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Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 28, 2021

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BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office.

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, March 29
9:30 a.m.—Mass—Living Birthday Ann Marie Yee/Harvey Yee
10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Confession
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat Conference Call
TUESDAY, March 30
6:30 p.m.—Mass—+Regina Ignace/Ron & Sharon Roberts
7:00 p.m.—Refresh Meeting
7:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—Confession
WEDNESDAY, March 31
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
THURSDAY, April 1—Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m.—Mass of Lord's Supper—People of the Parish/Parish
8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.—Adoration (Parish Center)
FRIDAY, April 2—Good Friday
12:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m.—Passion of the Lord
2:30 p.m.—2:50 p.m.—Drive up Communion
SATURDAY, April 3—Easter Vigil
Noon—Bless Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Mass—+Dan Bullard/Frank and Joanne Salvati
SUNDAY, April 4—Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Bill Duso/Kelly Alford
10:30 a.m.—Mass—+Phyllis Kerslake & Holly Lynn Kerslake (Burns)/ Kim & Tim Narhr
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

Ron's Thoughts...

I often envy Jesus. Well I hope you do to. But my envy at this thought is for how he handled this last week of his life. You see, this week, Holy Week, we remember the final week before his passion and death. Jesus knew what he was facing and I am sure he could have made other decisions that would have lead him away from the tragedy of Good Friday. But this is why I envy him. Jesus faced his passion, because he was true to Himself. He lived and died for the Kingdom of God. He knew the truth and he lived and died to lead all of us to that same truth, that same God.

Like Jesus, we can and must be true to ourselves. We have to realize that it is not the opinion of others that matter. What matters is that we are true to ourselves. If that brings us to our own cross, and it will, if it means the crowd of supporters being reduced to just a handful of our friends and family, and it will, so be it. Standing up for what is right, what is moral and just, is never going to be popular.

Today we begin Holy Week, my favorite week in the celebration of our faith. No other week in the history of the world has had such an impact in our lives as this week did over 2000 years ago. It begins as it ends, with triumph and victory. In between is mystery, failure, denial, betrayal, suffering, pain and death. But in the end, Jesus stood strong and endured the cross, so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Take it all in, it's a week that can really change how you live, it is a week that can help you face whatever lies ahead! Our journey through Holy Week begins.... Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



St. Mark Faith Formation and Youth Group Schedule
Family Faith Formation will continue for the month of April with take home packets. Please pick up your family packets on the day scheduled at 11am in the Parish Center.

- 4/11—Family Faith Formation Packet Pickup – 11 am in the Parish Center
- 4/11—Youth Group (6th – 12th) 5 – 6:30 pm (In Person/Zoom TBA)
- 4/17—Confirmation Mini Session with Sponsors 2-4 pm Church
- 4/24—First Eucharist Mini Session 9-11 am Church

Journey to Easter ... with Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron!

Please tune in each weekday of Lent for Journey to Easter with Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron as they share their favorite Bible Passages that have helped to mold their life of faith and ministry. These short reflections can be viewed on FB: StMarkCatholicChurch-Goodrich, on our website www.stmarkgoodrich.org, and Youtube Channel: St Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

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Welcome New Parishioners

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A JOURNEY TO GERMANY

You are invited to join Fr. Dave Howell on a Journey to Germany this October for 14 days/13 nights (Oct. 12 – 25). The cost of the trip is \$4999.00 per person/double occ. which includes: round trip airfare from Detroit, all accommodations with private bathroom, all admission fees, all daily meals, all gratuities and more. We will visit Cologne, Trier, Rhine river day cruise, Wurzburg, Nuremberg, Dachau, Neuschwanstein Castle, Berlin and much, much more. We will spend 3 nights Koblenz, 2 nights Rothenburg, 3 nights Munich, 1 night Dresden, 3 Nights Berlin. If you have questions or would like more info. you can contact Fr. Dave dfrhoell@gmail.com For travel questions or a brochure please email or call Tammy Scheuer: tscheuer@travelleaders.com.

This Week's Challenge...

Love and Betrayal... He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." 14:70

- **Welcomed with Palms** —Luke 19:28-40
- **Imitating Christ's Humility**—Philippians 2:6-11
- **The Passion of Jesus** —Mark 14:1-15:47
- **Adult:** When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?
- **Kids:** When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

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St. Mark the Evangelist
Virtual Holy Land Pilgrimage
 With Fr. Dave
 Monday, April 5, 2021 7p-m.

Join us for a virtual pilgrimage as Fr. Dave will share his passion for and his knowledge of the places that played such an important role in the Story of Easter. This will be a Zoom meet please use the following link and join in at 7pm on Monday, April 5, 2021:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83599025256?pwd=Q3VlVEVlNGYlNklnIjZkdDl6ZUJlYjZkUT09>
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Faith Chat—Monday Evening at 7:00 pm

Connect with Fr. Dave, Deacon Ron and fellow parishioners on Monday evening's at 7 pm. Dial 1-971-224-6612, enter the code 452784 and announce yourself in.

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Weekly Readings: March 29 – April 4

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:** Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Lk 4:16-21, Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Jn 13:1-15, **Friday:** Is 52:13 – 53:12; Jn 18:1 – 19:42, **Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7, **Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

Three Days That Matter ... Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday celebrate the pass over of the Lord Jesus through death to life, a wonderful truth that is the very core of what we believe as Christians. Triduum is the Latin name for the special Liturgy that begins on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this Liturgy we remember how the Lord washed the feet of His disciples as a sign of His loving service. The Liturgy of Holy Thursday does not really end, we simply leave with the Lord to watch & pray with Him until midnight when we disperse as we recall His arrest.

The next day, Good Friday, we gather in silence to witness His condemnation and execution. Again, the service does not end, we simply depart until we gather in silence on Holy Saturday evening to witness & celebrate the resurrection. I invite you to participate in this three-day Liturgy which celebrates the very core of our faith. Whether in person or online it is an opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation for all that Christ has done for us. Tomorrow's Faith Chat will be an explanation of the Liturgies of the Triduum.

Joseph and the Lilies ... St. Joseph is mentioned in the Gospel of Luke, but in Matthew's Gospel he is the primary character of Jesus' nativity. The angels appear to him in dreams directing him to take Mary as his wife, to flee to Egypt and to return to Palestine. In the second century two more Gospels were written about Mary, Joseph and the early life of Jesus. These two Infancy Gospels are attributed to the apostles Thomas and James. In the Thomas Gospel, we are told stories about Jesus' childhood which portray him as willful, self-centered and capricious. In Thomas, Joseph is seen as correcting Jesus and scolding him for the misuse of his divine power. The whole story is very contrary to Jesus of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – and the primary reason why the early Church did not include them in the Canon of the Bible. Some considered these two as heretical. The Infancy Gospel of James begins with stories about the miraculous birth of Mary who then lived in the temple in Jerusalem from the age of 3. There she was fed by angels. At the age of 12, it was time for Mary to leave the temple and marry. The text tells us that all the widowers of Israel came to the temple. Joseph had children older than Mary, but was chosen to be her husband when a dove emerges from his staff, revealing him as God's choice. The rest of the story quotes parts of the infancy narratives of Luke and Matthew but makes a strong point that Mary was a virgin before and after the birth of Jesus. It also explains the brothers and sister of Jesus were his step family.

So, if you have a picture or statue of Joseph, he is usually depicted holding a stalk of lilies and the child Jesus. The lilies are a symbol of the pure and celibate relationship between Mary & Joseph described in the Infancy Gospel of James.

Fr. Dave Howell