



April 1st – April 8th
(*Living +Deceased)

Saturday 1st, 4:00pm

Art, Ben & Rose DiRito +

by The DiRito Family

Sunday 2nd, 8:00am

Poor Souls in Purgatory +

Monday 3rd, 8:00am

Esperanza Gallardo +

by The Gallardo Family

Tuesday 4th, 8:00am

Louis Fresneau +

by Gabrielle Duvick

Wednesday 5th, 8:00am

All who suffer hunger or homelessness *

Thursday 6th, 5:30pm

All Priests & their ministries *

Saturday 8th, 8:00pm

TBA at Mass



“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.” — [Philippians 2:7-8](#)

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters, we encounter Christ as he walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it’s important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality—[almsgiving](#)—which allows us to help those who are most in need.

This final week of Lent is also a time to reflect on those words of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question. We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God’s one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

Please return your filled Rice Bowl boxes to the basket in the narthex. Thank You!

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC PARISH



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 4/3 - 8:00am

Tuesday: 4/4 - 8:00am

Wednesday: 4/5 - 8:00am

Thursday: 5:30pm

Saturday: 8:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

2nd Friday of each month - 24-hour

Friday: 8:30am to Saturday: 7:30am

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April 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday,
of the Passion of the Lord

Weekly Readings: April 2nd – April 9th

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11~ Isaiah 50:4-7~
Psalm 22:8-24~ Philippians 2:6-11~
Matthew 26:14 -- 27:66
Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7~ Psalm 27:1-14~
John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6~ Psalm 71:1-17~
John 13:21-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a~ Psalm 69:8-34~
Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14~ Psalm 116:12-18~
1 Corinthians 11:23-26~ John 13:1-15
Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12~ Psalm 32:2-25~
Hebrews 4:14—5:9~John 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:2~ Exodus 14:15—15:1~
Exodus 15:1-18~ Romans 6:3-11~
Psalm 118:1-23~ Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a-43~ Psalm 118:1-23~
Colossians 3:1-4 *or* 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8~
John 20L1-9 *or* Matthew 28:1-10

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*Irene, Bill & Virginia Singletary *Theresa Villanueva
*Anthony Martinez *Casey Quinn *Barb Z *Jerry Kinner
*Danny *Baby Jessa *Sylvia W *Amberlee Clausen *Dan &
Adisa Balkey *Pepper Patton *Domoni Toler *Tom & Joan
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Bulletin Prayer List Contact:

Joan DeSalvo (719) 371-8883 (call or text)

What's Happening

Joy of Life Prayer Group:

Meets every Monday at 10:30am in the Villa Maria.
Contact: Joan DeSalvo (719) 372-3261

Spanish Discipleship Ministry: Kerigma

Meets every Monday at 7:00pm in Kevin Hall.
Contact: Maria Torres (719)251-5988

Rosary Ministry:

Meets every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Villa Maria.
Contact: Patsy Causey (719) 251-4501

Ladies of Mary:

Meets every 2nd Thursday, rosary at 10:30am,
potluck 11:00, meeting at 11:30am.
Contact: Gina Wiseman 719-431-0311

Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Group:

Meets every Thursday evening immediately following
the 5:30pm Mass for recitation of the Chaplet.

Knights of Columbus Council #1225

Meets every 1st Tuesday – Full Council meeting;
Rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm
Meets every 3rd Tuesday - Council Officers meeting
(all are welcome to attend); Rosary at 6:30pm,
meeting at 7:00pm.

Prayer Blankets

that have been blessed, are available in the narthex
of the church for anyone needing comfort.

Parish Potluck

Every third Saturday of the month immediately
following the 4:00pm Mass, in the Parish Hall.

Eternal Life Ministry

If you have recently lost a loved one and would like the
comfort of a visit from a listening fellow parishioner,
please contact Barb Lamoreux at 719-429-3739.

Council Meetings

Meets every 3rd Thursday of the Month

Finance Council - 1:30pm

Pastoral Council – 3:00pm



Palm Sunday The Immensity of God's Love

“He went out and began to weep bitterly.”

Holy Week is not for the faint of heart. The
entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem and the events
that follow oblige us to see up close the treachery of the
human heart. We need to recognize ourselves in this, as
hard as that may be. This is not a question of rubbing
our noses in it but seeing more clearly what we are
supposed to see when our eyes are turned toward the
Cross: the immensity of God's love.

The tragedy of our lives is not that we fall short
of the life that God wants for us, but that we fail to see
how much we are loved. *Fr. Dennis Gallagher, AA*



Holy Thursday A Sacred and Sorrowful Love

*“... Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from
this world to the Father. He loved his own in the
world and he loved them to the end.”*

As a hospice volunteer, being with loved ones
of dying relatives, I've known an awesome sacredness
mixed with aching sadness when someone's death
approaches. I imagine a similar atmosphere during
Jesus' farewell to his beloved disciples—the palpable
sense of love, the excruciating depth of sorrow. The
tenderness as he expressed his love for his friends was
only surpassed by the astounding gesture as he wrapped
a cloth around his waist and bent to wash their sweaty,
dirty feet. John's account of this does not mention
tears, but surely they were awash in the disciples' hearts
that evening. Now is the time to strengthen and
expand that kind of love in us so that when the time
arrives for our departure, our hearts will be a similar
overflowing container of love. *Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM*

Good Friday Truth will Reign

*“For this I was born and for this I came into the
world, to testify to the truth.”*

Good Friday seems anything but good. Hasn't
Jesus just undergone horrific torture during his Passion
and Crucifixion? Wasn't he laid in the tomb? Isn't he
dead? Isn't the story over? This is what the ways of the
world may incline us to think. But, far from death, life
will have the ultimate victory. Truth will reign again.

We live in an era of deception and falsehood—
when it seems that the truth is negotiable or can even
be changed. Whether in terms of the human person as
God made us, of human life or otherwise, we must
proclaim truth and reality. And let us begin by
celebrating the Truth itself (or rather, himself):
Jesus Christ, who will rise to new life in a few days.

Mr. Justin McClain, OP



Holy Saturday The Triumph of God's Love

*“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”*

Paul's phrasing always startles me a little. “Are
you unaware . . . ? Is he implying I'm dense? Stubborn?
Just need encouragement? All three? It always feels so
personal in a way that I probably need. For in this
life—busy, self-absorbed, listening to the world's
voices—yes, I just might have forgotten.

Tonight's liturgy is dramatic, long and rich.
It's memorable. It's unlike any other liturgy we'll
experience all year. We begin in darkness that's a
reminder of whatever darkness haunts us, we hear
God's Word, assuring us of his presence with us in that
darkness and then—it's light. It's light bursting forth
that we can't deny that drives darkness away. The
drama confronts every human weakness and limitation,
and this ritual engages every human sense around the
moment of the triumph of God's love. Unforgettable,
you might say.

Amy Welborn



Holy Week Schedule

Daily Mass: 8:00am

Monday April 3rd, Tuesday April 4th
& Wednesday April 5th



Holy Week Eucharistic Adoration

Take time to be with the Lord **during Holy Week.**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered
Tuesday, April 4th, immediately following
8:00am Mass, until 12:00 noon.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered
during Holy Week on **Tuesday, April 4th**; 8:30am-
11:00am. (No Sacrament offered on Holy Saturday.)

Holy Thursday - Mass at 5:30pm

The Blessed Sacrament will be carried in solemn
procession after Mass, to the Villa Maria where it will
remain while parishioners come for **Eucharistic
Adoration.**

Good Friday – Service at 3:00pm

The service is divided into the reading of the Passion,
Veneration of the Cross, and reception of the Eucharist
(which had been consecrated on Holy Thursday).

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – Mass at 8:00am