



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 13th & 14th

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD -- SHOCK TREATMENTS

"He emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!" —Philippians 2:7-8

Today the Church tries to shock us into repentance by contrasting the "Hosanna" of Palm Sunday with the "Crucify Him" of Good Friday. How can human beings be so perverse as to viciously murder God Himself, the perfectly loving and innocent Jesus? How can we be so unfaithful and violent?

Our abuse of the Savior definitely proves we need a savior. In this Holy Week, we must repent and radically change our lives. Like the good thief, we must change from blasphemy (see Mt 27:44) to commitment. Like the centurion, we must no longer rationalize our sins but admit that Jesus is innocent and we are guilty of putting to death the innocent God-Man (Lk 23:47; Catechism, 598). In confessing our sins, we will give glory to God (see Lk 23:47).

Like Joseph of Arimathea, we can repent of giving in to fear and being a "secret" disciple of Jesus (Jn 19:38). During this Holy Week, we can become another Simon of Cyrene and carry the daily cross (Lk 9:23) with Jesus. The way of the cross is over for Jesus but continues for us. Holy Week is now. Repentance is now.

Prayer: "Lord, let me walk that lonely road with You under the weight of the wood."

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, April 14 - 8.30 a.m. +Ruth Swayze By Mike and Marla Britten

Monday, April 15 - 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17 - 6:00p.m Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday, April 18 - 7:30p.m The Lord Supper

Good Friday, April 19 - 7:30p.m The Lord's Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 20 - 8:30p.m. Easter Vigil

Church Cleaning for April

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

April 13/14 Alice Kuehler
 April 20/21 Clifton and Susan Britten
 April 27/28 Keith Barkley Family
 May 4/5 Nick Bohr

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 13th Caroline Britten
 April 14th Sandra Britten
 April 16th Stephanie Friemel
 April 11th Jigger Britten
 A - April 18th Justin & Jessica Britten

Stewardship Reports

04/7/19

Individual	\$2,140.00
Loose	\$ 240.00
Children	\$ 7.00
Total	\$2,387.00

04/07/19 Building Fund

Individual	\$1,550.00
Loose	\$ 238.02
Total	\$1,788.02

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Apr 13th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea, John Connelly

Sunday, Apr 14th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zadyn and Ali

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer, Vanessa Eugea, & Michele Bohr

Holy Thursday, Apr 18th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer, Michele Bohr

Good Friday, Apr 19th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Tabitha Eggemeyer

Easter Vigil, Sat, Apr 20th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer

Easter Sunday, Apr 21th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Saturday, Apr 27th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Maci

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Apr 28th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

Second Collection:

4-19 Holy Land Good Friday Offering

4-28 Strengthening the Church at Home

Christian Mothers Meetings:

May 13th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

We need volunteers for Holy Week, please sign up in the South foyer.

TYM:



**TYM FLOWER SALE!!
Flower Sale April 26th & 27th
(proceeds go to Building Fund)
SAVE THE DATE!!**

April 28th TYM breakfast.

May breakfast will be served on the 12th. Teens wanting to go to ACTS Retreat June 27- 30 need to speak with the leaders. This is a wonderful retreat for all teens, and parents your teens might need some encouragement to attend. We will pay ½ the registration fee! Please visit with if your teen would like to go!

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference this year has been moved to June 7-9 at the Amarillo Civic Center we hope to get a group of kids to go.... If your child knows for sure they can go please let us know.

Announcements:

*Wednesday, May 1, Last Day of CCD with Party

*Sunday, May 5th – First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass – St. Monica Circle will decorate and Little Flower Circle will organize food and drinks

*Sunday, May 12 – Confirmation at 8:30am By our Bishop Patrick J. Zurek followed by TYM Mother's Day Breakfast and reception for confirmation kids.

*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass – Little Flower Circle will decorate and St. Monica Circle will organize food and drink.

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten Ranch

*Why are you carrying around tree branches? Sometimes, one of the hardest things to explain as a Catholic is our attachment to symbolism. Palm Sunday is a great example of that. We come home from Mass holding palm branches, and we tuck them behind a crucifix or next to the picture of the Last Supper. To anyone who does not know our faith, it looks as though we stuck a few weeds on the wall... imagine their questions! The truth behind this tradition, however, goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and "they took out palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.'" (John 12:13) . It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage. Thus, Christ, the true King, was welcomed into Jerusalem. This fulfilled the prophecy in the Old Testament, which declared, "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zech. 9:9) It revealed that Christ was a great king, but also a humble king. The people greeted him with wild joy and cheers of Hosanna. But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast and carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Our Lord, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday following Mass until 9pm for the Children of the Parish

9-10pm Christian Mothers

10-11p Parish Council

11-12pm Financial Council.

There will not be Stations of the Cross Friday evening instead there will be Stations at the Cross @ 2:00pm