

March 28, 2021



PALM SUNDAY

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- Mk 11:9



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe, Joann, Irene, Al, Dorothy and Ralph by Rosalie Nicksich

Sunday, March 28 — Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Antoinette & Anthony Reda by the Gelli Family

10:30 AM † Bill Bielewski by Wife, Ruth, & Sons, Jeff & Bill

Monday, March 29

8:00 AM † Andrew Terensky by wife, Patricia

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 AM † Jennie Caruso by loving children Sandra & Mark Luterman & Family

Wednesday, March 31

No Mass

Thursday, April 1 — Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 — Good Friday

1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM For the Parish Family

Sunday, April 4 — Easter

8:30 AM For the Parish Family

10:30 AM For the Parish Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Good Friday, April 2

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
1:00 p.m..	R. Kozar S. Surdyn	A. Pastella

Ministry Schedule — Easter, April 3 & 4

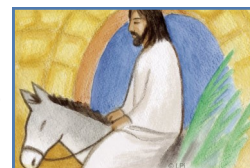
Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
8:30 p.m..	M. Sacco B. DuBreucq	J. Dudas
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	K. Zimmaro A. Pastella
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	T. Mazzei K. Byron

Money Counters

Monday, March 29—Team #4 — J. Petritis

Entering the Passion

All around the world, Christians are remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is easy for us to allow ourselves to be caught up in the drama of what Holy Week is about.



The truth of what we are and what we remember this week characterizes what we believe. It is in and through the death of Jesus that we define what our faith is all about. However, everything we find throughout the scriptures leads us to this week, so it cannot be separated from the rest of our Liturgical year.

We start off this week with a celebration or parade if you will. People are welcoming the man Jesus with triumph and honor. They are celebrating the man for what he was and for what they hoped he would become. In spite of their misunderstanding of what Jesus was all about, the people were drawn in by this event of his entry into Jerusalem; as they struggled with who Jesus really was. Apostles, friends and disciples who should know who Jesus was and what he was about, they were the ones who betrayed, denied and fled. One really has to look at this triumphant celebration and ask: what went wrong? As followers of Jesus the real irony is that only by our own entry into Jesus' dying and rising can we truly discover who he is. Until we do that, we may participate in a nice parade but we haven't a clue where it leads.

It is interesting to take a closer look at the role the women play in the Passion. It has been said that they are like the "bookends" to the drama: we meet them in the beginning and at the end. Regardless of what is going on, it is the women who are always the faithful ones. The men in the story were not very nice, pay attention to the women and learn from them. They have something to tell all of us.

If we pay attention to the passion narrative, we will see that it is basically a story of life. The feelings and behavior of the people involved give us a live perspective of living. There is joy and singing. There is faith, doubt, greed, treachery, false accusations, mockery and jeering. There is the despair of Judas, the lying of Peter, the pride and arrogance of religious and political leaders, betrayal by friends, and the tenderness of the women. Yes, it is all there – life at its best and at its worst. The Passion of Jesus is everybody's story.

Christ showed us by his own way of living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living: when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. Yes, the paschal mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways to say yes to the Christ in others. This is how we get to know Jesus – by living as he did, by embracing the dying so we rise with him to new life.

Ministry Schedule — Holy Thursday, April 1

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
7:00 p.m..	K. Miller	J. Todd

The office will be closed

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday.

Stewardship

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

This year's DLA is going very well, we have already collect in pledges and gifts **\$34,891** and this is from 147 of our parishioners. We still have many people who have not yet responded. I am hoping that we will raise enough money so that we can do some "upgrades" in the church building. We need **flooring** in the Sanctuary area, **painting** all around and **upgrades** in some furnishings.

If you have not yet responded to this year's campaign, won't you please consider doing so? Everything we raise after the **\$42,577** will stay free and clear in the parish! If you have any questions about this year's DLA, please know that I am here and will do the best I can to answer them.

Weekly Collection March 21

Votive Candles:	67
Utility & Energy:	75
Accent:	74
Lenten Folder:	375
Easter Flowers:	198
Holy Thursday:	8
Good Friday:	13
Easter:	40
Children & Adult Collection:	3,856
Online Collection:	1,100
Total Collection:	\$5,806

Local Food Bank



During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how we **share with our neighbors who may be less fortunate** than we are. If you would like to make a contribution to the food bank, simply put your contribution in an envelope and mark it **food bank**. Food banks can make cash go exponentially further as wholesalers and supermarkets will sell to the food

banks at a significantly lower cost. It is nutritious food that for whatever reason, can not be used in the store.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of March 28



Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/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 [Lk 23:46]/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Three Days

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith, to which all leads and from which all flows: Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. **We invite you and your families** to be as much a part of this year's celebrations as you are able.

Thursday: Chrim Mass 10:00 A.M. At the **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**. However because of the restrictions COVID has brought, the attendance will be very limited. There will only be a select number of priests and only one person from each parish will be in attendance. The Holy Oils will still be consecrated and brought to our parish for use throughout the year. The Chrim Mass will be livestreamed on **YouTube** and can be found there and on the Diocesan website: <https://dioceseofgreensburg.org/stream-mass/>

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Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper: 7:00 p.m..

Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 1:00 p.m..

Stations: 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Please note that all of the Liturgies of Holy Week will be live streamed to YouTube and Facebook so you will be able to watch them from home.

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Blessing of Baskets

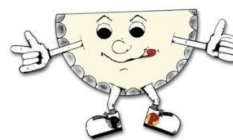


We will be blessing the baskets this year on Holy Saturday at **1:00 p.m.** Foods for Easter Sunday are placed in the basket and brought to the church for a blessing. If you haven't participated in this custom before, think about doing so. Traditionally, the foods in the baskets include butter, Easter Bread, horseradish, salt, kielbasa, cheese, ham / lamb, eggs and a candle. The basket is covered with a linen or crocheted cloth.

Pierogies

Pierogi Sale

Bags of frozen pierogies will be for sale this weekend after Palm Sunday Masses, March 27 & 28. **No orders will be taken.** There will be a limit on the number of bags sold.



NCYC

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) invites young people in grades 9-12 to encounter Christ, experience church and be empowered for discipleship. NCYC 2021, with the theme "**Ablaze,**" will take place in **Indianapolis, Ind.,** Nov. 17-20. The diocesan contingent will depart Nov. 17. To register, contact **Scott Martin**. If you would like to sponsor a young person, please contact Christie Smith, diocesan director of youth ministry at cmsmith@dioceseofgreensburg.org.