

April 9 & 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions

<i>Week of Apr 9 & 10</i>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:45 am	For the repose of the soul of Joshua Pallotta
Monday	6:30 pm	Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>NO Mass at St. Thomas</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Spy Wednesday Mass
Thursday	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday

<i>Week of Apr 16 & 17</i>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Mass
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.

†Eucharistic Adoration† Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

Appreciating your thoughtfulness and generosity following the Super Typhoon that hit my place in the Philippines last December 17th. The total donation from both parishes amounted to \$ 5,299.00 and was sent to my diocese, family, relatives and friends. Your help and prayers let the victims feel God’s love and presence. May all of you be blessed abundantly. Thanking you, Fr. Richard

Easter decorations: We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday April 16 at 9:00 am. Any help that you may be able to provide will be greatly appreciated.

Father Calapan will be away from Mon. April18 thru Friday April22. There will be no weekday Masses.

Thank you for supporting the Cambridge Food Shelf !



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 11	
Is 42:1-7	
Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14	
Jn 12:1-11	
Apr 12	
Is 49:1-6	
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17	
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	
Apr 13	
Is 50:4-9a	
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34	
Mt 26:14-25	
Apr 14	
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18.	
1 Cor 11:23-26	
Jn 13:1-15	
Apr 15	
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	
Apr 16	
Rom 6:3-11	
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	
Lk 24:1-12	
Apr 17	
Acts 10:34a, 37-43	
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.	
Col 3:1-4	
Jn 20:1-9	

The Chrism Mass

On Tuesday of Holy Week at 11:00 AM, Bishop Coyne, joined by the priests of the Diocese of Burlington (which encompasses the whole state of Vermont), gather at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. There the bishop blesses three oils made from olive oil — the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Holy Chrism — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church.

The Bible depicts the importance of olive oil. Sacred oil has spiritual symbolism for sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication, consecration, and sacrifice. Given this heritage, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals.

The Oil of Catechumens is used in the Sacrament of Baptism. In the baptismal liturgy, the priest with the Oil of Catechumens anoints the person to be baptized on the chest. The anointing symbolizes the person’s need for the help and strength of God so that he may profess his faith, come to baptism, and live as a child of God.

The Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (*formerly known as extreme unction*). St. James wrote, “Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the priests of the Church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his” (Jas 5:14-15). The priest anoints the forehead of the person, and then anoints his hands.

Finally, Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. It is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders since **they impart an indelible sacramental character**. The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used. The priests at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands toward the chrism as the bishop says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their bishop they share “in the authority by which Christ Himself builds up and sanctifies and rules His Body,” the Church.

In the Baptismal Rite, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrism. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Sacred chrism is also used in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrism the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

Finally, Holy Chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church. Here the bishop anoints the altar, pouring holy chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. It is recommended that the bishop anoint the entire altar. After anointing the altar, he anoints the walls of the church in 12 or four places marked by crosses.

As Bishop Coyne blesses these three oils at the Chrism Mass this year, may our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for Bishop Coyne and Fr. Calapan who is the minister of the sacraments at St. Mary’s and St. Thomas Parishes, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

We will sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday April 24 following Mass.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!
Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

Offertory Receipts for 4/2 & 3
FY22 Weekly Goal: \$1,050

Last Week	= \$	778.00
YTD Actual	= \$	42832.57
YTD Budget	= \$	42000.00
Over (Under)	= \$	837.57

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