

**PRAYER CORNER**

Almighty God, as we ask your help  
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,  
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.  
May your love touch others through us,  
and may I help all people to live in peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

**JESUS SPEAKS TO US**

When they drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the  
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,  
saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately  
you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and  
bring them here to me.  
And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, "The master has  
need of them.' Then he will send them at once."

Matthew 21:1-3

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**PALM SUNDAY  
LENT —MARCH 28TH**

**Liturgy for Palm Sunday**

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration: few moments!

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

The palms are blessed with the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel.

(Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

**Mass Schedule:**

Monday-Friday — 7 a.m.

Saturday — 8 a.m.

Saturday — 5 p.m.

Sunday — 10 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

**Reconciliation  
(Confession):**

Friday & Saturday Confessions  
9:00 a.m. — noon

**Office Hours:**

Mon, Wed, & Fri  
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

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**FATHER BART'S CORNER****My sisters and brothers:****Holy Triduum**

This week — Holy Week — is the most **important** week of the year. Holy Week culminates in the Paschal **Triduum**, the three days commemorating the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We prepare for this event with 40 days of fasting, prayer, and alms giving.

The three 24-hour periods of the triduum include the major feasts for all four days at the heart of the Easter celebration: the evening feast of **Holy Thursday** (also called **Maundy Thursday**), Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and **Easter Sunday**.

**Maundy Thursday** (also known as Holy Thursday) commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or **Holy Communion**. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection.

**Good Friday** isn't a **happy day**, but its name is a reminder that humans can only be considered **good** because of what happened on that **day**. ... **Good Friday** is a **day** of mourning and sorrow over the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and a reminder that the sins of all people made it necessary for him to die in the first place.

**Good Friday** is the only day of the year when **Masses** are not celebrated. In memory of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross, **Catholics** gather for a communion service and venerate the Holy Cross.

**With prayers and love,**

*Fr. Bart, S..V.D*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday, March 29

Live Stream on  
our Church Website  
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Tuesday, March 30

Live Stream on  
our Church Website  
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Wednesday, March 31

Live Stream on  
our Church Website  
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Thursday, April 1

Mass 7 a.m.  
  
Stream on  
our Church Website

Holy Thursday Mass: 7 p.m.

*Vocation View*

We are presented with two options in today's Mass: do we welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to crucify Him? Our willingness to give testimony to Christ helps determine where we are.

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www.svdvocations.org

Friday, April 2  
Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.

Live Stream on  
our Church Website  
Liturgy of Good Friday 7 p.m.

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Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday  
Vigil Mass: 8 p.m.

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Sunday, April 4

Live Stream on  
our Church Website  
Easter Sunday  
Mass: 10 a.m.

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**Weekly Readings**

3/29—IS 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11

3/30—IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38

3/31—IS 50:4-9a; MT 26:14-25

4/1—EX 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15

4/2—IS 52:13—53:12;  
HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1—19:42

4/3—GN 1:1-2:2 or GN 1:1,26-31a;  
GN 22:1-18 or GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,  
15-18; EX 14:15—15:1; IS 54:5-14;  
IS 55:1-11; BAR 3:9-15, 32—4:4;  
EZ 36:16-17a, 18-28; ROM 6:3-11;  
MK 16:1-7

4/4—ACTS 10:34a, 37-43;  
COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6b-8;  
JN 20:1-9 or MK 16:1-7

**PARISH CORNER****Holy Saturday**

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated. Only after the solemn vigil during the night, held in anticipation of the resurrection, does the Easter celebration begin, with a spirit of joy that overflows into the following period of fifty days.

Holy Saturday (from *Sabbatum Sanctum*, its official liturgical name) is sacred as the day of the Lord's rest; it has been called the "Second Sabbath" after creation. The day is and should be the most calm and quiet day of the entire Church year, a day broken by no liturgical function. Christ lies in the grave, the Church sits near and mourns. After the great battle He is resting in peace, but upon Him we see the scars of intense suffering...The mortal wounds on His Body remain visible...Jesus' enemies are still furious, attempting to obliterate the very memory of the Lord by lies and slander.

**Easter Vigil**

Easter Vigil is celebrated on April 03, 2021. Easter Vigil, also called the Paschal Vigil or the Great Vigil of Easter, is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this service that people are baptized and that adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day - most commonly in the evening of Holy Saturday or midnight - and is the first celebration of Easter, days traditionally being considered to begin at sunset.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****The Divine Mercy  
Novena: Good Friday-Divine  
Mercy Sunday**

In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) (See *Diary* #1209-1230).

During this novena that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, He asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people. The novena below comes from these private revelations of Saint Faustina as recorded in her *Diary* of Divine Mercy.

**I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.**

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**CATECHISM OF THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH****PRAYER IN THE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE****Jesus prays****V. PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**2639** Praise is the form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It lauds God for his own sake and gives him glory, quite beyond what he does, but simply because HE IS. It shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory. By praise, the Spirit is joined to our spirits to bear witness that we are children of God,<sup>121</sup> testifying to the only Son in whom we are adopted and by whom we glorify the Father. Praise embraces the other forms of prayer and carries them toward him who is its source and goal: the "one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist."<sup>122</sup>

**2640** St. Luke in his gospel often expresses wonder and praise at the marvels of Christ and in his *Acts of the Apostles* stresses them as actions of the Holy Spirit: the community of Jerusalem, the invalid healed by Peter and John, the crowd that gives glory to God for that, and the pagans of Pisidia who "were glad and glorified the word of God."<sup>123</sup>

<sup>121</sup> Cf. *Rom* 8:16.

<sup>122</sup> *1 Cor* 8:6.

<sup>123</sup> *Acts* 2:47; 3:9; 4:21; 13:48.

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That we have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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