

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am **Holy Days:** Anticipated Mass, 6:00 pm

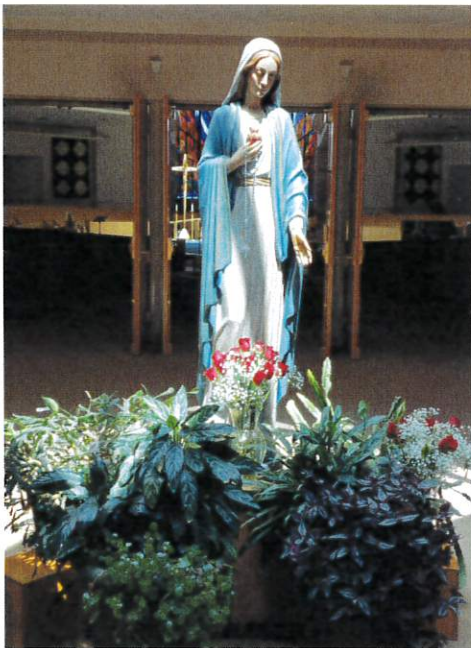
Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or
by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday of the Month

Office hours: M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:15 am **Holy Days:** TBD
10:30 am Mass each Tuesday of the month



Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel

Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm by Christ in the Desert

Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 in the IHM Library

Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel

PALM SUNDAY



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

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Catholic Daughters

Our next meeting is on April 16, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Fruita. Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter luncheon coming up on April 29, 2023 at noon will be at Sacred Heart Church in Fruita. Tickets may be purchased from the Sacred Heart Parish office and cost \$15 or \$10 for children under ten years old. The proceeds from this event will help to offset the expenses of the Catholic Daughters State Convention in June 2023.



**The Messiah
Choral
Society of**

Grand Junction is presenting its annual performance of Handel's Messiah with professional soloists, chamber orchestra and volunteer chorus. On Saturday April 15 at 5:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church 3940 27 1/2 Road

Holy Family School

SUBSIDY FORMS

are now available in the parish office. You may pick one up between 9 am & 5 pm Monday - Friday. **This year's Subsidy form is DUE no later than April 30, 2023** So please pick up one right away!



**PALM SUNDAY: A:
ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
(Is: 50: 4-7; Phil: 2: 6-11; Mat26: 14 to 27: 66)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this homily. Today we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus entered the city to fulfill God's plan of salvation culminating in His suffering and death on the cross.

Gospel for procession: This passage gives a detailed narration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the last time. Jesus goes to the city not as a conquering King but as a gentle and humble bearer of good news, travelling on a donkey. People in the city enthusiastically welcome Him with much gladness and gaiety. They sing, "Hosanna to the Son of God!"

The first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this passage Isaiah speaks of his own sufferings in order to carry out his mission. In spite of his sufferings, Isaiah was sustained by the firm belief that God would not abandon him. Sufferings of Isaiah are a pre-figuration of the sufferings of Jesus, the Messiah.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. In this passage Paul tells us that although Jesus was God, He took on Himself human condition and accepted death on the cross. So God the father has raised Him up and made Him the Lord of heaven and earth.

The passion and sufferings of Jesus

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. This passage gives us a detailed account of the passion and sufferings of the Lord Jesus and how the prophecies of the scriptures are fulfilled. It is amazing to observe that perfectly religious and sane people are capable of siding with evil or doing evil in certain situations. This is very much evident from the happenings on Good Friday when the people who are apparently righteous put Jesus to death or collude with the people who do the crime.

We meet the following people in the Gospel today:

1. The Pharisees: These are austere and religious men who devoted all their energy for religion and have a good knowledge of the law. They are very sure of their righteousness which led them to evil.
2. Caiaphas: A man who upholds religious orthodoxy and does not want anyone to oppose it.
3. Pilate: A man who only thinks about his own chair. He knows Jesus is innocent yet he condemns Him because he is afraid of the Jewish authorities.
4. Judas: A disappointed and disillusioned man who thinks it is not wrong to betray his master.
5. Peter: A weak and cowardly man. To protect his skin he is ready to disown his master.

Holy week is the time to look at ourselves and find out where we stand in this drama of the Passion of the Lord. It is always easy to condemn others and throw stones at Judas, Peter, Caiaphas, Pilate and the Pharisees.

"Palm Sunday tells us that it is the Cross that is the true tree of life". -Pope Benedict XVI.

"Palm Sunday is like a glimpse of Easter. It is a little bit joyful after being somber during Lent." -

L. Gele.

"It is Palm Sunday and so begins our journey with Jesus from Jerusalem's gate to Golgotha's Cross to Easter's triumph." - Anon.

I wish you all a Reflective Holy Week and A Lovely day to you all. God bless you all, Fr. Selva.

RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

If you are interested in singing or playing at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8 or If you know someone who might be interested, encourage them to join us. Our first practice will be Thursday, March 30 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. please contact Molly in the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 212 or email musicdirector@ihmgjt.org with any questions.



Altar Server
Training

Altar Server Training will be postponed until after Easter. Watch the bulletin for the dates we resume training.

The
CHOSEN

"The Chosen"

will be shown on Thursdays in the IHM Youth Room after the daily Mass. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Questions. Call Bob Bianchi. 970-822-1147

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Come! Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th, the Sunday after Easter. Plan on joining us for a holy hour of prayer and adoration during the 'Hour of Mercy' beginning at 3:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. This will be followed by a video in the St. Therese room with discussion and refreshments. Come celebrate God's greatest gift, His infinite and unfathomable mercy!

Also, remember to begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 7th. Join with millions around the world who will be praying for God's Mercy to be poured out upon the world during the nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.



Baptism at IHM

If you are looking to have your child baptized here at IHM these are the documents we have to have on file in our office before your Baptism can be scheduled. These are mandated requirements from the Diocese:

1. Birth Certificate (state issued) of the child/person being baptized.
2. At Least one Godparent must be a Confirmed Catholic. They must submit a baptismal certificate with notations from their parish of baptism.
3. A letter from the parent explaining why they want their child baptized, how you plan on living the faith, and what you intend to do to help your child receive all the sacraments.
4. A letter from the godparent explaining how they will help their godchild with their faith throughout their life.

A class for parents and godparents may also be required.

Contact our Pastoral Assistant in the parish office to assist you with this process.



"The Lord, God is my help." Let God help your marriage to be the Sacrament He intended. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Dillon: Apr. 28-30, Colorado Springs: June 2-4, Durango: Sept. 15-17, Dillon: Nov. 3-5 For questions or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:

Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

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Easter Week Schedule

April 6 — Holy Thursday

8am Morning Prayer in the Chapel
6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration after the 6pm Mass until 5:00 pm
Friday

April 7 — Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
6-8pm The Passion of the Lord—Both Priests

April 8 — Holy Saturday

8am Morning Prayer
2:30-3:30pm Confessions
NO 4:00pm Mass
8:00 pm The Easter Vigil Mass—Both Priests

April 9 — Easter Sunday

7:30am Mass—Fr. Selvanathan
9:15am Mass at St. Ann - Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele
10am Mass—Fr. Selvanathan
6:00 pm Mass—Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

***All Ministry positions for Holy week and
Easter will be sign up only.***

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be
closing at 1:00 pm on Good Friday and
closed all day Monday!**

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday: MT 21:1-11 IS 50:4-7 PHIL 2:6-11 MT 26:14-27:66

Monday: IS 42:1-7 JN 12:1-11

Tuesday: IS 49:1-6 JN 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: IS 50:4-9a MT 26:14-25

Thursday: EX 12:1-8, 11-14 1COR 11:23-26

Friday: IS 52:13-53:12 HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 JN 18:1-19:42

Saturday: GN 1:1-2:2 GN 22:1-18 EX 14:15-15:1
IS 54:5-14 IS 55:1-11 BAR 3:9-15, 32-4:4 MT 28:1-10

Calendar of Events Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday, April 2	7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade 10:00 am Mass 11:30-12:30 RCIC & Sac Prep & Confirmation 6:00 pm Mass
Monday, April 3	8:00 am Mass
Tuesday, April 4	8:00 am Mass 6-9:00 pm Knights 6:30-8:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, April 5	8:00 am Mass NO CLASSES
Thursday, April 6	8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Adoration overnight till 5:00 pm Fri. 9-11:30 Mary's Mom's 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer 6:00 pm Mass Holy Thursday
Friday, April 7	8:00 am Morning Prayer OFFICE HOURS 9:00AM TO 1:00 PM 9 am Thursday - 5 pm Friday Adoration 5:30 Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 8	8:00 am Morning Prayer 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

Mass Intentions

Sunday April 2, 2023

7:30 am - (†) **Lawrence & Betty Suppes** by George & Marie
10:00 am - (†) **James Karp** by Karp Family
6:00 pm - (I) **Sandi & Jim Taylor** by Melvin Reams

Monday April 3, 2023

8:00 am - (†) **Allen & Yvonne Beuerle** by Judy Blevins & Carroll Multz

Tuesday April 4, 2023

8:00 am - **Phoebe Stewart** by Family

Wednesday April 5 2023

8:00 am - (†) **C.T Gordon** by Family

Thursday April 6, 2023

8:00 am - **MORNING PRAYER**

Friday April 7, 2023

8:00 am - **MORNING PRAYER**

Saturday April 8, 2023

8:00 am - **MORNING PRAYER**

8:00 pm - Pro Popula

The Kiss Of Peace: The Holy Kiss

RECENT RESTORATION

It is only recently that the holy kiss has been restored to the Roman Missal (in 1970) as part of the reforms initiated by Vatican II. In the United States the kiss of Peace is rarely a real kiss. Rather, the congregation is asked to exchange a "sign of peace", which for most people is a handshake or smile and nod. Family members, lovers or close friends might kiss, embrace or touch cheeks in the continental fashion, but the vast majority of people in the U.S. are more reserved, and not as comfortable with it as are Europeans.

When the kiss of Peace was restored to the liturgy in 1970, many people initially found it disconcerting. From their earliest years at Mass they had been trained not to talk in church. Suddenly, in the middle of the most sacred part of the Mass, they were being told to kiss people around them, which immediately got translated into a handshake or making the peace sign. Modern day Catholics slowly accepted the practice, and for some it is one of the high points of the liturgy.

But some complain that exchanging the sign of Peace seems distracting and irreverent, and a few of the more conservative bishops appear to share this view. They argue that before communion, the congregation should be preparing to receive the body and blood of Christ, and not be greeting one another. The worshipers should be facing toward Jesus, not toward one another. This argument against the kiss of peace might imply an individualistic piety that sees the Eucharist as something "between me and Jesus", with the rest of the congregation not relevant to the moment.

Those defending the kiss of Peace respond that there is no better preparation for communion than expressing our love for our neighbor. The kiss of Peace is seen by these people as a gesture of unity and communion that will be sacramentalized when they take communion. You are giving your fellow Parishioners a blessing, wishing Christ's Peace upon them, and also expressing a willingness to share with them the Body and Blood of Christ that you are about to receive.

It is not our own peace that we share, but the peace of Christ, which we just received through the Priest. This peace of Christ is what we share between one another. The Rite of Peace is what our Lord Jesus Christ said to the apostles at the Last Supper:

"My Peace I leave you, my Peace I give you not as the world gives it, but as God gives it."
John 14:27

The Peace of Jesus Christ is the reward of a strong relationship with him and can sustain the faithful even when external circumstances of life are not good. The peace we offer acknowledges that Christ is present in our life and in our neighbor, and it expresses a desire to forgive all hurts and to be at peace with all people.

VARIATIONS

Over time, changes have been allowed, such as the place in the liturgy at which the sign of peace is given. As late as 1995 discussion was still going on about the best place for the kiss of peace in the Mass, and the kiss has a history of being moved around in the order of the liturgy. A quote from Saint Augustine in the fourth century reveals that both the holy kiss and the pater noster came after the sacrifice of the Eucharist:

"When the sacrifice is finished we say the Lord's prayer, which you have received and recited. After this, the 'Peace be with you' is said and the Christians embrace one another with the holy kiss. This is a sign of peace, as the lips indicate, let peace be made in your conscience, that is, when your lips draw near to those of your brother, do not let your heart withdraw from his. Hence, these are great and powerful sacraments."
Saint Augustine's sermon #227

Variations to be continued...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

Shirley Petroff & Bernadette Hendrickson

RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

Kids Corner- Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
April 2nd, 2023

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Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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Answer: This is my Blood of the New Covenant
 which will be shed for many.

Youth Corner

Hello families,
 Our faith community is getting ready to start celebrating sacraments. We also need assistance with fun upcoming events.

HELP!

EASTER EGG HUNT-We need help with donations of candy, help stuffing eggs and, if you are not attending the 10 am mass Easter morning, can you help hide eggs? All these things will count as service hours. Remember you must attend at least one mass for Easter, so you don't get to use me as an excuse to get out of church.

YOUTH MASS- April 29th @ 4 pm And we need readers, altar servers, cross bearer, and ushers for they youth mass. Please consider volunteering for this on a continual basis so you become more comfortable with doing it and feel more a part of your faith. This is service hours as well.

VBS- We need Volunteers to run stations, and lots of Student volunteers to host small groups in the stations. (YES, you get service hours for this.) This will be held June 5th through June 9th 9am-Noon.

CELEBRATIONS:

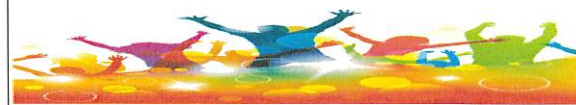
March 25th we celebrated several baptisms with the First Year RCIC children.

April 8th at the Easter Vigil we will welcome 3 wonderful adults from the RCIA program into the Catholic faith and family.

April 26th at 5:30 pm Bishop Berg will preside over the Confirmation Mass and initiate Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart Confirmandi fully into our Catholic faith.

May 6th at the 4:00 pm mass and **May 7th** at the 10 am mass we will celebrate 1st communion with the Sacramental prep children and 2nd year RCIC children.

If you take photos (no flashes please in the church) at any of these special celebrations, please share them with me at faithformation@ihmgjt.org and I will post them on the youth tab in the IHM website with the parents permission.



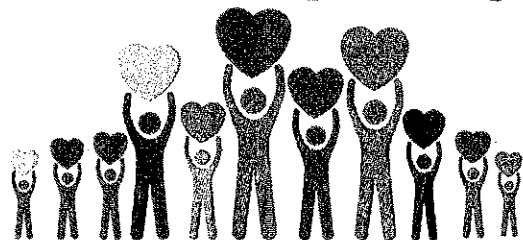


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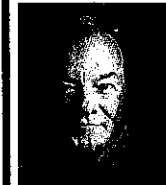
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