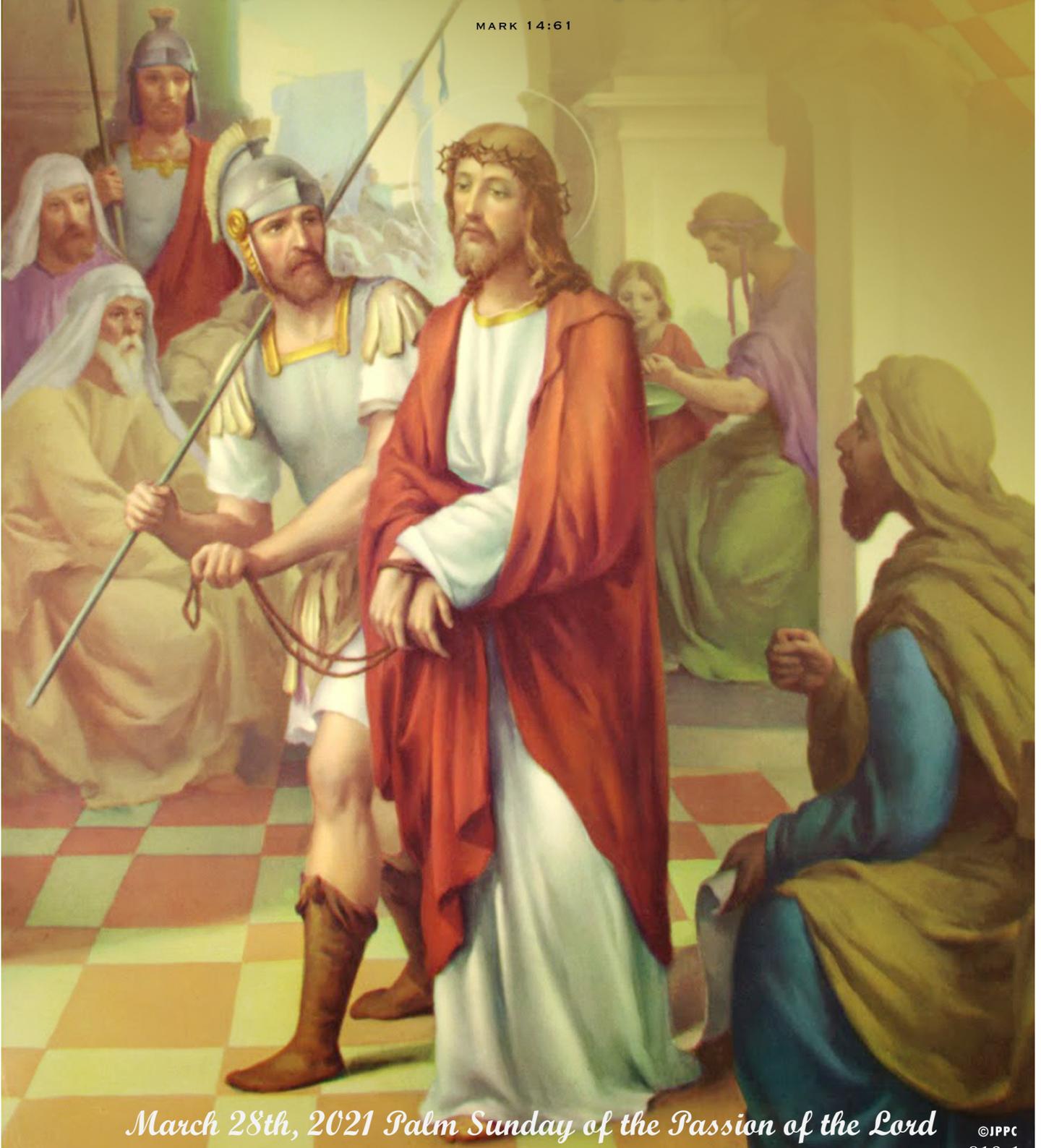


St. Andrew Catholic Church Stuart, Florida

Are you the Christ, THE SON OF THE BLESSED ONE?

MARK 14:61



March 28th, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Prayers Before Mass

March 28th, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including Readings, and Responses.



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.

Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons.

Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for us. Amen.

Penitential Act: A

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts of love, especially for those we often overlook. Thank you for friends to increase our love for you. Thank you for enemies to increase our tolerance. Thank you for joys and happiness to strengthen our faith in you. Thank you for trials and tribulations to strengthen our trust and perseverance. Thank you for the days when all goes well to teach us serenity. Thank you for the days when things are rough to teach us patience. Thank you for our successes to increase our confidence. Thank you for our failures to increase our humility. Thank you, Lord for the ups and downs of life. Thank you, Lord, for the precious gift of life itself. Help us to continue to grow and to learn to love and be grateful. Comfort us when we become too comfortable. Thank you, Lord for being on our side.

Leo M. Rozem and Eamon M. Hansen, OMI

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:8-9,17-18, 19-20,23-24

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Priests for Life Call to Prayer to End Abortion *Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen! Fr. Frank Pavone*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven
and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory!

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even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of the Lord

The Gospel will be read by our Deacon.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Power of Gratitude & the Eucharist

March 8, 2021

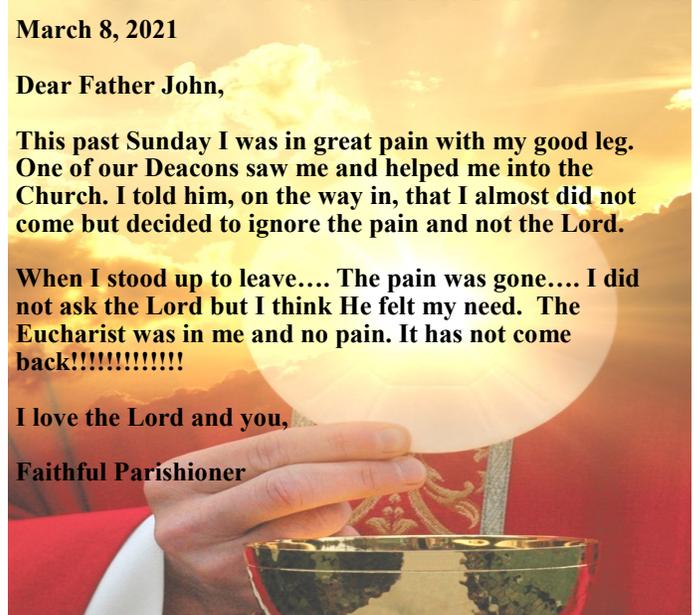
Dear Father John,

This past Sunday I was in great pain with my good leg. One of our Deacons saw me and helped me into the Church. I told him, on the way in, that I almost did not come but decided to ignore the pain and not the Lord.

When I stood up to leave.... The pain was gone.... I did not ask the Lord but I think He felt my need. The Eucharist was in me and no pain. It has not come back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I love the Lord and you,

Faithful Parishioner



Opening Song

WERE YOU THERE

WERE YOU THERE



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual

Closing Song ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

ST. THEODULPH



1-5. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er King!



1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
 3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
 4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
 5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 2. And mor - tals, joined with all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
 3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760-821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt., *Hymnal Noted*, 1854.
 Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

The People of Life, Born from the Cross

Reflection & Prayer

"When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier "pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The "giving up" of the spirit describes Jesus' death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the "gift of the Spirit", by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life. It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ's side - is continually given to God's children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the "people of life" is born and increases" (The Gospel of Life, n.51).

"We prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed." (Sacramentary, Preface of Lent 1).

Reflection: Lent is a season in which we prepare to celebrate Christ's total victory over death, and our share in his life by baptism. Death was not part of God's original plan for us. Scripture says that God created all things that they may have life, and that he does not rejoice in the destruction of the living. Standing with Christ in his new life means standing against whatever destroys life.

Prayer: Lord, in this Lenten season, strengthen and renew our commitment to be the People of Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Fr. Frank Pavone



2021 Lenten Schedule

Regularly Scheduled Masses & Stations of the Cross

Weekday Masses– 7:30am; Monday thru Friday (followed by Stations of the Cross)

Weekend Masses– 4:00pm Vigil Saturday 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday

Fridays – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross (in Church followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction)

Penance Service

Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00pm



Palm Sunday Masses

**Vigil Mass: 4:00pm March 28th
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am**

HOLY WEEK

**April 1st - Thursday- (Holy Thursday)
6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Note: there will be NO 7:30AM Mass on Holy Thursday

April 2nd – Friday– (Good Friday)

Note: The Divine Mercy Novena should begin on Good Friday.

3:00pm Communion Service, Veneration of the Cross & Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy

6:00pm, Communion Service, Veneration of the Cross, Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy



April 3rd -Saturday- (Holy Saturday)

7:45pm Easter Vigil Mass

Note- There will be no 7:30 am Mass, no confessions, no 4pm Vigil Mass

**April 4th – Easter Sunday–
Resurrection of Our Lord.**

7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am Masses



April 11th, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

12:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Chaplet & Mass of Divine Mercy



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting first Wednesday of every month at 10:30am. We are happy to be back in our regular meeting room A in the church with social distancing and masks. We have continued making shawls to give to parishioners, their family and friends. Anyone needing a shawl to celebrate and or comfort loved ones, please contact the person listed in this notice. We have recently received requests from St. Andrew Flocknotes, which we are happy to respond to. We also thank donors who have supplied us with yarn. We welcome any new people who would like to join us in this giving ministry.

contact: Norma 772 919 5963 nolio91@gmail.com



March & April Schedule

Sun	Mar-28	CCD	Palm Sunday
Wed	Mar-31	CCD	
Sun	Apr-4	No CCD	Easter Sunday
Wed	Apr-7	CCD	
Sun	Apr-11	CCD	
Wed	Apr-14	CCD	
Sun	Apr-18	CCD	
Wed	Apr-21	Last Class	
Sun	Apr-25	Last Class	

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 3rd, 2021

The Easter Vigil Mass is the most important Mass in the Catholic Church!

Catholics throughout the entire world will celebrate this most holy of nights, in union with Jesus Christ and with all of their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. We welcome our new members into the Catholic church during this Mass and feel a great spiritual solidarity with them. We pray for them and with them, as they consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ. It is a very holy and unifying experience to attend the Easter Vigil Mass!

We wait in darkness, bless a fire, process with candles, and hear re-told the stories of our salvation through the scriptures. The emphasis is on waiting for the culmination of the story: Christ's resurrection from the dead. Bells are rung, and alleluias are sung as we hear the gospel account of Christ's rising. Then, following this proclamation of the core of our beliefs, new members are brought into the Church through baptism and a profession of faith. The recounting of Christ's new life is closely connected to the Church's renewal through the reception of its new members.

Please join us at this beautiful celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3rd at 7:45 PM as we celebrate the sacraments of initiation with the following adults:

Luke Rossknecht and Lori Griffin will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Aubrey Howe, Pedro de Leon, Hector Sica and Jeremias Perez will receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Suly Diaz will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am
Monday-Friday 7:30am
Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm
7:30am & 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30pm
Those wishing to receive the sacrament should be here at 2:30

First Friday

7:30am Mass followed by individual confessions

First Saturday

7:30 Mass followed by individual confessions

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy

Monsignor Blase Gintoli
Monsignor James Moore

Deacons

Deacon Louis Romero
Deacon Matthew Bartlett
Deacon Andre Boucher

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9am-12Noon
Saturday 2-4pm
Sunday
9am-12Noon

Youth Activities

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



Registration CLOSED

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Mar. 27	Sat.	4:00pm	Ducy Newton+
Mar. 28	Sun.	7:30am	Luis Hernandez+
Mar. 28	Sun.	9:00am	Priest & Deacons of St. Andrew
Mar. 28	Sun.	10:30am	Holy Souls
Mar. 29	Mon.	7:30am	Dominic DiFede+
Mar. 30	Tue.	7:30am	Andrew Bridges(Liv)
Mar. 31	Wed.	7:30am	Jared Metro+
Apr. 1	Thurs.	6:00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper
Apr. 2	Fri.	3:00pm	Veneration of Cross, Stations
Apr. 2	Fri.	6:00pm	Communion Service & Stations
Apr. 3	Sat.	7:45pm	Solemn Easter Vigil
Apr. 4	Sun.	7:30am	Edith Suprenard+
Apr. 4	Sun.	9:00am	Michael Magi+
Apr. 4	Sun.	10:30am	Conrad Zulauf, Sr. +
Apr. 5	Mon.	7:30am	Ralph Rowe+
Apr. 6	Tue.	7:30am	Stephen & Barbara Murray(Liv)
Apr. 7	Wed.	7:30am	Vincent Tosado+
Apr. 8	Thurs.	7:30am	Ahyong Family+
Apr. 9	Fri.	7:30am	The Deliz Family+
Apr. 10	Sat.	4:00pm	Helen Martin+
Apr. 11	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot Ziesmer+
Apr. 11	Sun.	9:00am	Bobby Cara+
Apr. 11	Sun.	10:30am	Nina Snow Gebrian+
Apr. 11	Sun.	3:00pm	Mass of Divine Mercy
Apr. 12	Mon	7:30am	Gloria Weis+
Apr. 13	Tues	7:30am	Tom & Phyllis Cote'(Liv)
Apr. 14	Wed.	7:30am	Joseph P Oreiro+
Apr. 15	Thurs.	7:30am	Rev. Joseph McManus+
Apr. 16	Fri.	7:30am	Dominick Scotto+
Apr. 17	Sat.	4:00pm	John & Greta Parduba +
Apr. 18	Sun.	7:30am	Dolores Holoubek+
Apr. 18	Sun.	9:00am	Bernice Weichert+
Apr. 18	Sun.	10:30am	Conrad Zulauf, Sr. +



**Adult Education (RCIA)
& Lectors**

Christine Michaelian
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Adoration Chapel

**Servants of the Eucharist &
Care of the Sick**
Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments

John Ginnetti

**Men of Saint Andrew
Dave Olio**

Monday evening 6:30-8pm
davidolio333@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio
**1st Wednesday of each month
from 8:30am-10am**

Pro-Life Ministry

Michele Williams

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality
Prayer Group**

Weds. 8:30am-10:00am
(Lenten Retreat Thurs. 8:30am)

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari &
Bob Greeson

Parish Website

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Michael Brennan

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Rosary Maker's Ministry

Kathleen Sullivan
Wednesday 10:00am

Ushers

Jane Engelbrecht
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com



Legion of Mary

Friday 8:15am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Please join us in praying the Chaplet after the daily 7:30am Mass.
We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.**



Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary Candles are for the intention of **Mikayla Taylor**



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are for the intention of **The Klett Family**



The Candle in the Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts is for the intention of **A Special Young Man**

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We are celebrating our 3rd Anniversary!
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Thank you APOSTLES OF JOHN PAUL II for making this possible.
Please join us Wednesday at 10 AM in Classroom C

A gift of prayer



The Sanctuary Candles



Are the two candles at both sides of the altar and can be memorialized.

The cost is \$15 per candle and 2 are needed, therefore the cost is \$30 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be announced in the bulletin.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candles

The candles in front of the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the front of the church beside the pulpit can be purchased as memorials. The cost is \$15.00 per candle and two are needed, therefore, the price is \$30.00 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be in the weekly bulletin and announcements.



St. Theresa and St. Joseph Memorial Candles

Annual Memorial Candles are available for your personal intentions. The candle will be lit for **one year at a cost of \$100.00.**

If you are interested in any of these candles, please stop by the church office after the Mass and we would be happy to order a plaque for you.



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Your Guide To Holy Week

In the first century, the early Christians celebrated every Sunday in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. By the second century, they established a particular day for the celebration of the resurrection, which was connected to the Jewish Passover.

Their observance began at sundown on Saturday evening. They called it the Night of the Great Vigil, a time of remembrance and expectation that lasted throughout the night so they could sing "Alleluia" at dawn on Easter morning. It was during the Night of the Great Vigil that new Christians were received into the Church.

By the fourth century, it became customary for people to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate what was called the "Great Week," which included Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The diary of a woman named Egeria in 381 contains the first accounts of the special rites, prayers and devotions that took place in Jerusalem during the Great Week.

Over time, the practice of observing Holy Week spread throughout the Christian world, with prayers, historical re-enactments and special liturgies. During the Middle Ages, the celebration of the Easter Vigil gradually fell out of practice. The important days of the week were Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In 1955, the Vatican re-established the Easter Vigil as an important part of Holy Week observances.

During the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the bishops called for the restoration of the early Christian rituals for receiving new Christians into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In 1988, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was issued.

Today, Easter Vigil with the Easter fire, the lighting of the paschal candle, the reading of salvation history, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for catechumens and renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again an integral part of **Holy Week celebrations**.

Holy Week quiz How much do you remember about the people and events of Holy Week? Here's a little quiz to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom of this page.

1. Where did the Agony in the Garden take place?
2. Who betrayed Jesus?
3. Who denied Jesus three times?
4. Who ordered Jesus to be scourged?
5. What criminal was released instead of Jesus?
6. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
7. How many times does Jesus fall on the way to Calvary?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
9. Who wiped the face of Jesus?
10. What did the sign on the cross say?
11. Who made arrangements for the burial of Jesus?
12. Who was the first to discover that Jesus had risen?

[Answers below](#)

12 ways to make Holy Week more meaningful

1. **THINK PRAYER.** If you have to work or go to school during Holy Week, think about how you can incorporate prayer breaks into each day.
2. **MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE** by fasting and abstaining from meat on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in addition to Good Friday.
3. **DON'T WATCH TELEVISION** from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning.
4. **GO** to confession.
5. **SET ASIDE** 10 minutes every day to read Passion accounts in the Gospels.
6. Make it a point to **FORGIVE** someone on Good Friday.
7. **PRAY** the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
8. **OFFER UP** any pain or difficulties you experience during Holy Week and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ.
9. **PRAY** the Stations of the Cross.
10. **ATTEND** all of the Triduum liturgies.
11. **INVITE** family members, friends and neighbors — especially people who have strayed from the church — to come to church with you.
12. **VOLUNTEER** to help decorate your parish on Holy Saturday for Easter.

Holy Week customs

Palm crosses: From medieval times, people have believed that blessed palms formed into the shape of a cross would protect them from danger. The easiest way to make a cross from blessed palms is to cut two pieces of the palm, arrange in the shape of a cross, put a thumbtack in the middle, and attach the cross to a doorway or a bulletin board. Check Google for directions on how to braid or weave palms into more decorative crosses.

Housecleaning: In many cultures the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week are designated as days for vigorous housecleaning in preparation for Easter. This custom probably evolved from the Jewish custom of ritual cleaning before Passover.

Visiting churches: The custom of visiting several churches to say a prayer on Holy Thursday was a tradition that evolved from the practice of making pilgrimages to holy places.

Coloring eggs: Decorating eggs was a pagan symbol of rebirth at springtime for the Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, Persians and even the Chinese. Christians adopted the colored egg as a symbol of new life which comes with the Resurrection.

Sweet breads: In many cultures, Holy Week was traditionally a time for baking sweet breads, cakes and pastries that would be served on Easter Sunday.

New clothes: From the time of the early Christians, the newly baptized wore white garments made from new linen. In medieval times, it became a tradition for people to wear new clothes on Easter Sunday, symbolizing the “new life” that comes with the Resurrection. In some places it was believed that bad luck would come to those who could afford new Easter clothes but refused to buy them.

Easter lilies: The tradition of buying Easter lilies during Holy Week for use as decorations in homes and churches came into practice in the 1800s. The white flower is a symbol of purity and new life that heralds the resurrection of Jesus.

Blessing of Easter baskets: In many cultures, families bring food that will be eaten on Easter Sunday to church in a basket for a special blessing on Holy Saturday.

Holy Water blessings: Some families bring holy water containers to Mass on Easter so they can bring home some Easter water, which is blessed during the Easter Vigil, to bless their homes.

The Sacred Triduum

The word “Triduum” comes from the Latin word meaning “three days,” and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. It begins at sundown on Holy Thursday, reaches a high point at the Easter Vigil, and concludes with evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday. The liturgical celebrations during the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, Catholics are encouraged to observe the entire Triduum by attending all of the liturgies.

The Chrism Mass During Holy Week bishops bless sacred oils in the diocesan cathedral at a special liturgy known as the Chrism Mass. The oil of chrisam is used during baptisms, confirmation, ordination and the consecration of altars. The oil of catechumens is used at the Easter Vigil. The oil of the sick is used to anoint people during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The oils are then distributed to the parishes for sacramental celebrations throughout the year. As part of the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the renewal of priestly promises was incorporated into the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is an ancient celebration that traditionally takes place on Holy Thursday morning. But in recent years, many dioceses celebrate the Chrism Mass on an evening earlier in Holy Week so that more people can attend.

Quiz answers 1. Gethsemane or the Mount of Olives 2. Judas 3. Peter 4. Pontius Pilate 5. Barabbas 6. 14 7. Three 8. Simon of Cyrene 9. Veronica 10. King of the Jews 11. Joseph of Arimathea 12. Mary Magdalene



Day 1
Good Friday
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Begins
Good Friday

Following
3:00pm & 6:00 pm Stations
of the Cross

Divine Mercy Novena

The *Divine Mercy novena* is prayed
between *Good Friday* and the *Sunday*
of *Divine Mercy*, which is the *Sunday*
following *Easter*.

Weekend Marriage Builders

CHERISHING

Husbands and wives commonly express and receive love differently. Use this ranking system to identify your “love language.” If the listed behavior is something that makes you feel loved and cherished, circle the number three. If you feel neutral about that behavior, circle the number two. If you feel the action is an ineffective indicator of love, circle the number one. After each of you has circled the appropriate numbers, discuss each other’s answers.

Hearing expressions of love	1 2 3
Reading expressions of love	1 2 3
Receiving help	1 2 3
Being served	1 2 3
Being touched	1 2 3
Being provided for	1 2 3
Receiving a gift	1 2 3
Being challenged	1 2 3
Having a time devoted to me	1 2 3

- Harold B. Smith

Revive

Saturday: Proverbs 5:1-23

Sunday: 1 John 4:7-21