



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,  
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ  
and His people.*

APRIL 2, 2023  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD

*Hosanna  
in the Highest*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS** Please register in person at the Parish  
Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please  
return to Parish Office or put in collection.

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	Saturday	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
	Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
	Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
	Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
or anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements should be made through the Parish  
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

**BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday  
at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal  
Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of  
each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome  
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo*  
*en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.*  
*Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro*  
*Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.*

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** Please have bulletin  
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or  
e-mail [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).



# St. Joseph Church

## Dover, Ohio 44622

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### April 1 and 2, 2023

### 1 y 2 de Abril del 2023



#### Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 3**

**No Mass**

Readings: 257: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday, April 4**

**No Mass**

Readings: 258: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday, April 5**

**8:15 a.m. Sandi Grasselli**

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

Readings: 259: Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 6**

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

**7:00 p.m. Fernando Riccioni**

Readings: 39: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-18/  
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday, April 7**

**3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

Readings: 40: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-17, 25/  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, April 8**

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**8:30 p.m. The Special Intentions of the  
RCIA Candidates**

Reading: 41: Gn 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/Ez 36:16-17, 18-28/  
Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday, April 9**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**8:30 a.m. Catherine and Mario Corsi**

**11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Cecil Family**

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish  
(Mass in Spanish)**

Readings: 42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/  
Jn 20:1-9

#### Offertory for March 25 and 26, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 5,294.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,236.00
Online Giving	\$ 405.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,935.00</b>

#### Other Funds

Poor Fund	\$ 131.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 173.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 145.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 300.00
Other Collections	\$ 55.00
Second Collection for Food for the Poor	\$ 1,708.00

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.  
Thank you for your generosity.**



You may begin to return your Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday. There will be baskets at each of the entrances. Thank you for your generosity.



#### Good Friday Collection

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect Holy Places. Please support this special collection. Members of Knights of Columbus will be holding baskets at each of the entrances at the end of Mass.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday. If you have an emergency, please call the Office and leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible! The voicemail is checked routinely.

**Please Note:**

There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday.

**Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.**

Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

### Spiritual Notes

The Passion narratives are considered the oldest part of the Gospel tradition to have been preserved in writing. Matthew's text proclaimed this year is based on an earlier version found in Mark's Gospel, but our evangelist emphasizes certain themes throughout his own Gospel. The key for Matthew is that Jesus' death is fulfillment of God's plan foretold by the prophets. "The Son of Man indeed goes as it is written of him," Jesus says. Several times in today's readings, we hear that what happens fulfills what was foretold by the prophets. For the evangelist, Jesus also acts as a prophet Himself, predicting that Judas would betray Him, Peter would deny Him, and the disciples as a group, "will have your faith in me shaken." It is ironic that Jesus, who has predicted His own suffering and death, is mocked by His opponents for being a false prophet. Their very actions fulfill His prophecy. Jesus' innocence is another theme in our text. The Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony, but unsuccessfully. His innocence is confirmed by Judas, Pilate's wife and Pilate. Jesus' identity as Son of God, pronounced earlier at His Baptism and Transfiguration, is another issue that arises in His hearing before the Sanhedrin and in the taunts of the witnesses to the crucifixion. Finally, after witnessing Jesus' death and the apocalyptic events accompanying it, Jesus' executioners affirm, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" Reflecting on the story of Jesus' Passion, let us pause and reflect on the fact that it was God's will for Jesus, the innocent one, to suffer and die for our sins in order that we might be saved.

*For Reflection: Today begins a week we call Holy Week. How can I respect its sanctity in light of my own obligations to work, family, and friends?*

### Holy Week Movie Night

Join fellow parishioners Tuesday evening, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. to view *The Passion of the Christ*, directed by Mel Gibson and starring Jim Caviezel. It is a profound story of courage and sacrifice depicting the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus Christ. Coffee and beverages will be served. We will meet upstairs in the Family Life Center.

### Reconciliation Monday

April 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Would you like to join a Co-Ed Softball league and represent St. Joseph Catholic Church? The season officially begins May 4th and 5th, and we are looking for players, ages 18 and up, to compete weekly on Thursday and/or Friday nights. To sign up, please email Jan-Michael LaBrake at [jjlabrake@hotmail.com](mailto:jjlabrake@hotmail.com), or call the Parish Office by April 10th. The only fee to play may be the purchase of a team shirt. Informational meeting and practices to follow!

### "Mark Your Calendars!"

April 2nd

Easter Egg Hunt - Knights Hall  
3:00 p.m.

April 3rd

Reconciliation Monday  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4th

No Mass

April 6th

Holy Thursday  
Mass - 7:00 p.m.

April 7th

Good Friday  
Service - 3:00 p.m.

April 8th

Easter Vigil  
Mass - 8:00 p.m.

April 9th

Easter Sunday  
Mass - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. in Spanish

April 10th

Parish Office is Closed

April 19th

St. Joseph Seniors  
Manor Restaurant - 12:00 p.m.

April 20th

Festival Committee Meeting  
Family Life Center - 6:30 p.m.

May 4th

First Communion Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.

May 6th

First Communion  
Mass - 4:00 p.m.

May 7th

Chicken BBQ

May 21st

Confirmation  
Mass - 3:00 p.m.

### Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass,  
followed by dinner at the Union Country Club.

Everyone is invited!

More information coming soon!

### Youth Ministry News

Sunday, April 2nd

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Dover Knights Hall  
Help the Knights with the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity  
Activity to be determined

## 175th Anniversary!

**We need your help!**

**Do you have photos from parish events in the past?**

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may be willing to share for display at the Anniversary Dinner. They will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

<b>St. Joseph Parish</b>		
<b>175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle</b>		
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number		
NAME: _____	PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

**Our next drawing will be**  
**Monday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Each drawing will be livestreamed!!**

Tickets are available in the Parish Office, or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

**Would you like to join Father Jimmy as he draws the ticket each month? If yes, please call Brenda!**



## Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



A Catholic education is a priceless investment in the future of our children. In addition to strong academic programs, we offer:

- Safe, loving environments where we believe every child is a gift from God and can succeed.
- Moral and character development based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Opportunities for participation in many co-curricular activities.
- Small class sizes where every student receives the attention and support they deserve.

Call us and learn more about what it means to Be A Saint! Registration is now underway from preschool to grade 12. For more information, please call Jessica DeBois, Principal at 330-343-9134.



## Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



### TCC is accepting nominations for The Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship

Peter Clore attended Sacred Heart School and was a 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic. Peter died in May, 2011, while on active duty in Afghanistan. Peter was a Certified Explosives Detector Dog Handler, a position that put him ahead of his unit as they made their patrol. In memory of Peter, this scholarship recognizes a student for outstanding contribution to the Catholic Identity of TCC. The ideal honoree is a gentle leader who is active in parish life, contributes to the religious dimension of the school and participates willingly in service to others. Consideration will also be given to a student who is active in diocesan youth ministry activities.

Any staff member, parent, student or friend of the school may submit nominations for this honor for students who will attend TCC as sophomores, juniors or seniors. The nomination should include the student's name and a brief narrative description of why the student is a worthy candidate for this honor. Nominations may be submitted to Karen Dick at TCC at [kdick@cddeducation.org](mailto:kdick@cddeducation.org) or mailed to Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Nominations must be received by April 14, 2023.

### Flower and Vegetable Sale

Spring is coming and so is the annual TCC Saints Club Flower and Vegetable Sale. Order your annuals and vegetables for spring planting from the Saints Club. The plants are sold in pots, hanging baskets, half flats, and full flats. These plants do not disappoint! Prepaid orders are due by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Pick up will be at TCC High School on Friday, May 12th between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Order forms are available in the Vestibule of the church or the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Price at 330-340-2028.

### St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

April 5, 2023 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

April 12, 2023 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)

*\*please note schedule change\**

April 19, 2023 - Team I (Isabellas)

April 26, 2023 - Team J (Ashley Graham)

May 3, 2023 - Team K (Hannah Jacobs)

**Please keep our guests and volunteers  
in your prayers!**



**Easter Flower Memorials** are in your envelope packets. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by April 5, 2023. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

***"By nothing else except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ has death been brought low: The sin of our first parent destroyed, hell plundered, resurrection bestowed, the power given us to despise the things of this world, even death itself, the road back to the former blessedness made smooth, the gates of paradise opened, our nature seated at the right hand of God and we made children and heirs of God. By the cross all these things have been set aright."*** +SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

### **April 3 ~ Monday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: John 12:1-11** Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one of his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." The large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of him, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him.

**Meditation:** Why was Judas critical of Mary's lovely deed? Judas viewed her act as extravagant wastefulness because of greed. A person views things according to what it inside the heart and soul. Judas was an embittered man and had a warped sense of what was precious and valuable, especially to God. Jesus had put Judas in charge of their common purse, no doubt because he was gifted in financial matters. The greatest temptation we can face will often come in the area of our greatest strength or gifting. Sadly, Judas used money entrusted to him for wrong and hurtful purposes. He allowed greed and personal gain to corrupt his heart and to warp his view of things. He was critical towards Mary because he imputed unworthy motives. Do you examine your heart correctly when you impute wrong or unworthy motives towards others? Does love of money taint or possibly destroy your love for Christ?

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you know the love that knows no bounds? As Jesus dines with his beloved friends, Mary does something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. Mary's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for God's mercy. She did something, however, a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bound her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. Mary was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She took no thought for what others would think, but what would please her Lord. In humility she stooped to anoint Jesus' feet and to dry them with her hair. How do you show your love for Christ?

### **April 4 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38** Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, at a

loss as to whom he meant. One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to him, "Master, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it." So he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him. So Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him. Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or to give something to the poor. So Judas took the morsel and left at once. And it was night. When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later." Peter said to him, "Master, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times."

**Meditation:** Jesus' disciples were put to the test as Jesus prepared to make the final and ultimate sacrifice of his own life for their sake and for all the world. What was different between Peter and Judas? Judas deliberately betrayed his Master while Peter, in a moment of weakness, denied him with an oath and a curse. Judas' act was cold and calculated. Peter, however, never meant to do what he did. He acted impulsively, out of weakness and cowardice. Jesus knew both the strength of Peter's loyalty and the weakness of his resolution. He had a habit of speaking with his heart without thinking through the implications of what he was saying. The treachery of Judas, however, is seen at its worst when Jesus makes his appeal by showing special affection to him at his last supper.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion that we may merit to receive your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Satan entered into Judas when he rejected Jesus and left to pursue his evil course. Satan can twist love and turn it into hate. He can turn holiness into pride, discipline into cruelty, affection into complacency. We must always be on our guard against Satan, whose mission among the faithful is to turn us from the love of God and the path which God has chosen for us. The Holy Spirit will give us grace and strength each and every time that we are tested. If we submit to Jesus we will walk in the light of his truth and love. If we turn our backs on him we will stumble and fall in the ways of sin and darkness. Are you ready to follow Jesus in his way of the cross? Or do you run away from the cross of Christ?

### **April 5 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25** One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, (My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'"" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

**Meditation:** Origen, a 3rd century bible scholar and Father of the Church, comments on Judas' betrayal: "Let us consider what Judas said to the Jewish priests: What will you give me if I hand him over to you? He was willing to take money in exchange for handing over the Word of God. They do the same thing who accept sensual or worldly goods in exchange for handing over and casting out from their souls the Savior and Word of truth who came to dwell with them. Indeed, it would be fitting to apply Judas's example to all who show contempt for the Word of God and betray him, as it were, by committing sin for the sake of money or for any selfish motive. People who behave in this way appear openly to be calling out to the powers of the enemy who offer worldly gain in return for the sin of betraying God's Word, saying, What will you give me if I hand him over to you? And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. The number of coins



they gave Judas was equivalent to the number of years the Savior had sojourned in this world. For at the age of thirty, he was baptized and began to preach the gospel, like Joseph was thirty years old when he began to gather grain for his brothers (Genesis 41:46). Just as at that time the grain was prepared by God for the sons of Israel but given also to the Egyptians, so also the gospel was prepared for the saints but preached also to the unfaithful and wicked." [Commentary on Matthew 78.]

**Prayer:** O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus knew beforehand what would befall him. As Jesus ate the Passover meal with his twelve apostles he put them under trial and suspicion (one of you will betray me) to teach them to examine themselves rightly, to avoid thinking of themselves as being more strong than they were. We, also must examine ourselves in the light of God's truth and grace and ask him to strengthen us in faith, hope, and love that we may not fail him or forsake him when we are tempted. When you pray the "Lord's Prayer" (the "Our Father") do the words simply roll off your tongue without much thought? Or do you pray mindfully and with confidence in the words Jesus gave us to pray: *Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil* (Matthew 6:13)?

### **April 6 ~ Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Holy Gospel: John 13:1-15** Before the feast of Passover, 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. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

**Meditation:** Saint Augustine, in his homily for this day, wrote: "He had the power of laying down his life; we by contrast cannot choose the length of our lives, and we die even if it is against our will. He, by dying, destroyed death in himself; we are freed from death only in his death. His body did not see corruption; our body will see corruption and only then be clothed through him in incorruption at the end of the world. He needed no help from us in saving us; without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot have life. Finally, even if brothers die for brothers, yet no martyr by shedding his blood brings forgiveness for the sins of his brothers, as Christ brought forgiveness to us. In this he gave us, not an example to imitate but a reason for rejoicing. Inasmuch, then, as they shed their blood for their brothers, the martyrs provided "the same kind of meal" as they had received at the Lord's table. Let us then love one another as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us."

**Prayer:** O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Does your love waver when you encounter bitter disappointments and injury from others? As Jesus' hour of humiliation draws near he reveals to his disciples the supreme humility which shaped the love he had for them. He stoops to perform a menial task reserved for servants – the washing of smelly, dirty feet. In stooping to serve his disciples Jesus knew he would be betrayed by one of them and that the rest would abandon him through disloyalty. Such knowledge could have easily led to

bitterness or hatred. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with the greatest humility and supreme love. Jesus loved his disciples to the very end, even when they failed him and forsook him. The Lord loves each of us unconditionally. His love has power to set us free to serve others with Christ-like compassion and humility. Does the love of Christ rule in your heart, thoughts, intentions and actions?

### **April 7 ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

**Holy Gospel: John 18:1 – 19:42** Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone," in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.



Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

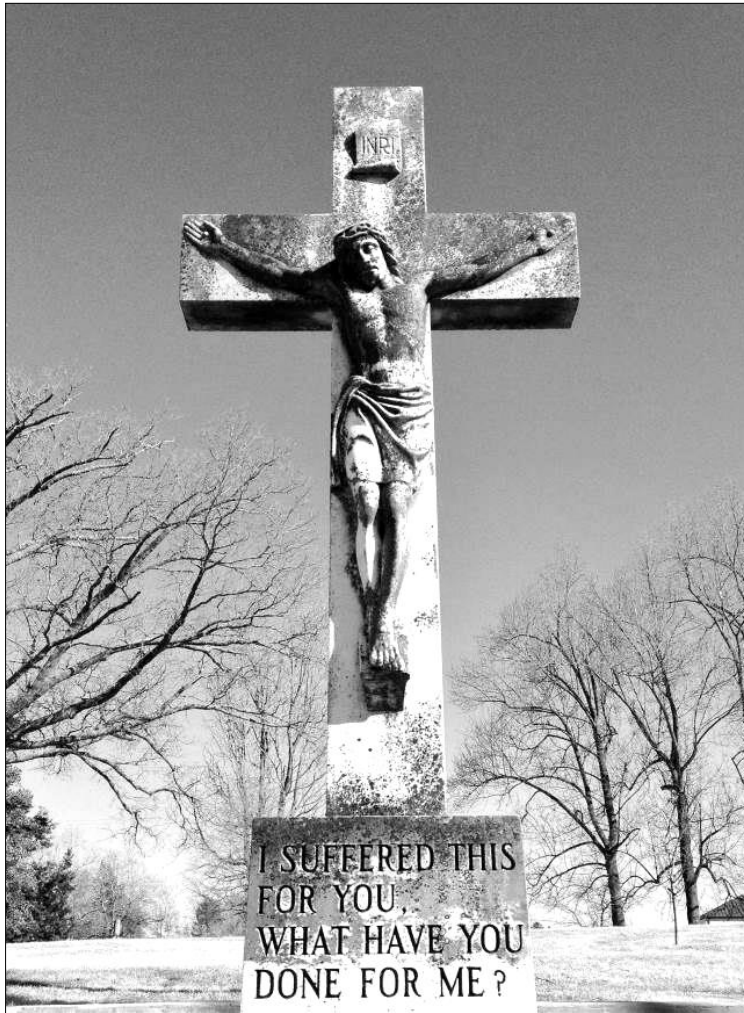
After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

**+ At this point of the Passion pause in prayerful meditation for a short time. +**

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another passage says: They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

**Meditation:** The cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone – all his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. And his death was agonizing and humiliating. Normally a crucified man could last for several days on a cross. Jesus' had already been scourged, beaten with rods, and a crown of thorns pressed into his skull. It is no wonder that he died mid-afternoon. Pilate publicly heralded Jesus "The King of the Jews" as he died upon the cross, no doubt to irritate and annoy the chief priests and Pharisees. Jesus was crucified for his claim to be King. The Jews had understood that the Messiah would come as king to establish God's reign for them. They wanted a king who would free them from tyranny and foreign domination. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messianic king. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus had. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom, rather than to conquer perishable lands and entitlements. We can find no greater proof of God's love for us than the willing sacrifice of his Son on the cross. Jesus' parting words, "It is finished!" expresses triumph rather than defeat. Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit knowing that the strife was now over and the battle was won. Even on the cross Jesus knew the joy of victory. What the Father sent him into the world to do has now been accomplished. Christ offered himself without blemish to God and he put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (ref. Hebrews 9:24-26).



I include this powerful image every year. Look at the vivid image of the crucifix to the left, now read the inscription at the base of the crucifix: "I suffered this for you, what have you done for me?" Makes you think, doesn't it? It should! And it begs the question that each of us must ask ourselves: out of pure and total love Jesus

suffered and died on the cross for me; what have I done for Jesus in return to show my love and thanks to him? (This outdoor crucifix is located at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky – [www.monks.org](http://www.monks.org) .)

**Prayer:** Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** As Saint Andrew of Crete once wrote: "The cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world." The Cross of Christ is the safeguard of our faith, the assurance of our hope, and the throne of love. It is also the sign of God's love and mercy and the proof of forgiveness. By his cross Jesus Christ has pardoned us and set us free from the tyranny of sin. He paid the price for us when he made atonement for our sins. The way to peace, joy, and righteousness in the kingdom of God and the way to victory over sin and corruption, fear and defeat, despair and death is through the cross of Jesus Christ.

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### Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Sardines
Pancake Syrup	Pancake Mix
Spaghetti-Os	Canned Ravioli

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

### SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ."

If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the upcoming June trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact, John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

### Office of Social Concerns

#### Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).

#### Care for Creation

The Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference issued a Care for Creation Calendar which identifies various patron saints associated with God's creation. For more information, visit [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).

#### Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Please visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest information at [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).



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### Other Information To Note:

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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# ***Holy Week Schedule***

**Monday – No Mass**

**Tuesday – No Mass**

**Wednesday – 8:15 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
at the Evening Mass**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Service - 3:00 p.m.**

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

**Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**1:30 p.m. in Spanish**



**Iglesias San José**  
**Ministerios Hispanos**  
**Domingo de Ramos "De la pasión del Señor"**  
**2 de Abril del 2023**



**Calendario Litúrgico:**

Misas en Español

**Jueves Santo Misa de la cena del Señor**

6 de Abril 7:00 p.m.

**Viernes Santo - La Pasión de Señor**

7 de Abril 3:00 p.m.

**Le Vigilia Pascual en noche Santo**

8 de Abril 8:00 p.m.

**Domingo de Pascua la Resurrección del Señor**

9 de Abril 1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados

4:00 p.m.

Domingos

8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

**Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre**

Abril 2023

Por una cultura de la no violencia

Oremos por una mayor difusión de una cultura de la no violencia, que pasa por un uso cada vez menor de las armas, tanto por parte de los Estados como de los ciudadanos.

El Domingo de Ramos se Celebra la entrada solemne de Jesús en Jerusalén y el relato de su pasión y su muerte en la cruz, antes de entrar en la semana Santa que prepara la resurrección del Señor.



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.

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Notas Espirituales

Los relatos de la pasión son considerada la parte más antigua de la tradición del evangelio que se ha conservado por escrito. El texto de Mateo, proclamado este año, se basa en una versión anterior que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Marcos, pero nuestro evangelista subraya algunos temas a través de su propio Evangelio. Clave para Mateo es que la muerte de Jesús es el cumplimiento del plan de Dios anunciado por los profetas. "El Hijo del Hombre va, tal como está escrito de él," dice Jesús. Varias veces en la lectura de hoy nos enteramos de que lo que ocurre cumple lo que fue predicho por los profetas. Para el evangelista, Jesús también actúa como un profeta el mismo, la predicción de que Judas lo traicionaría, Pedro lo negaría, y los discípulos como grupo "tendrán su fe en mí conmovida." Es irónico que Jesús, quien ha predicho su propio sufrimiento y la muerte, sea burla de sus oponentes por ser un falso profeta. Sus propias acciones cumplen con su profecía.

La inocencia de Jesús es otro de los temas en nuestro texto. El Sanedrín "seguía tratando de obtener un falso testimonio," pero sin éxito. Su inocencia es confirmada por Judas. La esposa de Pilato, y Pilato. La identidad de Jesús como Hijo de Dios, pronunciado anteriormente en su bautismo y la transfiguración, es otra cuestión que se plantea en su comparecencia ante el Sanedrín y de las burlas de los testigos de la crucifixión. Finalmente, después de presenciar la muerte de Jesús y los eventos apocalípticos que lo acompaña, los verdugos de Jesús afirman: "En verdad, éste era Hijo de Dios." Al reflexionar sobre la historia de la pasión de Jesús, hagamos una pausa y reflexionamos sobre el hecho de que era la voluntad de Dios para Jesús, el inocente, para sufrir y morir por nuestros pecados para que pudiéramos ser salvos.

*Para la reflexión: Hoy comienza la semana que llamamos Semana Santa. ¿Cómo puedo respetar su santidad a la luz de mis obligaciones con el trabajo, la familia y los amigos?*



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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