



## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat 04/04</b>	†Mr. & Mrs. William M. Grimes (McMahan Family)
<b>Sun 04/05</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY—PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
8:30 am	For the Parish
11:00 am	†Larry Thiel (Family)
<b>Mon 04/06</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>
12:05pm	
<b>Tue 04/07</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
12:05 pm	
<b>Wed 04/08</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
12:05 pm	†Frank Coverstone (Gary & Mary Hendrick)
<b>Thurs 04/09</b>	<b>Thursday of Holy Week</b>
12:05pm	Presider's Intention
<b>Fri 04/10</b>	<b>Friday of Holy Week –The Pasion of the Lord</b>
12:05pm	†George & Milwida Hauer (Joan Chervenko)
<b>Sat 04/11</b>	<b>Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil</b>
5:30 pm	
<b>Sun 04/12</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
8:30 am	For the Parish
11:00 am	Betty Jean Orlandini (Al Orlandini)

Please note that a cross before a person's name (†) denotes that this person is deceased. A dot (•) before person's name indicates the person is living.\*

### 2020 Mass Intentions - Living or Deceased

The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10.00. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass Intention. Intentions may be scheduled no earlier than one year in advance.

**Father Martin will be satisfying all Mass Intentions. These Masses will be celebrated privately.**

**Notice:** If you would like a bulletin mailed to you, please call the office and leave your name, current address, and zip code. You may get a recording, but please, leave a message as the messages are checked regularly.

### NOTE: Change in office hours.

Currently, the office hours at St. Benedict have been reduced. Someone will be in the office between the hours of **10:00 am and 2:00 pm**. Please plan accordingly, if you need to contact the office.

### Scheduled Meetings/Events

**Statement of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the Suspension of Public Celebration of Mass and the Temporary Closure of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center and Agencies (03/17/20):**

"Based on the recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to stem the spread of the virus, the five Catholic bishops of Indiana have suspended effective March 18 and until further notice all public Sunday and weekday Masses throughout the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Dioceses of Gary, Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Lafayette.

**Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, the Archbishop of Indianapolis, has also suspended all other liturgical services and gatherings of the faithful effective Wednesday, March 18 and until further notice.**

Of course, the archbishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 13

### Scripture Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or Mt 27:11-54
<b>Monday</b>	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>Chrism Mass:</b> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <b>Evening Mass:</b> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Vigil:</b> Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; Ps 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

## PALM SUNDAY—THE PASSION OF THE LORD



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Send Your Angel to Church** – Here's a great idea from our middle school catechist, Veronica Rogers! Encourage your child to make an angel out of construction paper or other materials and then pray the *Send Your Angel to Church* prayer that you'll find online at the [blog.holyheroes.com](http://blog.holyheroes.com). Then, put your angel on a popsicle stick or paint stick out in your front yard to let everyone know your angel is going to Mass for you. A good way to evangelize! When this crisis is over, we can bring all our angels together and put them in the front yard at St. Ben's!

**Join St. Benedict's Middle School Religious Ed Facebook Page** – Middle Schoolers and parents, please join this page as Veronica posts lots of great ideas for middle schoolers. We put fun pictures on the page, too! You'll find a great idea for "Easter Cookies" on the site this week.

**Gospel Weeklies** – The student pamphlets for the Easter season will be sent home this week. In addition, you can go to [pflaumweeklies.com](http://pflaumweeklies.com) for free Holy Week activities! In addition, the site has lots of additional resources, including videos. Click on the tab "What is Pflaum Doing in Response to COVID-19?" Contact Rita if you need help with login; [rita@stbenedictth.org](mailto:rita@stbenedictth.org) or 812.232.8421, ext. 112.

**YouTube Bible Stories** – Search *Saddleback Kids* for animated Bible stories that appeal to young children as well as older children. You'll find a 3 minute video about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the Easter Story. Also, check out *Holy Heroes* for Sunday Gospel videos and explanations about other aspects of our Catholic faith.

**First Communion Preparation** – Our St. Ben's second graders are at home preparing for First Communion. Please, keep them in your prayers! And, parents, remember to go to [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) for additional resources as you and your child complete *God's Gift of Eucharist*.



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We are still meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom! Contact Jason Allen and he'll send you the link! Text him at 812.244.3510.

You can also find us on Facebook @ St. Benedict Church, or on Twitter @StBens.



Youth Ministry Email – [ym@terrehauteym.org](mailto:ym@terrehauteym.org)  
Instagram: [@terrehauteym](https://www.instagram.com/terrehauteym)  
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Jimmy Priester [jpriester@terrehauteym.org](mailto:jpriester@terrehauteym.org)  
Kelli Carney [kcarney@terrehauteym.org](mailto:kcarney@terrehauteym.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY** In keeping with the instructions of Archbishop Thompson, many previously scheduled THYM events have been **postponed**. Check your emails to learn about ways that our Youth Ministry community will be engaging remotely over the next few weeks!

**CONFIRMATION** Confirmation preparation class will **not** be meeting in person for the month of April, but rather will be conducted remotely. Check e-mail for details.

If you have not officially registered with Terre Haute Youth Ministry yet, make sure to do so by going



[Download my Parish App at Google Play or the App Store.](#)

Today is a perfect time to use *my parish app* to keep in touch with the latest news in the parish, find prayerful reflection, Daily Mass, Fr. Martin's Homilies, Readings for the day, prayers, the bulletin, and much more!

**You may also:** Simply, text "app" to 88202 to download the App. Once installed, select St . Benedict Church as your parish, and access is complete.



### We are meeting online!

Folks involved in the journey of initiation are meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening at 7:00p. We pray, talk about the Sunday Gospel and share a short input piece.

This week, we'll talk about the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join us! You can join online or you can call in on your telephone. Contact Rita and she'll give you all the information you need. You can reach Rita at [rita@stbenedictth.org](mailto:rita@stbenedictth.org) or 812.232.8421, ext. 112.

### Bulletin Submission Dates

Please note the due date for weekend bulletins.  
Submissions must be emailed to [dee@stbenedictth.org](mailto:dee@stbenedictth.org)

April 12 (Easter)	due	Noon April 3
April 19	due	Noon April 10
April 26	due	Noon April



**Easter Flower Donations—**  
are now being accepted! Please place your donations in the envelopes marked **EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC**. If you would like your donation to be recorded in **MEMORY** or **HONOR** of someone special, please clearly print the names on the envelope. As always, a list of those being honored & remembered through Easter Flower & Music donations, will be printed in the bulletin at a later date. These donations go toward defraying the cost of our beautiful flowers and music throughout the Easter Season!

Dear Parishioner,

St. Benedict Church is billed monthly by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for all the subscriptions to the *Criterion* Newspaper that are mailed to our registered parishioners. The Archdiocese maintains a "full-coverage policy" when it come to subscriptions to the *Criterion*. The full coverage policy allows the *Criterion* to generate a stable amount of ad income, based on the newspaper's circulation, but it does mean that parishes are asked to cover the bill for the subscriptions of its parishioners. The annual subscription rate per household is \$16.00, and as a parish this fiscal year, we are billed \$4,500.00 for the *Criterion*.

*We would be grateful if you could help us cover this expense.*



Checks may be made out to St. Benedict Church. You may place your envelope in the Parish Office mail slot, mail it to the parish office, or make arrangements for an electronic donation. Please make sure your name is clearly marked on the envelope so that we may give you credit for your contribution.

### March 21/22 Contributions

Weekly amount needed to balance the budget divided by 52 Collections <b>\$11,096.00</b>	
Weekly Amount Received.....	<b>\$5,192.52</b>
Sunday/Holy Day YTD.....	<b>\$364,079.55</b>
Sunday/Holy Day Needed YTD.....	<b>\$421,648.00</b>
(Of Sunday/Holy Day funds received <b>\$2,441.52</b> are from Electronic Giving)	
<b>Ordinary Income Is Over+ (Under)</b>	
Amount Necessary to Fund Expense Budget	<b>(\$57,568.45)</b>
<b>Other Income for Campus Improvements</b>	
Capital Improvement Contributions .....	<b>\$540.00</b>
(Of Capital Improvement funds received <b>\$275.00</b> are from Electronic Giving)	

### April Canned Soup Drive

April is one of the months designated to collect canned soup for the residents at Garfield Towers in North Terre Haute by the **Brown Bag Project**. Increasing numbers are being served by this project.

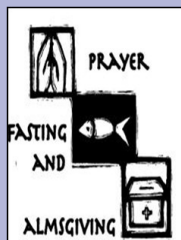
Until the current health crisis subsides, we ask that you not make donations of canned goods, but if you wish to contribute to this project, please call the Terre Haute Deanery Center at 812-232-8400 or mail a monetary donation to:

Louise M. Meneghini  
Administrative Coordinator  
Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center  
1801 Poplar Street  
Terre Haute, IN 478074

Thank you, in advance, for whatever you can do.



**HOSPITALIZED?** You should contact the hospital's Chaplain's Office to receive communion during your stay. However, please do not rely on the Chaplain's Office to let the parish know you are admitted. If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please contact the parish office directly at St. Benedict Church to let us know you are there. (812-232-8421)



# Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Living Lent

## PRAYER

- Pray the readings during Holy Week and pray that you recognize and admit the ways we have failed to live up to our baptismal promises.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross and focus on the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Develop a willingness to give our life to others as Jesus did.

## FASTING

- Fasting could be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.
- Fast from lack of caring.
- Fast from selfishness.

## ALMSGIVING

- Focus on the Washing of the Feet this Holy Thursday and let it remind us of the baptismal commitment. We are to be servants of one another.
- In observance of Good Friday, we venerate the cross on which Christ died. The veneration challenges us to be willing to accept the cross, for it is the only way to resurrection.



## PALM SUNDAY - Do This in Memory of Me

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

Palm Sunday Prayer Intention: For our communities, that we do not deny the reality of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, but that we see in their suffering the suffering of Christ that redeems us. We pray to the Lord . . .







**Prayer List** – You or a family member may notify the parish office to include a name on the prayer list posted in the bulletin. *The name will remain for eight weeks, at which time you will need to make another request.* Thank you for your continued prayers for all who are listed.

Fran Bailey Carolyn Biggs Joe Duby Kalea Ellis Rijon Erickson  
Fr. Hollowell Mallie Frandzel Charles Kintz Ben Kritsch Mike & Joy  
McCrisaken Peggy Osborne Hunter Proctor Tim Reed Candy Shagley  
John & Alta Stiegelbauer Patty Stiegelbauer Heinig  
Bruce Waskeiveiz Elaine Wence

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**



**Kimberly Archer \* Keith Chezem \* PFC Joseph Chezem**  
**Sgt Allen J Deal \* Jacob Garmany**  
**Capt Christopher Mills**  
**Capt. Rob Parham \* Tim Payment \* Spencer Steppe**

**Altar Society**

Please call Pat Boatman at  
765-832-9115  
or  
812-236-6508  
to make your request.



**Ron DePasse** — Two Sanctuary Candles  
burn in memory of **Rita I. DePasse**.

*These candles will burn from April 3rd  
through April 17th*

**Tabernacle & Sanctuary Candles**  
**are \$12.00 and burn for 2 weeks.**

These candles burn to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. Please call if you wish to have the burning memory of a loved one to honor a special occasion, or a special intention.



**St. Benedict Parish Family Fund**

St. Benedict Church wishes to continue to answer the call of those in need in our own parish. The Parish Family Fund is a resource for parish members when in a time of financial need and has been able to help numerous parishioners with medical bills, prescriptions, housing and utility assistance, clothing, and food. Currently, the balance in this account is low and funds are needed to continue this assistance. Please use the envelopes titled "Parish Family Fund" that are provided in the monthly envelope mailing, or make arrangements for a monthly electronic donation. In addition to the Soup Kitchen Collection, the Parish Family Fund has been a time-honored means for sharing resources with those who have less than we have.

**FESTIVAL UPDATES**

**St. Benedict Community Fest 2020— July 10 & 11**

In keeping with Archbishop Thompson instructions, at this time, meetings for the St. Benedict Community Festival have been delayed.

**11th, 12th, and 13th (final)**  
**Early Bird Raffle Drawing Winners**  
**Congratulations to:**

**Chad Morgan, Ticket #875**  
**Chris Gambill, Ticket #862**  
**Hudson Smith, Ticket #500**

**All are winners of \$200!**



## **STATEMENT OF ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS** **REGARDING HOLY WEEK (3-24-2020):**

“Out of great concern for the health of our people and as it is celebration of the entire archdiocese and the opportunity for the priests to renew the promises of their ordination in the presence of archbishop and the faithful, the Chrism Mass will be postponed until the current health crisis subsides. Newly blessed Holy oils will be distributed at that time. Until then, the Holy oils blessed at the 2019 Chrism Mass may continue to be used. Palm Sunday and Holy Week Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly in our parishes.

- There are to be no public celebrations, even outside –including live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

### **Holy Week**

- There is to be no distribution of blessed palms; palms will be distributed at a later date.
- There are to be no public celebrations, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Easter sacraments for RCIA candidates and catechumens at the Easter Vigil are to be postponed.
- These Celebrations will be celebrated by Archbishop Thompson and 2 or 3 concelebrants in Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral without a congregation and will be livestreamed on [www.archindy.org](http://www.archindy.org).
- There should be no distribution of Holy Communion in any way outside of Last Rites.
- Please continue to follow the stay at home order of Governor Holcomb.

### **The Forgiveness of Sins**

- When a person finds themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution because they can't connect with confession, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, (1) flowing from their love of God, (2) expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (like praying the Act of Contrition) and (3) with the intentional to go to sacramental confession as soon as it is offered, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1452).”

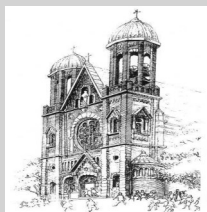


The bullet points below are a summary of statements issued this past Tuesday by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We are all wondering when we can expect a return to normalcy. No one has an answer, but the notes below will guide us the next two weeks which include Holy Week and Easter.

A brief summary of the directives issued by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis:

Behind all the directives issued by the archdiocese these past several days is the strong conviction that we have a responsibility to encourage people to stay at home and limit contact with others...we are in a particularly critical moment in trying to limit the spread of this virus. This has been reinforced by the governor's recent proclamation of his executive order that all people stay at home. In response, Archbishop Charles Thompson has directed that the following be communicated,

- No public gathering of the faithful should take place, including outside or in parking lots, even if people remain in their cars. This includes Mass by loudspeaker or radio, Holy communion in the parking lot or in cars, drive up confessions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or even for prayer and the rosary.
- All churches and parish spaces are closed and should not be left open for private prayer or gatherings.
- Reception of Holy Communion should only be offered to those in danger of death.
- Ministries and societies concerned with service to the poor, are to remain active wherever possible.
- Weddings in particular should be postponed or rescheduled if possible to a later date.



Greetings from St. Benedict Parish,

Thanks to everyone who has touched base with notes and cards and promises of prayer. These extraordinary times contain the possibility of connecting with one another in ways we often overlook otherwise.

Thanks, too, for the continued financial support. I know many of you are not in a position to do so because of the stay-at-home order or layoffs. Many have made a point of dropping envelopes through the mail slot of the office or contributing by the way of the “donate” button on the website. It all helps us maintain our presence and witness in the local community.

I am so grateful for all the extra effort being made, especially in the soup kitchen, which is one of our “essential services.” What a dedicated group of volunteers we have there! I’m praying up a storm for them and for everyone, especially health care workers, who sees a need and is responding generously. So much good is happening in this moment of crisis; it gives me hope and the courage to do my part.



Fr. Martin

#### Father Martin's Homily – Fifth Sunday of Lent

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is the last of the seven “signs” presented in the Gospel of St. John and brings us to a sort of end point, as far as St. John is concerned, regarding what God intended to reveal in them. From the first sign at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, with its emphasis on Jesus as the fulfillment of Jewish religion, through the others such as the healing of the royal official’s son, the feeding of the 5000, the walking on water, etc., we discover in the last of the signs that Jesus is Lord even over death. To get that point across Jesus has to wait in Galilee until such time as Lazarus will be good and dead—four days in the tomb—so that no one will be inclined to think that his raising is really only a case of mistaken diagnosis.

This sign of raising Lazarus shows Jesus at his most engaged. He knows what he’s doing, but he is also deeply moved by the event and how it touches those he loves. He weeps at the death of his friend, Lazarus, and is perturbed (in the sense of really being taken aback by the grief he encounters and feels personally). He shows the face of a God who cannot help but get personally involved, who does not know anything about staying aloof from what’s going on around him.

Death sucks! Jesus recognizes that and has arrived in Bethany to do something about it. What he does is not about removing death from the human scene—Lazarus did not live forever in the body Jesus called forth from the tomb—but he does make sure that Mary and Martha and all those who came to mourn with them know that there is life beyond bodily death.

#### Father Martin's Homily continued -

The life of the resurrection is something Jesus not only experiences himself but which he offers to all of us. We are Lazarus.

How does this message speak to us today? The first reading provides some guidance, I think. God says through the prophet Ezekiel “I will open your graves and have you rise from them...” Since those words are spoken to people who are still living, the words have an imaginative effect.

They have lost so much, living in exile in Babylon, it seems like they have died and are buried in grief for all they have lost. We also have lost and are still losing much of what we have held dear. Some of it probably should go—the excess comforts or the things we use to insulate ourselves from the cries of the poor—but much of it was good and life-giving and godly. Much of that has been taken away, too, and we are suffering for it. In the midst of loss, God speaks words of comfort and restoration. It’s something he will do, and we will simply discover it.

I’ve already had several conversations with people who are dreaming about what life might be like once the virus crisis is over. How they hope to end up, as one person put it, “in a kinder, gentler world.” I’m sure that aligns with what God has in mind for us, but we have to long for it and keep vigilant that things don’t simply go back to how they were pre-crisis. That was no golden age. The “golden age” always lies ahead. We call it the kingdom of God.

Wouldn’t it be great if, at the end of this, we found ourselves closer to that than we were when this whole thing began.



## Interpretive Keys and the Inner Circle of Our Rose Windows

### Part 3



The last image in the inner circle of the north rose window is of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. The presence of the censer, which Zechariah is holding, refers to the detail in Lk. 1:8-9 which states that the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah while he was “offering incense to God in the Temple sanctuary. Zechariah’s initial response to the angel’s message, that Elizabeth would conceive in her old age, was much different than Mary’s, leading to him becoming mute until John the Baptist was born. But Zechariah does end up praising God, as Mary did, for the wonders he is doing in their midst. Zechariah’s canticle of praise, is prayed daily in the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours during Morning Prayer, while Mary’s canticle is prayed daily at Evening Prayer.



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Entering the Story

Almighty and ever-living God,  
bring us into the story of your Son's passion  
and death.  
As he enters his sacred city,  
shake us out of our pride and self-interest.  
As he perseveres when people turn  
against him,  
reveal the ways we betray and abandon him.

As he stoops to wash feet,  
prostrates himself in prayer,  
and bears the burden of his cross,  
forgive us for having failed to do the same.  
And as our Lord pours his Spirit out upon us,  
remake us in his image.  
Help us follow him through the darkness  
and into eternal light and life with you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Shaken



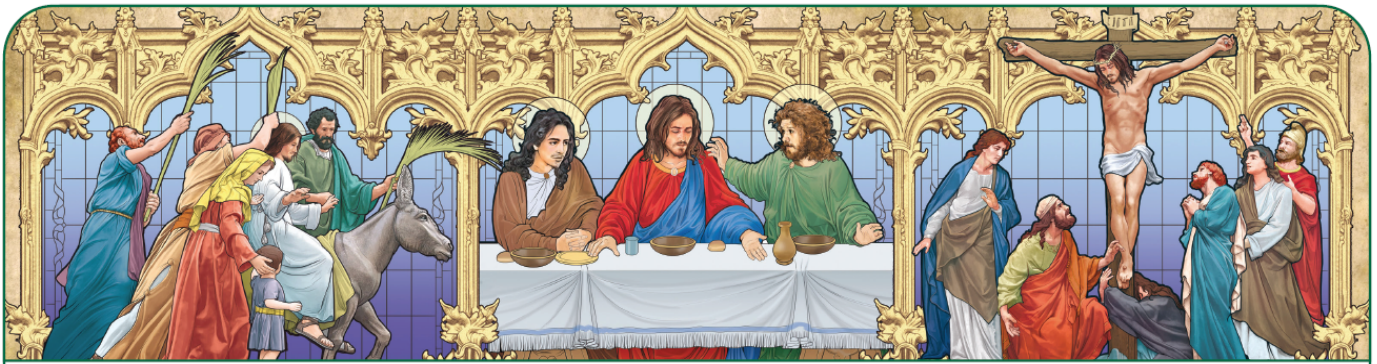
*Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66.* As we hear in the opening Gospel, the city is “shaken.” People wonder who is entering their midst. During the short time Jesus spends in the city, he only rattles its residents more. He attacks the temple, the Torah, and the Jewish authorities until it all becomes too much—too much judgment, too much upheaval, too much change, and they put an end to it. They put an end to him.

But the shaking continues. Darkness enfolds the land, the earth quakes, and tombs split open as holy people are raised up. Creation proclaims what the people fail to accept:

the crucified Jesus is lord of all—lord of Jerusalem, lord of the nations, lord of heaven and earth. Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.

All creation shook with homage to the Lord. Now it is our turn. The season of Lent gave us time to be shaken out of our complacency, to make changes, and to bend our knee before the Lord. We only have one week left to prepare ourselves for the holiest time of our liturgical year. This week we can open ourselves to being shaken still further by the only one who can rebuild our lives and ensure that we are never shaken again.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 6 The Lord of Life

As Jesus anticipates his death, we notice a terrible irony. People want to kill the one who raised a man from the dead. Moreover, Jesus is the servant God sent into the world. The Father, who breathes life into people and sustains creation with his Spirit, sent his Son to lead people out of darkness, to open their eyes and give them life. Although the people will crucify this servant, he will rise from the dead. During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confess the ways you have harmed others. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

### Tuesday, April 7 Failures

When Jesus speaks of his glorification, he refers not only to being raised up to new life but also to being raised up on the cross. He undergoes his glorification as one friend betrays him and another denies knowing him. Jesus is the servant who seems to have accomplished nothing, to have failed in revealing his Father to the world. As God declared to his servant, however, Jesus' work has not been in vain. Should you try again at something you had given up on? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

### Wednesday, April 8 Facing It

We hear again from God's servant, who perseveres in doing God's will despite offensive and painful mockery. As Jesus eats with his disciples for the last time, he knows what he will endure because of his ministry, yet he "sets his face like flint" and remains steadfast. Despite all that is done to him, he will neither falter nor be ashamed. Is there a particular conflict you have been avoiding? How can you face it calmly and prayerfully? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

### Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday

As Jesus celebrates the liberation of his people from Egypt and the many blessings God had bestowed, he prepares his disciples for the blessings of eternal life that God bestows through him. To share in this new life, we must be humble and selfless enough to give up the lives we have now. Read and pray with John 17. *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

### Friday, April 10 Good Friday

God's servant offers himself up for judgment. Like Pilate, our decision about Jesus becomes a statement about us. We profess that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior, but have we followed his way, accepted his truth, and welcomed his life? Surround yourself with as much silence as you can today. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

### Saturday, April 11 The Easter Vigil

Ancient texts are proclaimed to us this holy night, but even these could not prepare people for the Resurrection. Creation again shakes in fear and wonder, yet we are told not to be afraid but to embrace our Risen Lord and to go quickly to share this joyous news. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28:1-10.*

