to do as the weather gets warmer. I have seen many parishioners either driving in the car or walking as I go out for one of my daily walks. I miss not seeing you at Mass, and, since I live alone, I don't have many people with whom to talk

If you are able, I encourage everyone to go to either Our Lady of Hope or St. Mary on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and to say "hi" to Father Isidore or me and to pick up a few palms to remind you that we have arrived at Holy Week. Almost 40 days ago, when times were more "normal," most of us went to church to receive ashes and the Most Holy Eucharist as we commemorated the beginning of Lent. If you remember, the Gospel on Ash Wednesday was from Matthew, and we heard the following: *"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room,*

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*close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you"* (Matthew 6:5-6).

How prophetic that was, though we didn't realize it at the time! Now that public Masses and devotions have been canceled for an indefinite period, we are forced to go into our inner room and pray to the Father in "secret." I'm sure most of us have been praying every day for an end to this public health crisis. I continue to offer Mass every day in private, and my Mass intention is typically for my family (parents, brothers, nephews and nieces) or for the intentions of parishioners at Our Lady of Hope and St. Mary. As we journey through this Holy Week, I encourage everyone to try and pray over the readings of the day or view the Mass online that is livestreamed by the Diocese of Cleveland or one of the many churches around the Diocese. We will get through this together even while being apart.

*Christ's peace during this time of trial,  
Father Joe*

**RECONCILIATION DURING  
THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

Right now it is difficult for people to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If anyone feels that it is urgent that they receive this sacrament, please call the office and leave me a voicemail, and I will call you back to set up an individual appointment to go to confession. Pope Francis spoke about this situation recently since it affects the Universal Church. The Pope said: "Do what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says (CCC 1452). It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly to God, your Father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this..... Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart. Make an act of contrition and promise God, 'I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

[www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) gives information on Bedford city services during this Coronavirus pandemic.

[www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) gives the latest directives related to the Coronavirus, including closures and eventual re-openings in the State of Ohio.

**OLH & ST. MARY CALENDARS**

Monthly calendars for meetings, activities and Masses will not be published due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus situation.