

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

March 26, 2023  
5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world." Jn 11:25-27

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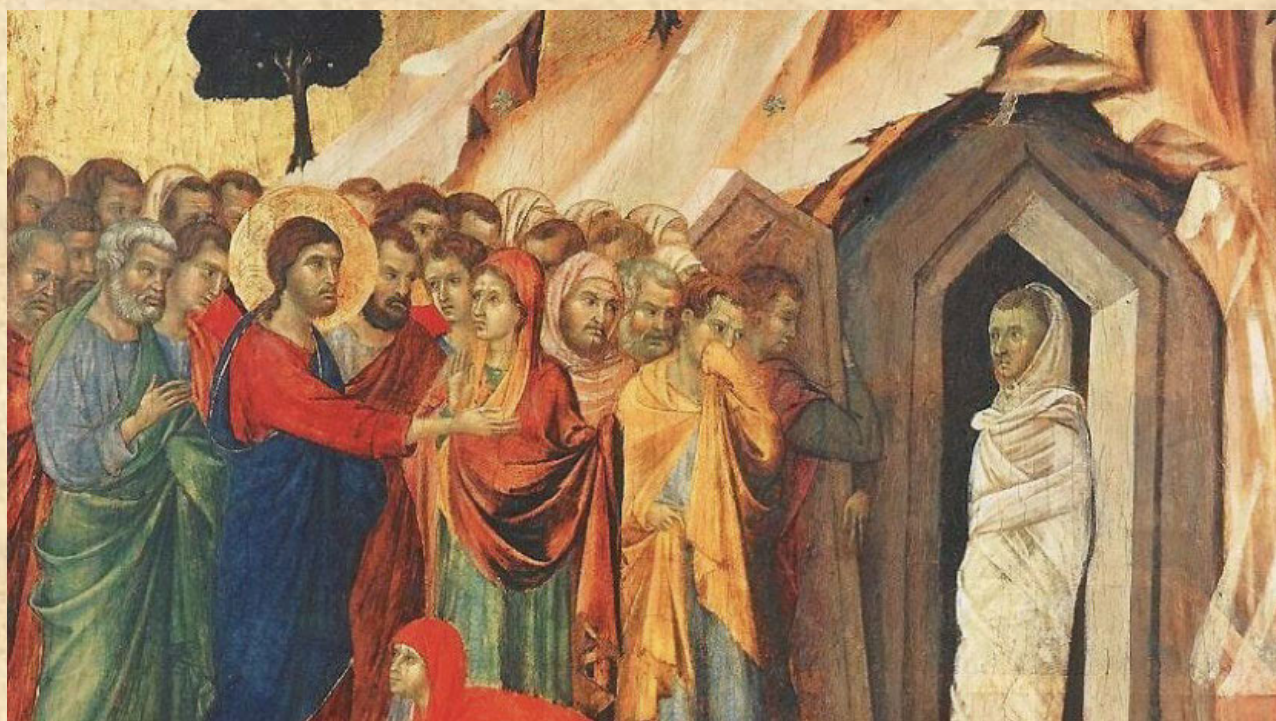
## Stations of the Cross

- ✠ Fridays after the 8 am Mass
- ✠ Spanish Stations: Fridays at 7 pm



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

- ✠ Friday, March 31st: 3 - 7 pm



## Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

**Weekends:** Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: \*\*8:00 am, 10:00 am  
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

**Weekdays:** Monday: \*\*6:00 pm  
Tuesday: \*\*12:05 pm  
Wednesday-Saturday: \*\*8:00 am

**\*\*This Mass will be "Live-Streamed" on YouTube**

To view a Mass shortly after it was "live", go to our website: "[www.stmatthewwausau.org](http://www.stmatthewwausau.org)" and click on icon "Today's Mass". For a Mass on a previous day, click on icon "YouTube-Recorded Masses".

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before every Mass  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(Wednesday 4:30 pm: Evening Prayer,  
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

## Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6:00 pm Saturday & 9:00 am Sunday:  
Public Access Channel 980  
6:30 am Sunday: Cable/Satellite Channel 12

## Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)  
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

## Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 12 Noon

**Website:** [www.stmatthewwausau.org](http://www.stmatthewwausau.org)  
**YouTube:** St. Matthew Wausau

**Emailed Bulletins:**  
[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**Diocese of La Crosse:** [www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.org)



## A God Who Weeps With Us

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

*"And Jesus wept." John 11:35*

It strikes me every time I read the story of Lazarus' resurrection. Of all the amazing and surprising things to occur in this Gospel passage - dead man walking! (well, dead man hopping, really) it is this small detail that never fails to catch my eye, never fails to compel me and confound me. Why did Jesus weep? He knows the ending of the story. He knows Lazarus will be raised. So why does He weep?

Several years ago, I suffered a miscarriage. It was very early in the pregnancy, and so the news came to our older children all at once: there was a baby, and now the baby is gone. They understood and they did not understand. They nodded wisely at our words, accepting the information, absorbing it, wrapping their minds around this blessing-become-loss. They held the idea of a younger sibling in their mind, turning it over and inspecting it, I saw this in their eyes, and they did not know quite what to do with such a thing as great happiness that becomes great sorrow. Do any of us, really?

We still talk often about the baby that we lost, we named him Julian, and he is a presence in their minds that makes himself known whenever we confront the subjects of suffering, pain, sadness, and loss. "Why did God want Julian to die?" my daughter asked me recently, and I hastened to explain that God did *not* want Julian to die. "But why wasn't he born, then?" she asked, shaking her head in confusion.

"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Both Martha and Mary say this to Jesus when He comes to them in their grief. They don't say it as reproach, but as testimony: their faith is great that, had Jesus been present, He would not have stood by and watched His friend suffer, and done nothing.

But Jesus was not there. He delayed in the place where He was, and Lazarus died, and now Martha and Mary have to face a future of uncertainty without the protection and companionship of their brother. And when at last Jesus finally comes to Bethany, the sisters kneel before Him and reaffirm their faith in Jesus' love for them and in His power over life and death. And they accept that this was a power He did not use for their benefit, even though He could have. They accept their suffering. The women had no expectations. We see that over and over again, they believe clearly that Jesus *can* bring their brother back, but they don't dare to dream that He will. "If You had been here," they say. And Jesus wept — as if to say: *I am here now*.

Any suffering that we offer to God, He will sit with us and weep over. And He will accept our offering and take it and transform it from a meaningless pain into a force for good. He most often does this in ways we cannot see and cannot know, not here on earth, and not all at once. We could not bear the knowledge. It would be too much. So, we understand, but we do not understand.

I could not tell my daughter why Julian was not born. As human beings, we are handicapped by our earthly comprehension of power. If God has the ability to make something easy, we say, then why doesn't He do it? If God *can* prevent pain, isn't it awful of Him not to? And in fact, doesn't that redirect the blame for every misfortune, every loss, every evil in this world to the feet of the One who could have kept it all from happening in the first place?

*God can do anything. Can't He make a world where we don't suffer?* But my friends, He *has*. And He has invited us there. And until we can go, He will sit with us in this world — this broken, sinful, dying world — and He will weep.

## Excellent Resources to Accompany Your Lenten Journey

- \* *Real Life Catholic* with Chris Stefanick [reallifecatholic.com](http://reallifecatholic.com)  
Fearless - a free, 7-week video series on fear.
- \* *Dynamic Catholic* with Matthew Kelly [dynamiccatholic.com/lent](http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent) -  
Discover the real you: Sign up to receive two free videos each day.
- \* *Word on Fire* with Bishop Robert Barron [wordonfire.org/calendar/lent](http://wordonfire.org/calendar/lent)  
Receive daily Gospel Reflections.
- \* *The Ultimate Guide to Lent* with Fr. Mike Schmitz  
[media.ascensionpress.com/2023](http://media.ascensionpress.com/2023) -  
Short videos to better understand Lent.
- \* *Lenten Resources* from the US Bishops  
[usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent](http://usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent) - Readings for the day;  
articles; prayers and devotions



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3. When "St. Matthew Parish" shows up click on it to select it, then click on "Next"
4. Create a New Account by typing in "Your Name" and "Your email address" then click "Sign Up"



## What Are You Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "*What are you looking for?*" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "*Come and you will see!*" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. **What are YOU looking for?** So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: **Fr Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.** God bless you!



Anointing    Baptism    Communion    Confirmation    Reconciliation    Marriage    Holy Orders

## Celebration of the Sacraments

### Confession

30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

### Baptism

**Baptism Preparation Class: May 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm**

The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

### Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al: 715-842-3148.

### Marriage - Contact Fr Sebastian 6 months in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

Call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for:

- \* **Anointing of the Sick** - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- \* **Communion Visits to the Homebound** - if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- \* **Visits at the Hospital** - If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know as we are not always notified by the hospital.

**In Need of Extra Prayer?** - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or Parish Center: 715-842-3148.



### Easter Flowers and Candles Donations

Easter flowers or candles can be donated to honor our loved ones (living or deceased). Donations made will be listed in a future bulletin.

**Candles and flowers add beauty and meaning to the Easter Liturgical Celebration.**



The "Easter Lily" is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, because it rises from a single bulb representing Christ rising from the tomb. An ancient belief was that white lilies appeared where drops of blood fell from Christ's body after the crucifixion.

Lighted candles take away darkness & are symbolic of Jesus, "the Light of the world". He brought us new hope when He rose from the dead!!

**Donations can be put in the Sunday Collection or dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center.**

Please include the following information with your donation:

- your name
- the name of the person you are honoring
- indicate if you are donating a flower or candle
- place this information in an envelope along with a donation
- on the outside of the envelope write: "Easter Decorations"

You can also donate a flowering plant (in pastel spring colors) and bring to church before 3 pm on Good Friday.

**Thank you for your donations!**

### Resurrection Church Lenten Soup Meals in Brennan Hall

**Wednesdays, March 1st - April 5th - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Soup and Fresh Bread will be served.

Donations are accepted.

### Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

### Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51) Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The living Bread is Jesus Himself.

**Let's pray this right now and every day this week:**

"Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the 'living Bread' received in Holy Communion."

This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6:48-51



### Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race Election on Tuesday, April 4th

The PBS Wisconsin headline on February 22nd got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race."

It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4th. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week, let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, He might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.

See The Difference? Neither do we.



- **St Anne's Wausau**, corner of Bridge St and 6th Ave  
Fridays of Lent (Feb 24 - March 31) 4:00-7:00 pm - 715-849-3930 Ext 6
- **St Patrick's Parish**, 136058 Halder Drive, Mosinee - off Hwy 153 west of Mosinee - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 24 - April 7) 4:00-8:00 pm 715-693-2765
- **St John the Baptist Parish**, 117 N 4th Ave, Edgar - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 24 - April 7) 4:00-7:30 pm - 715-352-3111



The Wausau Lyric Choir will have its 50th anniversary concert at the Creske Auditorium at Mosinee High School on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm & on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

Works to be performed include contemporary religious works, gospel music and other songs from the choir's 50 year repertoire. The concert is free, but free will donations will be accepted.





## This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

### Wednesday, March 29

**That Man Is You!** - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am  
**Choir Practice** - Church: 6:30 pm

### Thursday, March 30

**Peacemakers Quilters** - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm  
**Jubilee House Free Community Meal** - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

### Friday, March 31

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Church: 3:00 - 7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 1

**Scrip Sold** after 4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins

**Scrip Sold** after 8 am and 10 am Masses  
**Gaudete Choir Sings** at 10 am Mass



**Weekly Minimum Amount  
Needed per Budget:**  
**\$9,612.00**

Envelopes (March 19).....	\$7,482.00
Offertory.....	\$959.55
Debt Reduction.....	\$1,338.00
Candles.....	\$180.00

**Parish Contributions:** Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. If you are not attending Mass in person, please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- **Mail:** St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401
- **Bill Pay through your Bank:** contact your bank to set up.
- **Online Giving:** via credit card or direct debit
  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/donations](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/donations) (one-time donations)
  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/payments](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/payments) (recurring donations available)
- **Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer** from your bank. To set up, contact **Jerry** at: 715-842-3148 or email: [jerryg@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:jerryg@stmatthewausau.org)

### Palm Sunday & Easter Bulletin Submission Dates

The Palm Sunday & Easter Bulletins will both be submitted during the last week of March. If you have anything to put in these bulletins, please submit it by the following dates by 2 pm to:

[rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org) or you may call Rosemary at: 715-370-2730. Thank you!

### Deadline to Submit Announcements:

Monday, March 27  
Friday, March 31

### For 2023 Bulletin on:

April 2 (Palm Sunday)  
April 9 (Easter)

### Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

**Pastor:** Rev Sebastian Kolodziejczyk  
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**Plant Manager:** Jason Seliger

**Bulletin Deadline: 2 pm Monday**



## Mass Intentions March 27 - April 2, 2023

Pray for Us

Mon, Mar 27 - 6:00 pm - †Rosie Bauer  
Tue, Mar 28 - 12:05 pm - †Christine Kaiser  
Wed, Mar 29 - 8:00 am - †Herman Sobottka & †Mark Bradley  
Thu, Mar 30 - 8:00 am - †Judy M. Koy  
Fri, Mar 31 - 8:00 am - †Paul Wiegert  
Sat, Apr 1 - 8:00 am - †Jo Ann Van Slate  
4:30 pm - †Albert Kunze  
Sun, Apr 2 - 8:00 am - †In Memory of Ted Stencil, Sr  
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners  
*Spanish* - 12 noon - †Maria Luisa Munoz Santoyo

## Daily Mass Readings

### Monday, March 27

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 28

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102/Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday, March 29

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday, March 30

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday, March 31

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 1

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66



## Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday April 1 4:30 pm	Sunday April 2 8:00 am	Sunday April 2 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Joe Calderaro	Henry Wanserski	Kay Washebek
<b>Musicians</b>		
Todd McDonald Nancy Losinski	Ellen Schumann Sara Schmitt	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
<b>Ushers and Greeters</b>		
Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur Mike Lawrence	Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Nic Schmitt	Kevin Ellenbecker Tom Brzezinski Jack Reeves
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Yonathan Ramirez	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	TJ Sondelski Matthew Meyer
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b> John and Brooklyn		



Fr Sebastian is happy to visit those hospitalized to provide you with the "Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick". Please call us at 715-842-3148 to let us know as the hospital doesn't always notify us.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4



Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the  
Family & Friends of:

**Shirley Sackmann**

She died Tuesday - March 14, 2023

She is the Wife of Roger Sackmann

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen*



## St Matthew Soup Sale

**Saturday & Sunday  
March 25th & 26th**



Our delicious homemade soups & tuna macaroni salad are  
available for purchase in the Angelorum after the  
4:30 pm, 8 am, & 10 am Masses

### Soups

(\$7.00/Quart)

Chicken Dumpling

Pea with Ham

Chili

Hamburger Vegetable w/ Barley

Cheesy Potato with Ham

### Salad

(\$5.00 for 1.5 lbs)

**Tuna Macaroni Salad**

**A special thank you to those  
who made the soups & those  
who purchased the soups!**

**\*\* If you have quart jars with lids, please put them in the marked plastic  
bins in the Angelorum or call Ken for pick up. Thank You!**



## Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

### During the Season of Lent:

1. Catholics age 14 and older are to "abstain from meat" on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59, are to "fast" on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



## Project Milk Needs Your Help!

As we prepare to purchase whole powdered milk for the children at Casa Hogar and their surrounding orphanages, we find ourselves short of funding to purchase a full shipping container. Presently we have the funding for 600 bags of milk, but a full container is 800 bags. So we are in immediate need of \$17,000. Each 50 lb. bag costs \$85.00.

Please consider donating to **Project Milk** so we can send this powdered milk to Peru for the many children! You can donate online at [homeajpm.org/project-milk](http://homeajpm.org/project-milk), by clicking on the "**Donate**" tab and designating Project Milk as your donation. Finally, you may write a check payable to the **Diocese of La Crosse**, with "Project Milk" on the memo line, and mail it to:

Office for Ministries and Social Concerns,  
3710 East Ave. S.  
PO Box 4004  
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004



## HOPE Life Center's Operation Baby Bottles



Please pick up a baby bottle in the Angelorum and fill the bottle with coins, bills or checks, and then return the bottle to church. You can also donate online at [Hopewi.org/donate](http://Hopewi.org/donate). Thank you for supporting HOPE.

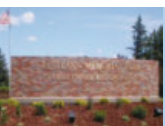
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HOPE partners with churches to serve clients and encourage them in their faith, and in many cases tell them for the first time about God's plan for their lives and salvation that is available through Jesus Christ. The **Operation Baby Bottle** fundraiser provides support for the life-affirming mission of HOPE, and is a great way for you to get involved.



## Msgr. Hirsch presents "Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist

Again and again, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Our faith comes alive as we understand better that Jesus gives us His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Join Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director: Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage, Lurin, Peru as he presents *Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist*. (48 min.) Visit [diolc.org/catechesis](http://diolc.org/catechesis).



## Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

There are 2 cemetery plots available at Restlawn.  
Call Cindy at 1-815-861-0841 if you are interested.



## Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish Next Scrip Sale: April 1st & 2nd

In the Angelorum before and after Mass  
(Saturday: 4:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am)  
**You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.**



## Divine Mercy Celebration Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th

**Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia**  
7379 Church Street - Custer, WI

- 8:00 am: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 9:00 am - 3:30 pm: Adoration with Holy Hours
- 2:00 pm: Presentation by Reverend Sebastian Kolodziejczyk
- 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Hour/Chaplet, procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
- 4:00 pm: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Holy Mass will be offered at 4:00 pm after Confession, so that "the soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment."





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