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Palm Sunday – the Passion of the Lord



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Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Thursday----- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday----- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Welcome! *The Saint Andrew's Roman Catholic Church mission is to spread the love of Jesus Christ through active ministry, inclusive worship and charitable works for our community and the world. We invite all who live in our area to join our parish community by calling the Parish Center or by seeing one of the priests.*

Special COVID-19 Edition

Dear friends,

These are difficult times indeed! We will provide a bulletin as best we can. Patience please if it does not have everything we're accustomed to. Meanwhile let's pray together for one another, for all those who are in the front lines in health care, first responders, and everyone working in essential businesses such as food, etc. And let us pray for the sick and the suffering, the dead and the dying... and for all those loved ones who are so anxious and grieving!

God bless you all!

Fr Joe

Please note: the schedule below shows the Masses & times as originally scheduled. (parentheses are livestream times). All Mass intentions will be fulfilled by Fr. Joe or by other priests.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, April 5 *Palm Sunday*

5:00 pm (Vigil) Mary Ellen Kenny - Fran Borg (*Apr 4, 3 pm*)
8:00 am Peter Fedorchak – Bob & Laraine Meehan
10:30 am Sean McGlone - Family
12:15 pm Mary Bonsignore – Healy Family
7:00 pm “In Thanksgiving” - Carmen Nieto (*Apr 4, 4:30 pm*)

Monday, April 6

9:00 am Ramon Sanchez - John Whelan

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am Isabel Santana - Cirillo Family

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 am Peter Fedorchak - Joan & Marty Lohrer & Family

Thursday, April 9 *Holy Thursday*

9:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm for St. Andrew’s Parish Community (*5:00 pm*)

Friday, April 10 *Good Friday*

9:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm Deceased members of our Parish (*3:00 pm*)

Saturday, April 11 *Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil*

9:00 am Morning Prayer
8:00 pm (Vigil) for St. Andrew’s Parish Community (*8:15 pm*)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All Masses & Prayer Services will be livestreamed on [our Facebook page](#) and later on [our website](#)

Monday, April 6.....9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 7.....9:00 am Mass

Wed., April 89:00 am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 9

9:00 am Morning Prayer

5:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual)

Good Friday, April 10

9:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

Holy Saturday, April 11

9:00 am Morning Prayer

8:15 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 12

Vigil Mass will be rebroadcast
on Public Access TV

(Optimum Ch. 77, Verizon Fios Ch. 24)

10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Confessions

Confession in the sacrament is so important for us. However, at this moment, confession in the sacrament is not possible. The Holy Father explained to us last week that if you have a sincere sorrow for your sins, a sincere desire to confess those sins and receive absolution, but it is just not possible...then offer your sorrow to the Lord. Say a sincere Act of Contrition and then feel at peace. Then, when Confession becomes possible, do go, receive absolution, and receive the grace of this wonderful sacrament.

Food Pantry Distribution

More people than usual may need food assistance in the days ahead; if you know someone in need, please share this information with them. We will have food distribution when possible on Thursdays from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm (with limited volunteers). Please check beforehand. Please be patient when you come and we will guide you through the process so that all may remain safe. (*Please note: no distribution on Holy Thursday, April 9*)

Attention Parishioners: If you would like to donate food to those in need, please drop off non-perishable food in the lobby of the Parish Center during the day – we’re opening when possible.

Palms

Unfortunately, palms will not be available this year. However, this gives us a chance to recall the meaning of the palms and commemorate this in a slightly different way. The purpose of the palms was to welcome Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. However, it is likely that He was welcomed with green branches from olive trees. These branches were placed in the road as a carpet for Jesus to travel over. Since palms are not available this year, why not find a nice branch or palm from last year and place it by your door or in a window to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

1ST READING: Acts 10:34A, 37-43

2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Dear brothers & sisters,

As we begin the holiest of weeks today, we always have in mind that no matter what happens along the way our goal is the joy of the Resurrection. And so a word about Holy Week... It remains holy no matter what. As we walk with Jesus, as we encounter his suffering and death, our present circumstances and anxieties, the sacrifices and even the losses of the people that we know always remind us of the fragility of our life on earth. But we are also reminded that the fundamental centerpiece of each one of our lives is our life with Jesus Christ. And so we will bring our own pain and grief along with us as we walk with Jesus in these holy days ahead. We enter these days as the followers did who stayed close to Jesus and as Mary stayed close to Jesus even at the cross. The apostles had run away from fear and their fear kept them in a kind of quarantine until after the resurrection. We, too, are in a kind of quarantine, locked in our rooms. However, this can actually help us to walk more closely beside Jesus to enter into the mystery of his passion, his death, and his resurrection which were all for us and all for our salvation. No matter what happens, let us not lose sight for a moment of the joy of the resurrection.

God bless you all!

Fr. Joe

Please Pray For...



"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

For those who are ill, especially: Joan Shaw, Leonora Paul, Lee Ann Fernino, Gilda Gilmartin, Barbara & Dave Stewart, Bob Tropila, Michael Bodtman, Cathy Wojcicki, Helen Stipo, Vinny Ficarra, Diane Mariconti, Jean Neary, Vinnie Covello, Craig Carosella, Lillian Moore, Joe Koppinger, Sean Cresci, John McLaughlin, Lombardi Family, Ed Marlow, Mary Kenny, McLean Ambrogio, Carmina Sclafani, , Brian Fitzpatrick, Anna Grisoni, Louise Pacos, Diane Pirerra, Denise Cacace, Douglas Enrique Valladares, Salvatore Cavera, William Clare, Juliana Ingoclinera, Therese Najarian, Kathy Gacheny, Carolyn Keating, Christine Hubinger, Stacy Rotolo, John McNeill Elaine DeRobertis, Stephen Pulver, Kathy Pontillo, Marge Pronovost

"A time for peace"

For those serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

Alma & Michael Baffa, Dillon Heyliger and Jeffrey Gum, Scott Pomygalski

"If today, you hear His voice..."

For our parishioners studying for the priesthood/ diaconate

Pedro Soriano, Seminarian. Paul Zeller, Diaconate candidate



ONLINE GIVING

We Share is a platform for parishioners to use for electronically donating their

treasure to St. Andrew. You choose when and how you donate-weekly, monthly, through your checking account or a credit card. You are in total control of your treasure and you don't have to worry about remembering the envelopes. It's a wonderful tool for St. Andrew to forecast revenue and efficiently manage the church's future expenses for facility repairs and maintenance. If you use We Share – thank you. If not, please consider and pray about using this efficient and simple way of donating your treasure to St. Andrew. Please click here to access WeShare. God bless you! Without you we could not implement Jesus' mission at St. Andrews. Any questions please call Jim Kenny (201) 666-1100.

Important Announcement

Please be sure you check and read your St. Andrew's emails for up-to-date information. If you are not receiving our email, please send your email address to: parishinfo@standrewcc.com

A Thank You from Fr. Joe

Thank you to so many of you who have been able to continue your donations by mail, or dropped them off, begun [electronic giving](#) or have given through our [GoFundMe page](#). Just like our small businesses in town that we are trying to help keep going, our parish has the same kind of needs. In fact, over the past 3 weeks we are still about \$20,000 short of where we would normally be. That is a pretty big hit. I recognize that many families are suffering. So, I just ask that you be as generous as you are currently able to be. Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

In times like these, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion" where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe
You
are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You,
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually in my heart.
As though You have already come.
I embrace You and unite myself entirely
to You;
Never permit me to be separated from
You.

Please continue to pray for all those suffering from sickness, isolation and anxiety due to COVID-19.

Remember to keep all health care workers, emergency personnel and essential workers in your prayers.

Palm Sunday Prayer

On this day of great rejoicing,
Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome
You as our King and Savior,
We also walk in the shadow of Your
cross.

Hosanna! We cry.

Blessed are You who come
In God's name to save us.

Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm
Sunday

So that when the time comes
To carry the cross we might still
Call out to You with heartfelt praise.
Give us the grace and the courage
To follow You this Holy Week
From death to resurrection,
From darkness to the fullness of
light.

We need You,
Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Hosanna!

Family Page

Today is the 6th Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday. We are currently in Cycle A of the Church's reading. Therefore, we will be hearing from the Gospel of Matthew.

Things we can do at home to pass on the faith:

- Go for a walk and look for where you see God.
- Place a nice branch from your yard or old palm by your door or window as a way to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.
- Pray for those in need of healing and comfort.
- Use your family bible to read the Sunday readings
- Watch our Sunday Mass as a family.
- FaceTime a relative that doesn't live nearby.
- Watch this video on Palm Sunday and Holy Week
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1s9gKEadTL8>

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ

See next week's bulletin for the answers.

The day the Catholic Church remembers the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where he would be crucified five days later is:

a) Easter Sunday b) Palm Sunday c) Super Sunday

After Palm Sunday, the palms are: a) thrown away b) parishioners take them home c) They are kept safe and returned to the church the next Lenten season to be burned and used for ashes during Ash Wednesday d) b & c

A word for praise and adoration that means "save us" is a) Amen b) Alleluia c) Hosanna

Here you will find the answers to the questions above next week.



Catholicicing.blogpost.com

Here you will find ideas for Catholic kids and their families. It includes ideas for crafts, food, and coloring pages.

Relevantradio.com Covers all aspects of Catholic life.

TERMS TO KNOW

Triduum The last three days of Holy Week are called the Triduum. The three most important days in the Church year. Sundown on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & through sundown on Easter Sunday.

Stations of the Cross Images of fourteen scenes that help us think and pray about Jesus' suffering, death & burial.

Passover The Jewish meal Jesus and his followers were celebrating at the Last Supper.

SIGN of the WEEK

Create a poster, sign or drawing to hang in your home to reflect the following:

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