



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ~ 7:30 am

Tuesday ~ 12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth ~ 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth ~ 7:30 and 10:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Flach for registration and information.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

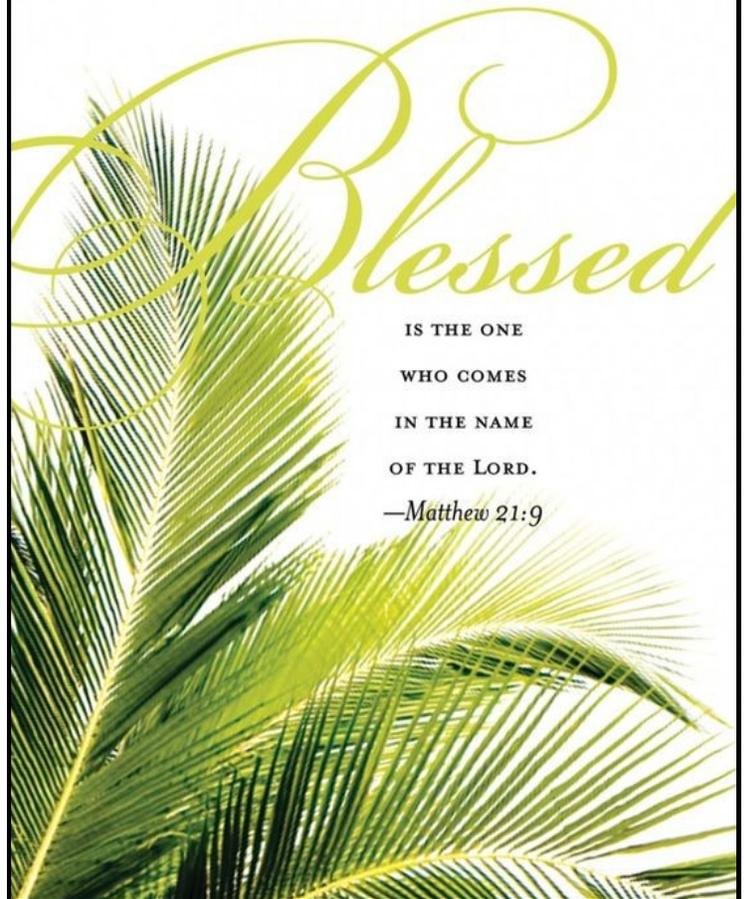
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



The Entry into Jerusalem ~ Matthew 21:1-11

The crowds preceding Him & those following kept crying out & saying: "Hosanna, to the Son of David; blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken & asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21: 9~11

Apr. 4	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Apr. 5	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Terry Baird by Frank & Ann Schalasky
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
Apr. 6	7:30 am	Betty Lawhead by Frank & Ann Schalasky
Apr. 7	12:00 pm	Jane Bohman 72nd Birthday by George Bohman
Apr. 8	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 9	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Apr. 11	4:30 pm	In Thanksgiving by James & Donna Voss
Apr. 12	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Virginia Rose Hardiman by Frank & Ann Schalasky
	10:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family

Scriptural Reflections ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"In the palm procession our heart feels a joy mixed with sadness at the sight of the Master's seemingly ephemeral triumph, prelude of suffering & death" (Archbishop Luis Martinez). Today's Mass recognizes that Jesus' full glory & kingship would only come about when he was lifted up. Our greatest sorrow & shame is our great relief—the cross. Jesus' experience of being loved & hated, of being welcomed & then rejected, provides us strength to endure the caprices & injustices of our own life.

Prayer to the Crucified Christ



LORD Jesus hanging on the Cross, I raise sorrowful & shameful eyes to You. You have granted me untold blessings & I have repaid You by contributing to Your Passion & death. My hands took part in Your scourging, my voice was among those who denied You & called for Your death, my thoughts, brought about Your crowning with thorns, my sins drove the nails into Your hands & feet, & the lance into Your side. Dear Lord, forgive me for all these sins. You are Great, Glorious,

& Infinitely Good; I am insignificant, selfish, & hopelessly sinful. But I am sorry for all my sins, & by the Blood shed in Your Passion I beg for forgiveness & for a share in Your Love & Grace.

Rest In Peace



Rest in peace, Dorla Shook, sister of Maymie Ikemire. In God's Love we pray that He will grant Dorla a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Spiritual Reading for HOLY THURSDAY



Holy Thursday

The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus the interior oblation, ever alive in the heart of Christ, is as it were the soul of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & gives it its infinite value. Jesus Christ also continues to offer up to his Father our supplications, reparations, & our thanksgivings. But especially it is always the same infinitely pure victim which is offered up, the body of the crucified Savior, & his Precious Blood sacramentally shed on the altar so that it may continue to wipe away the sins of the world. The Eucharistic heart of Jesus in giving us the Eucharistic sacrifice has also given us the priesthood. Early in his ministry he said to his Apostles: Come after me, & I will make you to become fishers of men. On the night of the Last Supper he told them: You have not chosen me: but I have chosen you; & have appointed you, that you should go & should bring forth fruit; & your fruit should remain. Then he gave them the power to offer up the Eucharistic sacrifice when he said: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for a commemoration of me. With these words he gave them the power of the holy consecration which continually renews the sacrament of love. The Eucharist, sacrament & sacrifice, cannot in truth be perpetuated without the priesthood. That is why for nearly two thousand years the grace of the Savior has brought into being & to fruition generation after generation of priestly vocations & this will continue until the end of the world. Finally, the Eucharistic heart of Jesus has given itself to us in Holy Communion. Our Savior gives himself to us as food not so that we will assimilate him to ourselves, but so that we may become more & more like him ever more vivified & sanctified by him, incorporated into him. One day he said to Saint Catherine of Siena: "I take thy heart from thee & give thee mine." This is a sensible symbol of what occurs spiritually in a fervent Communion. Our hearts die to their narrowness & selfishness & self-love, dilating & becoming like the heart of Jesus in purity, strength, & generosity. On another occasion, our Lord granted to this saint the grace of drinking deeply from the wound in his heart. This, too, is a symbol of a fervent Communion in which the soul drinks spiritually, so to speak, from the heart of Jesus, for this "source of new graces," the sweet refuge of the hidden life, "the master of the secret as of divine union," "the heart of him who sleeps but is ever watchful."

Spiritual Reading for GOOD FRIDAY

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Offeratory Envelopes

If you could please be so kind as to provide your OFFERTORY ENVELOPE for the financial support of our parishes in the absence of the Sacred Eucharist either through ONLINE GIVING or through the Mail, it would be deeply appreciated to provide the necessary financial support. May God bless you for your generosity and THANK YOU.

Spiritual Reading for the Palm Sunday of the Lord

"Blessed is the king
who comes



in the
name
of the Lord!

Luke 19:38

Already in this mysterious moment of time, at the beginning of the Via Crucis, Christ has given himself to all those whom he will indwell through all the centuries to come. Already he has taken them to himself, made them one with himself. All manner of men & women & children—the rich & the poor, the famous & the infamous, saints & sinners—all who will be redeemed by his Passion are in Christ, & his heavenly Father sees them all as Christ, his Son in whom he is well pleased... Jesus comes...to receive his cross. He comes to it gladly! This is a strange thing, for the cross is a symbol of shame, & it is to be his deathbed. Already he sees the very shape of his death in the widespread arms. From this moment he will be inseparable from it, until he dies on it. He will labor & struggle under the

weight of it until the end comes. Yet Christ welcomes the cross. He embraces it, he takes it into his arms, as a man takes that which he loves into his arms. He lays his beautiful hands on it tenderly, those strong hands of a carpenter that are so familiar with the touch of wood. It is a tremendous gesture showing all peoples his love for them openly, because this cross which he is receiving is their cross, not his; he is making it his own for love of them, taking their crosses & lifting the dead weight of them from the backs of humankind. That is why Christ receives the cross with joy & lays it to his heart. "Bear one another's burdens," he told us. Now he takes the burden of the whole world upon himself.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday of our Lord Jesus' Passion
From The Pastor: Dic Nobis Maria



As we begin this holiest of weeks in the Church, the readings draw us ever deeper into the heart of the Paschal Mystery & the sacredness of the name of Jesus. Just how holy & precious that name is "in heaven & on earth & under the earth" will be disclosed to all of us in the coming days. Indeed, the transparent & radiant love of God shows itself in the Lord's own self-gift in Christ, culminating his passion, death & resurrection. I think that the readings for Year A of this Sunday give us a fascinating study in Christology, which would take a lifetime to contemplate. From the beginning of the procession with palms, Matthew

shows Jesus to be very much the Son of God at the center of fulfilling the Scriptures. He tells the disciples to find the colt that will take him into Jerusalem so that "what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled & he tells his followers to organize the Passover, informing a man in the city that the teacher says, "My appointed time draws near." As the hour to be handed over draws ever closer, Jesus quotes Zechariah 13:7 concerning the striking of the shepherd & the fate of the sheep. At the same time, the Lord is vulnerable to the power of evil human beings. Jesus' awareness of his fate & his intention to surrender his will is crucial to our understanding of divine gift in prayerful obedience. Our sense of the agony in that garden is heightened when we know just how much is at stake: everything. The famous Philippian hymn that is in today's second reading celebrates this very encounter of Christ's obedience to the Father's will, a divine Providence we have already seen unfolding as Jesus himself relates it. The Suffering Servant Song of Isaiah (the first of four in the Lectionary this week) magnificently grabs the tension of the one who does not grasp at equality with God but allows himself to be handed over, trusting God as his help. The readings & the Church's liturgy during Holy Week emphasize Christ's freedom as well as his surrender to the Father. That interior freedom becomes all the more obvious when we recognize that Matthew's renders Jesus not like some Dickensian waif, to whom horrible things happen as a pathetic victim. No, Christ is fully conscious of his role as Son, as Beloved, who understands his fate in the context of the Messiah. That makes this Divine Offering & the name of Jesus all the more worthy to honor as we bend the knee. All roads lead to Gethsemane & the encounter with the Father in prayerful obedience. Our sense of the agony in that garden is heightened when we know just how much is at stake; everything. The famous Philippian hymn that is in today's second reading celebrates the very encounter of Christ's obedience to the Father's will, a divine Providence we have already seen unfolding as Jesus himself relates it. The Suffering Servant Song of Isaiah (the first of four in the Lectionary this week) magnificently grabs the tension of the one who does not grasp at equality with God but allows himself to be handed over, trusting God as his help. The readings & the Church's liturgy during Holy Week emphasize Christ's freedom as well as his surrender to the Father. That interior freedom becomes all the more obvious when we recognize that Matthew's renders Jesus not like some Dickensian waif, to whom horrible things happen as a pathetic victim. No, Christ is fully conscious of his role as Son, as Beloved, who understands his fate in the context of the Messiah. That makes this Divine Offering & the name of Jesus all the more worthy to honor as we bend the knee.

Hosana in the highest!



"Only when someone values love more higher than life, where someone is read to put life second to love, for the sake of love, love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death. It must first be more mere life. Jesus' total love for men "'Which leads Him to the cross, is perfected in total stepping— over to the Father & therein become stronger than death, because in this it is at the same time total 'being held by him (Pope Benedict WI). Now our Lord, who was humble & came to destroy pride, chose not to use the proud horse to him. He chose the simplest & the humblest of all animals the ass, because he so loved lowliness & humility that only a humble mount

could serve him. God dwells & abides only in the simple & humble 01 heart (Is. 57:15). Wishing to show his esteem for this virtue, he chose lowliness & abjection for the day of his triumph. He emptied & humbled himself. He would not have been humiliated & despised by others except he willed it. He himself emptied himself, choosing abjection. He emptied & abased himself, he humbled himself; he came mounted upon an ass & a colt. He bent his bow & darted his arrows of love into the hearts of the people of Israel. All were moved at his coming and sang: Hosanna, blessed be the Son David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; glory be to the Highest. His gentleness & humility captivated all their hearts. Had he come on any other conveyance he would have frightened them. This is the first quality that made the ass appropriate for our Lord's use on this occasion: its humility. Second quality-patience. Not only is the ass humbler it is exceedingly patient, allowing itself to be beaten & maltreated without ever forgetting its origin. It neither complains, nor bites, nor kicks. It endures all with great patience. Our Lord so loved patience that he wished to become its mirror & pattern. He endured scouring & ill treatment with invincible patience; he supported so many blasphemies, so many calamities, without saying word. Now humility & patience have such an affinity with one another that one can hardly exist without the other. He who desired to be humble must be patient enough to endure the contempt, the censurer the reprehensions that the humble suffer. Likewise, he who desires to be patient must be humble because one cannot long support the labors & adversities of this life without the humility which makes us gentle & patient. Finding these two qualities in this animal, our Lord chose it rather than any other for his entry into Jerusalem. The third reason is that this animal obedient, permitting us to burden it as much as we want without offering any resistance. It carries the load with remarkable submission & suppleness. So much did our divine Master love obedience & suppleness that he himself chose to give us an example of it. So, he bore the heavy burden of our iniquities & suffered for them all that we had merited. Oh, how blessed are they who are supple & submissive, who allow themselves to be commanded as others wish, subjecting themselves to all kinds of obedience without reply or excuse, supporting with good health the burden imposed on them! Only when clothed with these qualities of humility, patience, & submission can we be worthy to carry our Lord. Then the Savior will mount upon our hearts &, as a divine riding, master, conduct us under his obedience.

Fish Fry News: Sincere Congratulations

SINCERE and HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS and a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who helped in any way wherever they were needed at the recent SUCCESSFUL FISH FRIES. In 3 Fish Fries, there were 2,401 meals served. MARCH 6, 2020 - 972 meals ~ MARCH 13, 2020 - 778 meals & MARCH 20, 2020 - 651 meals. All of your hard work from preparing for endless hours to cleaning up certainly paid off as we were able to secure a profit of \$17,111.31. Profit for 2017 = \$14,325.00. Profit for 2018 = \$15,644.96. Profit for 2019 = \$17,771.15. Profit for 2020 = \$17,111.31. With all that was taking place this year, I think the profit is successful. Our profit continues to increase THANKS to each of you. May God bless you for your helpful & dedicated work. THANK YOU a t h o u s a n d o v e r .



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Apr. 6, 2020 Is. 42:1-7 Gospel Jn. 12:1-11 Tues. Apr. 7, 2020 Is. 49:1-6 Gospel Jn. 13:21-33, 36, 38 Wed. Apr. 8, 2020 Is. 50:4-9A Gospel Mt. 26:14-25 Thurs. Apr. 9, 2020 Chrism Mass Is. 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9 Reading 2 Rv. 1:5-8 Gospel Lk. 4:16-21 Fri. Apr. 10, 2020 Is. 52:13-53:12 Reading 2 Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel Jn. 18:1-19:42

Spiritual Reading for PALM SUNDAY

The hour overflows with supernatural power. In these last days it is as if Jesus were gathering strength on strength preparing the ultimate. He has just summoned Lazarus from the dead & power has accompanied the disciples into the world, so that their word strangers entrust their nocks to them. NO' triumphantly he enters Jerusalem, fulfilling to the letter the prophecy or the coming Messiah. Until then he has refused to be called the Messiah & crowned king; now he proclaims himself the long awaited one. This then is God's hour; were the masses to reject it, the stones beneath their feet would proclaim the Messiah. It is the last God-given chance. Will those seized by its power also find the strength to act according to the Spirit? Will the after all force the gate of the kingdom which had seemed so hope lessly barred?... This then is how it is when God descends to men The apparent folly & danger of it are so great that the just orthodox prepare for legal condemnation. The event is not even clothed in the dignity of genuine poverty. That would have also been impressive, for side by side with the power of greatness: there exists the moving or august power of poverty, which stir: by its own mysterious power. But it is not genuine poverty that accompanies Jesus—neither among his disciples nor in the cheering masses. It is simply the average crowd as it is to be found everywhere in workshop, store, and street. Crowd in which we all could find our place—human reality, mediocrity bare of the paths of both of splendor & of misery. How difficult it is to recognize the self-revealing God! How difficult to steer clear of the scandal to the worldly sense of propriety & righteousness!



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Paul Deters (Ken Deters), Eileen Fabris, Randy Hatten, Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Sparks (Robb Sparks), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Linnie York (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.