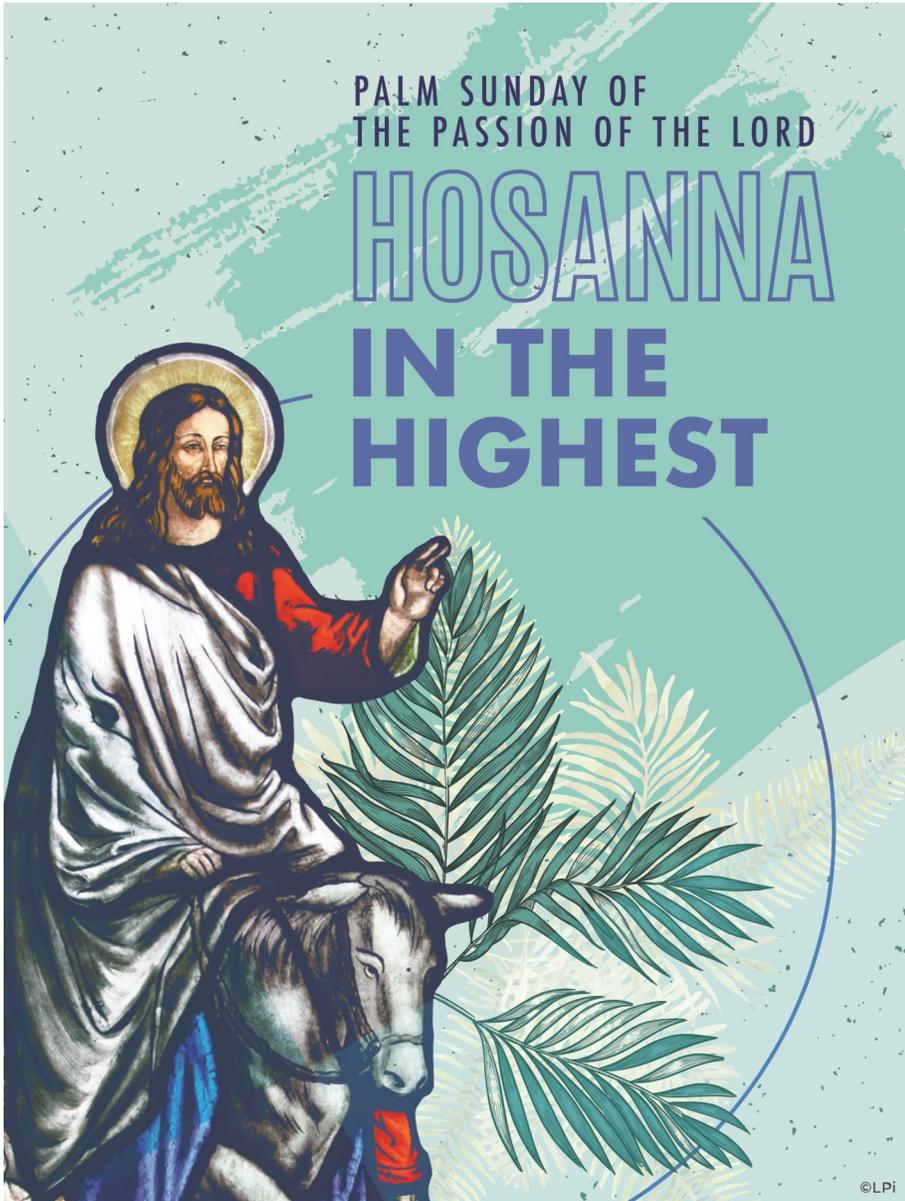


ST. MARK PARISH



MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News." (Mark 1:15)

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Spiritual Journey

*"God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
may not die,
but may have eternal life."
(John 3:16)*

Mass

Wednesday, April 13
9:30 am and 7 pm

Holy Thursday

April 14
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm –
followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday

April 15
Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 1 pm

Holy Saturday

April 16
Blessing of Easter baskets, 11 am
Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Easter Sunday

April 17
Holy Mass, 8:30 am and 11 am

APRIL 10, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate Palm Sunday this coming weekend, we are reminded to welcome Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow Him. "Hosanna—our Savior" was the cry of the people as He entered Jerusalem. This is an expression of praise and adoration. This victorious entry tells us that although Christ endured great suffering and sorrow, He was ultimately victorious over death and sin, bringing us the gift of salvation.

Much as in the time of Jesus, we wave our blessed palms in church as a symbol of those who originally welcomed Him. Do I whole heartily welcome Jesus on a regular basis? We place these palms in our homes as a visual reminder throughout the year of Jesus triumph of peace and eternal life.

As you enter the Church this weekend, you will receive a palm branch, which will be blessed at the beginning of Mass. In the past, one of our parishioners was particularly adept at creating beautiful palms which you may remember as part of our Palm Sunday display. They were a work of art!

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." (Psalm 118)

May our loving God bless our journey into the Holy Week and Easter.

Mary Jo

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

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LITURGICAL MUSIC

Palm Sunday

Opening Song -----All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain All Glory, and Honor to you Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosanas ring

1. You are the King of Israel, and David's Son, now in the Lord's name coming
Our King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels are praising you on high:
And mortals, joined with all things created, make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went
Our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present

Presentation Song-----O Sacred Head Surrounded

1. O Sacred Head Surrounded by crown if piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!
The power of death comes o'er you, the glow of life decays.
Yet angels hosts adore you and tremble as they gaze.
2. In this your bitter passion. Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most kind compassion, unworthy though I be
Beneath your cross abiding forever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding, and with your presence blest.

Communion Song-----Behold the Lamb of God

Refrain Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God
Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb of God

1. Behold the Lamb of God, who carries our burden.
Who knows our pain who bears the sins of the world. **Refrain**
2. Surely he has born our grief and carried the sorrows if us all
Struck down in our stead, rejected and scorned and by his wounds we are healed. **Refrain**
3. Father forgive them, they do not understand, they do not understand what they do. **Refrain**
4. The kingdom of this world has become thee kingdom of Christ,
And he shall reign for endless days, worthy is the Lamb **Refrain**

Sending Forth Song-----Were you There

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives. ©LPi

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and the whole world.*

COME CELEBRATE

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

St. Faustina Church
Rev. Bogdan Milosz, Pastor
14025 Twelve Mile Road,
Warren, Michigan

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 12:00 Noon
Confession: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Devotions: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Holy Sacrifice of Mass: 2:00 p.m.

Our Lord's words to St. Faustina...

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

The Soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 699)

THE WORD

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14-23:56
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/
Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti

Thank you for your continued food and monetary support.

God bless.



Saturday, April 9

- 4:00 pm Frances Szpont
Victoria Café
Kaila Murphy
Kathy Thornton
Aloysius Schwartz

Sunday, April 10

- 11:00 am Greg & Mary Elliott
Earl & Marilyn Parrish
Dave Reamer
Tadeusze & Barbara Pachnik

Sunday, April 10

- 8:30 am Carmela Palamara
Vince Roodbeen
Joseph Niemczura
John & Dana Stimac
Heather Stolt
Frank Stimac
Jackie Loch
Veronica & Charlie Chasney

Wednesday, April 13

- 9:30 am Bernadine Corbeill
- 7:00 pm The People of St. Mark

Thursday, April 14

- 7:00 pm The People of St. Mark

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear in today's reading how the prophet Isaiah suffered for his commitment to his call and for his fidelity to the Lord. And yet, Isaiah never lost his faith in God. When has your faith been put to the test?

Second Reading:

Paul recites an early Christological hymn to the Philippians describing Jesus' human and divine nature. The hymn states that Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped." What do you think this assertion is teaching us about Jesus' dual nature?

Gospel:

In his account of the passion narrative, we hear how Luke emphasizes the innocence of Jesus, noting both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent. Why do you think Luke highlights the verdict of Jesus as "not guilty" of any capital crime?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Richard Harrison
David Harrison
Darlene Muir
Dale Parrish
Marilyn Parrish
Pierina Paweloski
Latonya Smith
Blanch Sobieralski
Theresa Wernette
Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman
Lt. Commander Adam Craig
LCPL Sarah J Page
Sgt. Steven Parisi
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. #Lent"

- Pope Francis
@Pontifex Twitter (April 5, 2022)



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STEWARDSHIP

OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH

We thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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