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#### Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month

#### SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OBLIGATION RESTORED BY THE COLORADO BISHOPS

April 6, 2021

The Bishops of Colorado have announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be restored on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, and all Catholics who are healthy and without significant risk factors or other serious reasons should resume normal Mass attendance in the coming weeks.

This is being announced with over six weeks of notice to give parishes and Catholics adequate time to prepare. As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life."

As the Church teaches: "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." Catechism 2l82

The Sunday and Holy Day obligation is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity or need to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for our own spiritual nourishment, happiness, and eternal salvation.

Over the last 11 months, the dioceses resumed in-person Masses, following public health protocols and guidelines. Our parishes have continued to increase attendance and welcome back as many people as possible. The safety and health protocols implemented at our parishes have proven to be extremely effective, and we are unaware of any issues of community spread happening at a public Mass. Prudent health precautions will still be taken by every parish.

It is important for Catholics to know that the Church has always provided for exceptions to the Sunday and Holy Day obligation, and that anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from the obligation. Be/ow is a list of specific criteria that you would remain dispensed.

If you are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to come in contact with someone who might be sick, for example, if you have an underlying condition or are in a high-risk category.

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To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.



### Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

Masses are now, with rules of **Social Distancing**, set at 175 person capacity, we <u>are</u> also following **GOVERNOR MANDATED regulations for Face Coverings**.

So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

If you do not have one we have some available. If you take a cloth face mask to use please take it with you!

We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgit.org under Masses for the link.



Theme: THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION AND OUR MISSION TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE GOOD NEWS.

THE RESURRECTION AND THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Resurrection is at the center of our Christian faith and it gives irrevocable and unimaginable meaning to it. The Resurrection is at the heart and center of the Gospel. The Resurrection is the Good News. It is the reason for our

faith. It is our Christian hope. Every Eucharistic Sacrifice we offer makes the Power of the Resurrection Real and Present. It is therefore not surprising that it was at the Breaking of the Bread the two runaway disciples who were on their way to Emmaus recognized the Risen Christ and they immediately returned to the community of the brethren. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is accompanied naturally by the gift of the Holy Spirit, with its life-giving, life-changing and transformative power. This was the great experience of the Apostles, the Disciples and the early Church and which still subsists in the Church today. Both the private and the public giving of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and Disciples as we saw in the last Sunday's Gospel pericope and on the Great Pentecost Day, testify to this fact. The timid, fear-ridden, chicken-hearted Apostles were transformed and empowered by the Power of the Holy Spirit as we see in the post Pentecost lives of St Peter and his brethren and his fearless speech to the Jewish people after the healing of the crippled beggar at the Beautiful gate.(Acts,2: 21-47; 3: 11-26).

THE RESURRECTION AND OUR WITNESSING MISSION: The Resurrection, as THE GREAT GOOD NEWS is our precious gift from the Lord, not to be kept to ourselves but to be shared with others, especially those who have not heard and those who have relapsed in the faith. The Psalmist is not only aware of this Good News that comes from God through the Resurrection, but also feels the compulsion to share it with others so that they can experience the Good News that God loves and cares for His people. The Gospel periscope re-echoes this mandate: THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES, AND HE SAID TO THEM,: "THUS IT IS WRITTEN THAT THE CHRIST WOULD SUFFER AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY AND THAT REPENTANCE, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS WOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME, TO ALL THE NATIONS, BEGINNING FROM JERUSALEM. YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE". This great missionary mandate of bearing witness to the GOOD NEWS was echoed to the disciples by the Master Jesus Christ Himself, shortly before He went back to the Father: EVERY AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZE THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MAKE THEM TO BELIEVE ALL THAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU, AND KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU TILL THE END OF TIME (Mtt. 28: 18-20). St John in the second reading highlighted the core message of this GOOD NEWS and mission, which must be carried out in love and charity. This great responsibility of sharing the GOOD NEWS with others is seen in the first reading by St Peter. He proclaimed that Jesus Christ is risen and that he himself is a witness of the Resurrected Lord. He therefore, exhorted his audience to take action, repent and be converted so that they could experience the GOOD NEWS and salvation.

My dear brothers and sisters, through the Waters of our Baptism, we're buried with our Lord Jesus Christ, rose with Him, and were conferred with the same Power and Spirit of Resurrection in union with the Apostles and the early Church. We also share the same missionary mandate of proclaiming the GOOD NEWS in our broken and divided world, a world fill with hatred, error and confusion, a consumerist world. We are all evangelists, MIS-SIONARY DISCIPLES of our time. We have been called to be the faithful bearers of this GOOD NEWS to our brothers and sisters. This mission will be most eloquent and convincing when we preach and witness with our lives: the life of love, compassion to the weak, ignorant and weary, charity, and mercy because ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS... St Francis of Assisi once said "PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS AT ALL TIMES; AND IF NECESSARY, USE WORDS. Hence, let us allow the people to experience this GOOD NEWS more in the way we treat and relate with them, no matter our differences, then our world will be a better place. Remember, we are the Resurrection people and it must reflect in our daily lives. May the Power and Spirit of the Resurrection be our strength as we bear witness to the GOOD NEWS. Father Kenneth Obasi

#### RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

Thank you to everyone who responded to our need for an Altar Care Crew! It is wonderful to have volunteers willing to help out with such an important ministry! It is greatly appreciated.



Catholic Daughters will host a benefit card party and silent auction at Sacred Heart Church, Fruita on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Ticket will include light lunch and refreshments. Please contact Treva Teskey @ 639-2209 or Carol Hollis @ 858-1863.



Dads & Sons Camping Trip

Who: IHM dads and sons

What: Weekend camping trip

When: May 15-16

Where: Moab, UT

Why: To grow closer to God and each other

Interested? Contact Daniel Seatvet at dseatvet@gmail.com or 303.524.2114



#### Tour Guide of the Mass

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World Happens During Mass After Being Unable to Attend Because of a Global Pandemic!

Last week we discussed the corporal (human body) cloth, which lays directly on the altar (everything else goes on top of it, to protect the most important pieces). We also talked about the purificator which, if you remember, purifies everything. Continuing, we see Fr. Priest and the Ministers place theeeee......anyone? Anyone?...Ch-Ch...that's right. The ...

3. <u>Chalice</u> upon the altar. You probably already know what this is, but just in case (we can't go assuming anything), back to the dictionary!

#### chal-ice

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a large cup or goblet, typically used for drinking wine.

Yep, it's a cup! But it's a precious cup. Like it says up yonder, Fr. Priest puts wine into the chalice. *Unlike* an ordinary chalice, what comes OUT of our Mass cup is the Precious Blood of Christ! Because of this <u>Precious</u> Blood, our <u>precious</u> chalice MUST use a <u>precious</u> metal (like gold). Or it should at least be preciously gilded (see what I did there?) on the inside so that it is worthy of said Blood (or at least as worthy as humans can manage). Remember I just said MUST? The Blood is so important (the most important thing there is!) that the Church even mandates what our chalices can be made of. We don't use glass (it might break!) and we don't use pewter or something porous that might grab remnants of the most important thing there is!

#### 4.Well...

OK so I guess there's still more that goes into the preparation of the altar! Who'da thunk that there were so many details in such a short period of time during Mass. For more info on chalices and holy vessels, check out the GIRM 327-334. We'll finish up the preparation next week (yeah right!). See you then! SM

Minister Schedule for April 24/25, 2021

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am April 24 (†) Robert DeGiorgio by Kathleen

Hollingsworth

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

4:00 pm April 24 (†) Otto Kovash by Bill & Judy Beaudoin

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers: Lectors: Eucharistic: Hospitality:

7:30am, April 25 (†) Tom Gleason by Huber Family

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:
Lectors:
Eucharistic:
Hospitality:

9:15 am April 25, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, April 25 (†) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Mary & Ellie

Walworth

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: J. Simons & J. Withers

Eucharistic: Hospitality:

6:00pm, April 25 (†) Warren Bystedt by Nancy Johnson

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers: Lector: Eucharistic:

### Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: ACTS 3:13-15,17-19 1JN 2:1-5a LK 24:35-48

**Monday:** ACTS 6:8-15 JN 6:22-29 **Tuesday:** ACTS 7:51-8:1a JN 6:30-35

Wednesday: ACTS 8:1b-8 JN 6:35-40

**Thursday:** ACTS 8:26-40 JN 6:44-51

**Friday:** ACTS 9:2-20 JN 6:52-59

**Saturday:** ACTS 9:31-42 JN 6:60-69

Calendar of Events Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday April 18 7:30am Mass

9:15am St. Ann's 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass

Monday, April 19 8am Mass

Tuesday, April 20 8am Mass

Wednesday, April 21 8am Mass

Thursday, April 22 8am Morning Mass

Friday, April 23 8am Morning Mass

Saturday, April 24 8am Morning Mass 2:30-3:30 Confession

4:00 pm Mass with First Communion

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday April 18, 2021

7:30 am - (†) Fr. James Plough by Chuck Rosa

10:00 am - (†) Warren Bystedt by Church Friends

6:00 pm - (†) Frances Arnhold by Tom Arnhold

Monday April 19, 2021

8:00 am -(†) Deacon Gill Edward Rael by Woomer Family

Tuesday April 20, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mary McKenzie by Justine Tilger

Wednesday April 21, 2021

8:00 am - (†) The D'Arcy Family by Denise Buchner

Thursday April 22, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Judy Woomer by Her Children

Friday April 23, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Christopher Eddy by Kimbrell Family

Saturday April 24, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Robert DeGiorgio by Kathleen Hollingsworth

4:00 pm- (†) Otto Kovash by Bill & Judy Beaudoin

#### Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel Until further notice.

#### IHM Charitable Giving

#### Catholic Outreach Donations

December:

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February:

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#### Holy Family School Subsidy

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\$4,833

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February:

\$4,833

DMF

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Thank you for all your support!

Please help us to pay off 2020 DMF by March 31, 2020.

#### FAQ on Restoring the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation May 23, 2021

If you have questions like:

Why are Catholics normally obligated to attend Mass? Why is the general dispensation being lifted?

Are Masses safe to attend?

Will there be safety protocols at Masses?

Please go to our website Ihmgjt.org to see the entire FAQ regarding Restoring the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation. Or you can pick up a copy in the parish office.

The premiere of the movie, Roe v. Wade-the untold story of the most controversial supreme court decision of our time, is coming to Grand Junction, Monday, April 19 @ 7pm Victory Life Church, 2066 Hwy 6 & 50, Fruita. Tickets are \$5 person. Available for purchase in advance and at the door. For information please contact Andrea Barber at anbarber 7@gmail.com

roe-v-wade-movie-gj.ticketleap.com/roe-v-wade-movie-event/

#### Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 225 person capacity at mass while maintaining 6 feet Social Distancing.

We are asking that the Governor Mandated wearing of Face Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building be followed. They can only be removed while sitting and maintaining 6 ft. diameter of social distancing between individuals or family groups. Masks must be worn while singing. Any groups at IHM are still limited to 10 or fewer people and must be at least 6 feet apart from each other. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners. Thank You, IHM Staff.

#### Diducal Continued from Front of Bulletin:

If you are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to come in contact with someone who might be sick, for example,

If you have an underlying condition or are in a high-risk category.

If you exhibit flu like symptoms

If you have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness, for example you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or the flu.

If you care for the sick, homebound, or infirm and unable to leave them unattended.

If you are pregnant

If you are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).

If you cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own. For example, if no Mass was offered, you are sick, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control such as your ride does not show up, the church is at capacity.

Catholics are encouraged to consult with their pastor if they are unsure about their personal situation. Anyone who isn't able to go to Mass should continue to keep the Sabbath holy with intentional time in prayer including engagement in the readings for the day, which may be enhanced through watching a pre-recorded or livestreamed Mass and making a spiritual communion.

Finally, let us ask the Lord for a renewed spirit in every one of us: that we can emerge from this pandemic stronger and with an increased commitment to sharing the Good News and building up Christ's Church. Let us pray for those who have drifted from their faith, that their hearts will be moved to return; And let us pray for a full end to this pandemic, for everyone who suffered loss or despair, and for everyone who valiantly served others, that God may bring them peace and comfort.

Sincerely, Bishops of Colorado



Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

Virtual: April 23-25, June 11-13 In-person: Durango, Sept. 17-19; Colorado Springs, Nov. 5-7 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to

contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833

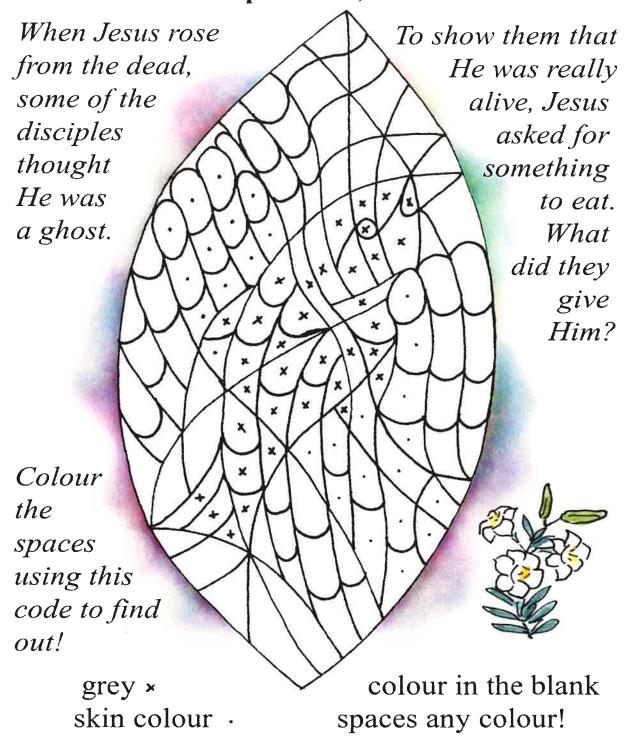
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# Third Sunday of Easter April 18th, 2021



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