

St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Parish



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Parish Office

M-F CLOSED FOR 2 WKS
parishoffice@stmadsophie.org
425-747-6770 ext 100

School Office

CLOSED UNTIL 4/24
gморриссей@stmadsophie.org
425-747-6770 ext. 201

Eastside Pastoral Care

(Emergencies related to anointing of the sick)
425-655-3200

Parish website: stmadeleine.org
School website: smsbellevue.org



St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Parish
4400 130th Place S.E. Bellevue, WA 98006

Sunday All Public Masses are Suspended
[11 am Sunday Facebook Live](#)

Weekdays Watch Daily Mass Online Facebook live
Mass: Tue., Wed., Thur. & Fri. 9 am

Holy Days TBA

Confession By appointment.
Parishoffice@stmadsophie.org

Stations of the Cross

Online:

Bustedhalo.com
[Stations of the Cross for children](#)

March 28 & 29, 2020

Welcome

Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish extends a warm welcome to new parishioners or visitors! Our growth in faith is strengthened by our living the life of Jesus in Word and Deed, especially in loving service to others. To register in the parish, please contact the parish office or print off a form online via our website. We look forward to meeting you! You are also encouraged to visit our website: stmadeleine.org, or our various social media options, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or Twitter! All links can be found on our website.



Loretta Sursely, Pastoral Coordinator

Loretta@stmadsophie.org, ext. 104

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Of course, formed by Easter faith, we know that the passion and death of Jesus can only be fully understood in light of the resurrection.

This year of course will be so very different than in years past. The Triduum we usually celebrate with so much interaction will be instead a much different experience. We will attempt to provide the most moving and meaningful liturgies possible for these special holy days but it will seem of course very desolate and lonely without you. As we move into Holy Week, our isolation from each other is a poignant reminder of the gift of Jesus' sacrifice for us – so that we would not know isolation from Him. Let us remember the gift He gave us through His suffering as we offer our own sufferings to our merciful and loving Father.

I promise to remember you in my prayers this Holy Week. Please remember me, Fr. Sebastian, Deacon Bruno, and the parish and school staff in yours.

COVID 19 Information

The church sanctuary will be open during Holy Week for private prayer M-W 10 am - 4 pm. Holy Thursday: 8am - 6pm, Good Friday: 8 am - 11 am, 4 pm - 8 pm. Holy Saturday: 8 am – Noon. Our parish office is now closed for the two week Stay Home order by the Governor. However, there will be one person present on campus during the time when the church is open for prayer. Staff are all working from home so you can still reach us by email. We will be checking voicemail throughout the day. For Holy Week we will have daily Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday only at 9 am online via Facebook live it posts to our website at 10 am. Fr. Sebastian is available for confession by appointment only. Please contact the parish office. Please be sure to check our website for information on other opportunities during the week.

Links to resources for this weekend

[Link to Fr. Sebastian's Homily for Passion Sunday](#)

[Link to Loretta's letter to the Parish](#)

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., April 5, *Palm Sunday*

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

11:00 am Mass Pro Popolo Online via Facebook Live

Mon., April 6, *Monday of Holy Week*

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tues., April 7, *Tuesday of Holy Week*

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33

Mass for All Sick, online through FaceBook Live

Wed., April 8, *Wednesday of Holy Week*

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Mass for Daisy Neves (D), online through FaceBook Live

Thurs., April 9, *Holy Thursday*

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper online through FaceBook Live

Fri., April 10, *Good Friday; Passion of the Lord*

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; John 18:1-19:42

3 pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion online through FaceBook Live

Sat., April 11, *Holy Saturday*

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10

No Vigil Mass

[Visit the Cathedral Website](#)

Sun., April 12, *Easter Sunday*

Readings: Acts 10:34a; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

11:00 am Mass online through FaceBook Live

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

Monthly Offertory

The offertory collection includes envelopes, cash and automatic donations through credit cards or bank transfers.

Month January offertory donations	\$	129,828
Month December offertory budget	\$	76,308
Fiscal Year to date received	\$	589,390
Year to date budget	\$	556,308
Figure above budgeted number	\$	33,082

Debt Service

The Debt Service collection relates to loan repayments for the construction of the Koinonia Room, Accessibility upgrades, the addition of the library and Sophia Chapel and enlarging the choir area.

Month of January debt service donations	\$	19,680
Month December debt service budget	\$	13,954
Year to date received	\$	70,301
Year to date budget	\$	102,154
budgeted figure deficit	\$	(32,000)

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the many generous contributions we have been receiving since the suspension of public Masses. Our weekly collection is the main source of revenue for our parish operational budget which includes our parish ministries.

If you have not set up an automatic pledge and would like to do so please email Karen in the parish office or [use this form](#)

If you would like to me a one time contribution please [use this link](#). Thank you!!



Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten solidarity program. The program is being used by millions of Catholics in all 50 states in the United States, in more than 15,000 parishes, schools, and other faith communities. Through Operation Rice Bowl, we reach out to assist our brothers and sisters around the world. **Rice bowl boxes and materials will be available in the Narthex through Lent.**

Parish Notices

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Listed below are just a few online resources that you may find helpful in maintaining connection to our parish community and the wider Catholic community

Livestream Mass: [Watch Mass at St. Madeleine Sophie via Facebook Live](#). Sunday at 11 am, [Daily at 9 am. Watch live on our Facebook page](#). The recording of the Mass will also be posted to our website at the conclusion of Mass.

[Vatican News Livestreaming Pope Francis' Mass](#)

Currently Archbishop Etienne is doing a daily live Mass at 8:30 a.m. on the Archdiocese of Seattle [Vimeo Channel](#) or on the Archdiocese's [Facebook page](#)

[Daily Mass with Bishop Barron, Word On Fire](#)

Stations of the Cross: There are many wonderful online ways to pray the Stations of the Cross. Click on any of these links to connect. [Bustedhalo.com](#); [Stations of the Cross for children](#), [Catholic Relief Services Stations](#)

Daily & Sunday Readings: [Living with Christ Daily Readings](#), [USCCB Readings](#), [Readings from the Lectionary for Masses with children](#)

Prayer: [Liturgy of the Hours](#), [Magnificat](#), Download the [Laudate app on your phone](#). It is free for both Android and Apple. This app has links to the readings for the day and can help you pray the rosary, stations of the Cross etc with instructions

Thy Kingdom Come This prayer booklet contains an excellent collection of prayers rooted in our Catholic faith tradition. [Click this link to access a free pdf of the book to find prayers to strengthen your family's faith.](#)

The Word Among Us [This link leads to the Word Among Us webpage](#). Another prayer resource being offered free of charge during this time when we cannot attend Mass.

Families: [At Home with Faith](#), [FORMED](#)

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS APRIL

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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Children and Family Ministry

Maggie Rader, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Ext. 125 maggie@stmadsophie.org

Elaine Low, Sacramental Prep Coordinator
Ext. 114 elaine@stmadsophie.org

Kids' Church

An Early Childhood Program for children ages 3-5.

Our early childhood program, Kids' Church, is designed to help preschoolers and kindergarteners gently understand the basic concepts and rituals of our faith. Lessons are structured in a Mass format, specifically designed for the age and maturity level, as well as the developmental and spiritual needs, of young children.

See attached children's activity pages

WCC Family Faith Formation

Whole Community Catechesis for grades 1- 6
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Children in grades one through six take part in our inter-generational gatherings on Wednesday evenings. This program is grade based and students attend with a sponsor or mentor, generally a parent. This format helps extend the learning and sharing beyond the classroom.

[Kids Homilies](#)

[MagnifiKid Online for Free](#)

C.L.O.W.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (1st gr—6th gr)

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord said to Ezekiel: Tell the people that I, the Lord God, promise to open their graves and set them free, so they can go home to their land. When I let them out of their graves, they will know that I am the Lord. My Spirit will give them breath. They will live again, and I will bring them back home. Then they will know that I, the Lord God, have kept my promise.



Save the Date

VBC

July 13—17, 2020

Youth, Young Adult, and Outreach

Ann LaBeck 747-6770 Ext. 123 Ann@stmadsophie.org

JR. HIGH 7th & 8th grades SR HIGH 9th - 12th grades

April 5: CANCELLED Join us for our monthly youth night---youth room opens at 5:30, session starts at 6PM and we're done by 8PM.

RESOURCES

Check out [Fr. Mike Schmitz on YouTube](#). He has great videos on Lent that range from 4-8 minutes.

[Keeping the Faith in the time of Coronavirus](#): Father Dave of Busted Halo reflects on the current state of the country in light of COVID-19, answers questions of faith, and offers a prayer for hope and healing in this Facebook Live broadcast.

Question of the Week

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

General Intercession for the parish: Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Passion of Christ which leads us all to die to ourselves in love of others.

Teaching Safety Workshop Grades 1—6

Will be Rescheduled

A program provided by the Seattle Archdiocese to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

Contact Maggie for more information:

Maggie@stmadsophie.org

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Outreach Ministries

REFUGEE OUTREACH MINISTRY

The refugee team has been active in the parish since 2016. Since then, we have outfitted and prepared apartments for 9 refugee families. Our members have also volunteered at the offices of International Rescue Committee (IRC) in areas of apartment supplies and inventory, employment readiness, youth mentoring and reception desk. For information on upcoming events ask to be added to our mailing list email us at refugee@stmadsophie.org.

Francis House Donations of gently used men's women's and children's clothing and household items. Contact Maggie Rader for more information ext. 125

Crossroads Meal Program

Contact Ann LaBeck if you would like more information ext. 123

The Sr. Jeannette Kimball Guild collects non-perishable food for **Hopelink Food Bank in Bellevue**. Pls. bring food to **KR Lobby**

St. Vincent de Paul Meetings 1st Tue. at 7 pm in parish office. Contact Nancy Buerger, (425) 572-5244

Parish Resources and Support

Pastoral Resource and Referral Services

† Medicare Questions Senior Housing or Care Services
† Parenting Issues, Child and Adolescent counseling
For more information contact Trish David in the parish office: 425-747-6770 ext. 126 or trish@stmadsophie.org.

Prayer and Outreach

We are here to join you in prayer and to pray for your Prayer intentions. We also have a team of staff and volunteers who can assist those who are homebound with any needs.

If you are a homebound person or know of a homebound person that could use some assistance with groceries or supplies please let us know. If you or someone you know would just like a friendly conversation please let us know. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry let us know. If you would like to make a donation to assist this ministry please [use this link](#).

If you have a special intention please email prayer@stmadsophie.org and submit your confidential prayer request. Our team of prayer ministers will pray for your special intention

If you would like your prayer for a sick or deceased loved one to be included in the bulletin and announced at Mass please [email the parish office](#).

During our Live stream of any of the Masses please feel free to submit a prayer intention in the comment section

Trish David: Trish@stmadsophie.org
Ann LaBeck: Ann@stmadsophie.org
Maggie Rader: Maggie@stmadsophie.org

Adult Faith Formation & Service

Public Gatherings and meetings are Suspended

BIBLE STUDY Contact the parish office for a schedule of upcoming adult bible studies

PRAY THE ROSARY Please join us in praying the Rosary every Monday evening at 6pm in the church.

ST. THERESE GUILD - Meets every 4th Thur. Sept - May. (except Nov.). Contact Sue Peck 206-240-4914 or rspeck1@comcast.net

WOMEN'S & MEN'S SPIRITUALITY Encouraging spiritual growth living our roles as Christian women and men in our diverse community. "New Members Welcome!" For more information email: wst@stmadsophie.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meets 2nd Tues of the month, 7pm, rooms G & H. Contact Alan Newhouse kofcnewhouse@yahoo.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Next meetings: Suspended until further notice

Our Grief Support Group meets to offer support to those experiencing loss. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month between the Masses, 10:00 – 10:50 in the Sophia Chapel near the library. Please be join us if you have experienced the loss of a loved one or any of life's losses! Contact Bill Griffin (425-747-8909) or parishoffice@stmadsophie.org for more information.

Mental Health Resources

[Stress and Coping during COVID \(CDC\)](#)

[NAMI Updates on the Coronavirus](#)

[Anxious about the coronavirus? Here are 5 tips from mental health experts](#)

Young Adult Events

Ann LaBeck ext. 123 Ann@stmadsophie.org

Young Adults Small Group Discussion

Suspended for now but Mark your calendars for Thursday nights at 7PM at St. Louise in Bellevue in the parish center. eastsidedisciples@gmail.com for more info

Join us for "Drinks and Discipleship"

April 10th Good Friday - attend liturgies at your home parish
May 8, 2020

Location: Mary, Queen of Peace, Sammamish @ 7pm
Speaker: Fr. Chad Green Topic: TBD

June 12, 2020

Location: St. Louise, Bellevue @ 7pm Speaker: Fr. Carlos
Topic: Evolution & Spirituality: in the thought of Pierre Teilhard

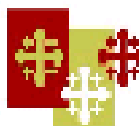


NOW ONLINE !
stmadeleine.org
SATURDAY, APRIL 24-26
ONLINE!

We are changing the format for our Parish Gala to an online event over 3 days. This way we can practice appropriate social distancing but also involve a wider community of supporters.

We are working out the details and will send more information soon. We are still seeking sponsors and advertisers

Please contact the [parish](#) or [school office](#) or the for more information



**St. Madeleine Sophie
Parish School**
Smsbellevue.org
425-747-6770

Martine Romero, Principalext. 222
Dan Sherman, Mission & Advancementext. 202
Ginny Morrissey, Admissions, School Office.....ext. 201

All St. Madeleine's classes have switched to off campus eLearning in response to the Covid-19 health protocol. By order of the Governor, our campus is now directed to remain CLOSED through FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Teachers are continuing regular instruction with students via connectivity options and hard copy materials. If families have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 425-747-6770 x201 or at schooloffice@stmadsophie.org.

All staff remain available to assist!

[Follow us on Instagram](#) for updates, online school pics and much more!

[Watch the morning introduction youtube video by our principal](#)



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Census 2020 – BE COUNTED!

As people of Faith, we believe in the divinely given dignity of every person. When we answer the Census and encourage our neighbors to do so too, we declare that we are part of “we the people” and we want access to the critical resources and political representation that we deserve. Because everyone counts in the eyes of God, we must work to ensure that everyone is counted by our government. Look for your invitation to respond to the census on or between March 12 and 20. New this year is an online form. Your invitation postcard will have the code you need to fill out the form.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE



BIDS & BINGO & GALA

Please turn in your raffle tickets via mail or drop off at the parish office!

All parish families are asked to sell or buy one raffle ticket book in support of our parish auction! Grand prize is \$1,000!!

If you cannot sell a raffle book please return it to the parish office ASAP or drop in the collection basket on the weekend.

Please bring all collected money and ticket stubs to the parish office or put them in the weekend collection baskets at Mass. School families may bring them to the School office.

QUESTIONS??

Contact auction@stmadsophie.org

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PASTORAL CARE:

For patients at Overlake and Group Health Hospitals, you may call Eastside Pastoral Care at 425-655-3200. If you or someone you know from the parish is seriously ill, hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive communion or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Trish David at ext. 126 or trish@stmadsophie.org.

Prayers for the Sick

Marianne Griffin	Joe Neigel	Meredith Henning
Amy Griffin Maffre	Trent Roling	Sal & Mena Dizon
Louis Griffin	Paul & Leslie Gookin	Jim Von Der Linn
Pat Dorwin	Joe Hastings	Nancy Balka
Bri Tolleffson	Rudy Cologna	Jade Ferrer
Rammo Family	Lynette O'Neil	Wai-Ching Yu
Art Mercado	Jan McDonald	Delores Huff
Mary Mirkovich	Fred Tuazon	Kerry Reiniger
Rosita David	Bob Mitchell	Kristina Kirkpatrick
Dave Camacho	Tina Powell	George Rademacher
Fred Bendix	Gary Booth	Jimmy Marin Kovich
Jerry Wolfe	Harry Green	Apolonia Ng
Ernesto Mendoza	Ann Kareta	Jennifer Wiechert
Mary Lou Brown	Patricia Leung	Dolores Hayes
Herbet J. Breen III	Donna Brown	Arlette Garaud
Fran Underwood	Helen Zoerb	Ken Yarab
John Wolch	Pete O'Brien	Mary Hillis
Madison Bledsoe	Miles Nelson	Eli Ferrer
Jay Hullett	Debra Young	Bob Moore
Sharon Fehmel	Angelo Pizarro	Julio Bueno-Valera
Mary Weber	Carol Anderson	Florence Palmer
Asa Taylor	Cathy Rowland	Ken Turner
Helen Suppner	Emma O'Brien	
Fook Bo Cheung		
Courtland Braaten		
Oakley Doyle		

In Memoriam

Josephine Patricia Wright, Cousin of Carol Ann Schultz

MASS INTENTION/PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Request a Mass for special intentions: 425 747-6770 Ext.100. Prayer intentions can also be placed on the prayer wall of the Church.

PROBLEMS HEARING AT MASS

Listening devices are available. Please see usher for assistance.

TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

contact Phil Morrissey at phil@stmadsophie.org.

TO BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO HOMEBOUND

Contact Trish David at ext 126 or Trish@stmadsophie.org.

LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD: Please see a sacristan.

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Fr. Sebastian Vincent Parish Priest, Ext. 100
Deacon Bruno Bahk, Bruno@stmadsophie.org

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Ginny Morrissey, Office Ext. 201 Gmorrissey@stmadsophie.org

TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Adults: Loretta Sursely Ext. 104 Loretta@stmadsophie.org
Children: Elaine Low Ext. 114 Elaine@stmadsophie.org

CHILDRENS FAITH FORMATION

Maggie Rader Ext. 125 Maggie@stmadsophie.org.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT & OUTREACH

Ann LaBeck Ext. 123 Ann@stmadsophie.org.

PASTORAL CARE Funeral Preparation, Annulments

Loretta Sursely Ext. 104 Loretta@stmadsophie.org

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Sandi Bendix, Ext. 103 Sandi@stmadsophie.org

LITURGY and WORSHIP

Phil Morrissey, Liturgy Director. phil@stmadsophie.org
8:30am Sanctuary Choir Director, Joe Shigley,
11:00am Contemporary Choir Director, Ann LaBeck Ext. 123

PASTORAL RESOURCES: Pastoral Resources and Referrals, Trish

David: Ext. 126 trish@stmadsophie.org

FACILITIES

Facility Manager: Terry Moretti, terry@stmadsophie.org

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Prior to the Baptism of their children, parents participate in preparation classes. If you are seeking baptism for your child please contact **Elaine Low** Ext. 114

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Loretta Sursely ext. 104

CIC Christian Initiation of Children Elaine Low. Ext. 114

FIRST COMMUNION Elaine Low, Elaine@stmadsophie.org Ext. 114

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for Youth

Ann LaBeck Ann@stmadsophie.org Ext. 123

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY *six months in advance* of your wedding date. *Contact the Parish office at ext. 103*

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Trish David, trish@stmadsophie.org, Ext. 126

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SUN 4/05** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- MON 4/06** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- TUE 4/07** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- WED 4/08** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- THR 4/09** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/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
- FRI 4/10** 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
- SAT 4/11** *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/Mt 28:1-10
- SUN 4/12** 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 Mt 28:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 05, 2020

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus's last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life's seemingly opposing

experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering's loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.





WORSHIP & MEDITATION

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." (Mt 21:9b)

FIRST READING

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

GOSPEL

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)

PEACE
IN HEAVEN
AND GLORY IN
THE HIGHEST.

LK 19:38

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?