

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

| | <u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u> | <u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u> |
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| <u>Monday, April 6</u> | Deceased Pastors of HF/SN Parishes | Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 |
| <u>Tuesday, April 7</u> | Priest's Intention/No Exposition | Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| <u>Wednesday, April 8</u> | Tom Deitering/No Exposition | Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 |
| <u>Holy Thursday, April 9</u> | Mel Schroeder | Ex 12:1-8,11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 |
| <u>Good Friday, April 10</u> | | Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42 |
| <u>Holy Saturday, April 11</u> | For the People of HF/SN Parishes | Gn 1:1-2:2 /Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Is 55:1-11/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10 |
| <u>Easter Sunday, April 12</u> | Rita J. Singler/John & Dolores Siefker | <u>SUNDAY READING</u> Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9 |

FOLLOW THE DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS READINGS on usccb.org/bible/readings

ALL PUBLIC MASSES are cancelled through May 3rd. Our churches are open for private prayer throughout the day. Please use social distancing guidelines and hand sanitizer upon entering and departing church. **ALL EVENTS** that were to take place at either Church or Parish Hall are CANCELLED through May 3rd. Be advised, however, that an extension of cancellations may be possible. Check notices of such on our parish website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embark upon the holiest times of the Christian year this Palm Sunday, the backdrop surrounding our prayer and praise of God is one of heightened emotion, suffering and even death. The COVID-19 pandemic brings the message of Christ's own Passion, Death and Resurrection into an immediate situation humanity is encountering globally. This Holy Week will undoubtedly provide us with a concrete point of reference we may have never imagined to be encountered in our earthly life. In a technologically advanced world where medical breakthroughs occur frequently, where pandemic outbreaks are simply something that happen somewhere else in the world, the tide has turned upon us in the land of the free and the home of the brave. This time, it is spreading quickly and may have caught many of us off our guard.

Turning to the prayers we hear in the liturgy for Palm Sunday, there is something comforting and most telling in the opening prayer for Mass this day: "Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection." That's it! That is the hope-filled message of Holy Week -- "That we may heed his lesson of patient suffering". In other words, that by uniting our own suffering, our own setbacks, our own trials, our collective sacrifices during this time of restricted movement and the charity extended in attending to the health and wellbeing of others with Christ himself, we "merit a share in his Resurrection". We are not alone in this situation. God

has not abandoned us, but unites himself even more in this moment of suffering.

Holy Week provides us with the spiritual point of reference in making sense of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection is the template of understanding our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. The global pandemic is teaching us how to be Christian believers more and even better. Being quarantined, restricted in our movement, adding all the precautions to our daily habits - these are the classroom to teach us something about ourselves and about the world around us. The abruptness of this pandemic and the fact that it has been placed in the context of a reflective, inward assessing spiritual season we know as Lent shows us that the only way to make sense of it is spiritual. God is calling us to our own heart and uniting it with His.

I hope you will join us for our live stream broadcasts of the Holy Week services and will continue your daily prayers for one another and for those who are dealing with this tragedy - the first responders, all medical personnel and support staffs, the sick, the elderly, the dying and those mourning the loss of their loved ones. Indeed, it will not be a Lent anyone will ever forget for a long time.

A blessed Holy Week. God bless you all and keep you in the palm of his hand.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly offertory contributions may be mailed to the Parish Office or offered collectively when this health crisis is over and we are able to have public Masses again. Please do not send cash through the mail. We will not post offertory received in the mail until the health risk to our weekly money counters has subsided.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

POPE FRANCIS has postponed the 2020 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land due to COVID-19. This annual collection will take place on Sunday, September 13th, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS
AT HOLY FAMILY & ST. NICHOLAS PARISHES**

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020, 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Holy Family
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020, 6:00pm-7:00pm @ St. Nicholas
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020, 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Holy Family

SN/HF PARISH OFFICE will remain open during normal business hours 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday - Friday. The office is closed on Good Friday. Please follow social distance guidelines and consider a phone call 419-876-3481 or email snhfmnc@gmail.com instead of a visit to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR PARISH

Find out what is going on in our parish community! Access our Facebook account at Facebook.com/St.Nicholas-HolyFamily (do not need Facebook to view) and our website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org> to see communication from our pastor and catch the updated weekly bulletin.

DAILY ROSARY AT NOON: Join Monsignor Singler and Alex Elfreich in praying a daily noontime Rosary for our parishes. You and your family members are invited to spiritually join them in praying the rosary each day. Social media sources are available to those who are learning to pray the rosary or wish to pray along with someone.

BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS' LIVE STREAM HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE FROM ROSARY CATHEDRAL

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
11:00 AM

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 9, 2020
7:30 PM

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 10, 2020
3:00 PM

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 11, 2020
8:30 PM

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 12, 2020
10:00 AM

Diocese of Toledo Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/diocesetoledo/posts/?ref=page_internal

Bishop Thomas' Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Bishop-Daniel-E-Thomas-846185655421697/posts/?ref=page_internal

MILLER CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT annual Easter Sunday Egg Hunt is **CANCELLED**.

FORMED.ORG is a social media service providing extensive Catholic movies, books and audios online. Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishioners have access to this resource **FREE** of charge.

To enroll go to the **Formed.org** website and click the side bar **SIGN UP**. Select **I belong to a Parish or Organization** and enter **45864** in the option to Find your Parish or Organization, select **St. Nicholas & Holy Family**. Next, you will be prompted to provide your name and email. A link will be emailed to you. Once you complete the sign in process you will not need to do so on subsequent visits.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

XLT TOLEDO LIVE STREAMED HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT, today, APRIL 5th from 6:45-8:30pm on Diocese of Toledo You Tube Page <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6zfFYoyx4o&feature=youtu.be>

Parents: please sign up on **FORMED.ORG** so you have access to great Catholic resources. Deb's pick for you this week:

For high school, college age and adults: *Know Your Story* by Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. This is a funny and inspiring audio book by one of the most sought-after Catholic speakers today.

For high school, college age and young adults: *YDisciple* by NET Ministries. This is a 4 part video series to watch and discuss "with" a group that you form. Begin with part one this week.

For children of all ages: *Extraordinary*. This has a number of short videos on Blessed Solanus Casey narrated by children. My choice for this week: *No More Bread*.

Give Deb Wehri feedback on FORMED material you have found helpful or inspiring, or what you are searching for at debwehri@gmail.com

**DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE
AS OF MARCH 31, 2020**

| <u>St. Nicholas</u> | <u>Holy Family</u> |
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| Parish Goal: \$11,000 | Parish Goal: \$11,000 |
| Total Pledged: \$19,666 | Total Pledged: \$12,100 |

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Funds collected at this point forward come back to our parishes. Thank you!

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: CAM BUILDING SUPPLIES: Building materials for custom built homes, sheds and commercial buildings. Call Matt Schroeder at 419-615-2126



Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.