

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

March 29 - April 4

Monday, 3/29	9:00 a.m.	Maria Soledad Marileo Epuleo
Tuesday, 3/30	9:00 a.m.	Marcella Kelemen
Wednesday, 3/31	9:00 a.m.	Marie Galvin
Virtual	7:00 p.m.	Marinetta Bertram
Holy Thursday, 4/1	No Daily Mass	
	7:30 p.m.	For all Priests
Good Friday, 4/2	No Daily Mass	
Holy Saturday, 4/3	8:00 p.m.	For the Newly Initiated
Easter Sunday, 4/4	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Monsignor Godfrey T. Mosley, Archdiocese of Washington, Ronald Arledge.

Please pray for the sick... Donna Ford, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Linda Ryan-Connors, Betsy Nicholson, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/, Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On this Palm Sunday I think that it would be good to remember twenty missionaries who experienced a violent death in mission lands in 2020. These priests, seminarians, religious, lay women, and lay men were witnesses to the passion and love of the heart of Jesus. Let me list the names of these twenty missionaries, their country of origin, and the country in which they were killed:

Name of Missionary	Country of Origin	Place of Death
Father Jozef (Jef) Hollanders	Belgium	South Africa
Augustine Avertse	Nigeria	Nigeria
Michael Nnadi	Nigeria	Nigeria
Philippe Yarga	Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Sister Henriette Alokha	Nigeria	Nigeria
Sister Lydie Oyanem Nzoughe	Gabon	Gabon
Fr. Oscar Juárez	Argentina	Argentina
Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortéz	El Salvador	El Salvador
Fr. Nomer de Lumen	Philippines	Philippines
Fr. Roberto Malgesini	Italy	Italy
Lilliam Yunielka	Nicaragua	Nicaragua
Blanca Marlene González	Nicaragua	Nicaragua
Bryan José Coronado Zeledon	Nicaragua	Nicaragua
Fr. Adriano da Silva Barros	Brazil	Brazil
Fr. José Manuel de Jesus Ferreira	Venezuela	Venezuela
Rufinus Tigau	Indonesia	Indonesia
Fr. Jorge Vaudagna	Argentina	Argentina
Sister Matilda Mulengachonzi	Zambia	Zambia
Br. Leonardo Grasso	Italy	Italy
Zhage Sil	Indonesia	Indonesia

As we remember these missionaries in prayer, let us call to mind these words of Pope Francis:

“Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion.”

May the Martyrs of the year 2020 pray for us!

Until next week,

Fr. John

Palm Sunday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I believe that Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, lives in me? How does this motivate me to live in a new way?



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Only (Online)
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (In Church)

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Only (Online)
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (In Church)
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(In Church)

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Only (Online)
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets (In Church)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (In Church)

No 5:00 p.m. Liturgy

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4

9:00 a.m. (In Church)
10:00 a.m. **VIRTUAL MASS**
12:00 Noon (In Church)
1:30-2:00 p.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
(Gathering Space)

LENTEN PARISH SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

Thank you to everyone who attended the live sessions of the virtual Lenten Parish Mission, which took place on February 26, March 5, March 12, and March 19 on Zoom. We had a terrific turnout for all the sessions, ranging from 30-50 attendees for the live sessions. The session recordings are all available on our parish web site at <https://www.sfadw.org/lenten-parish-mission>, so please check them out there if you would like to watch them for the first time or view them again. Special thanks to all the presenters and, especially, to Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick, who coordinated a prayerful and insightful Lenten Parish Mission.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Holy Land Collection on April 2. This pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your

REMINDER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Fasting: Catholics ages 18-59 should fast on Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older should abstain from meat on Good Friday.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS TO USE REFLECTIONS BY ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II

Please join us at 3:30 pm on Palm Sunday, as the parish's Social Concerns Ministry hosts the Outdoor Stations of the Cross at our own Outdoor Stations adjacent to the Rectory off the lower parking lot. The outdoor service will use "The Stations of the Cross with St. John Paul II: On the Path of Ecological Conversion," which were written by Fr. Jacek Orzechoski, OFM. You can download a copy of the Ecological Stations guide at <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15904/documents/2021/3/Ecological%20Stations%20of%20the%20Cross%20-%20StJP2%20-English.pdf> and are invited to bring your copy to the service.

Even though this is an outdoor service, all attendees over the age of two should wear a face mask or facial covering. Persons who live in the same household may congregate together but should maintain at least six feet of social distance between their group and those in unrelated households. For more information, please e-mail Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

EVENING PRAYER There will be **NO** Zoom-based Evening Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. Morning Prayer will occur on those days as usual. There will be Morning and Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.



SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST - As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crisricebowl.org to learn more.

RETURNING YOUR RICE BOWL - Please drop off your Rice Bowl at the parish office or you can give your donation online at crisricebowl.org/give. Rice Bowls should be returned before Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY PALMS

Palms will be left on tables near the end of in-person Palm Sunday Masses and on tables in the Gathering Space during the Communion Service on March 28 for those parishioners who watch the virtual Mass. Any palms not picked up on Palm Sunday will be placed in a container on the porch of the Rectory during Holy Week for parishioners to pick-up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

- As noted on the Unit 5 checklist provided to all registered families by US mail, students are scheduled to complete lessons in their textbooks as follows:
 - *Week of March 28: Holy Week lessons
 - *Week of April 4: Easter lessons/Session 25
 - *Week of April 11: Session 21
 - *Week of April 18: Session 22
 - *Week of April 25: Session 23
 - *Week of May 2: Session 24
- Online sessions for Middle School students meet on April 12 & 13.

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A special Stations of the Cross for children and families will be held online at Noon on Good Friday, April 2. The stations are an excellent way for families to honor Jesus on this special and solemn day in a way that children of all ages can understand. We will pray using the booklet included with Unit 5 materials, *Praying the Stations with Children*. The link to join this Zoom meeting will be sent to all registered RE families. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office: sander-son@sfadw.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2021 to join us for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 19-23. Program details will be announced later this spring as we know more about safety protocols for summer programs. Our VBC format could include any or all of the following: some level of in-person sessions, at-home activities, digital content, and possible online gatherings. We expect to open registration for campers and teen volunteers by June 1.

SAINT PETER'S SCHOOL OPENINGS

Saint Peter's School, a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, has openings in Pre K- 7th grade, for the 2021-2022 school year. Our mission is to help each child grow – spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. Learn more about Saint Peter's School during one of weekly virtual information sessions, offered each Wednesday, at 10AM. Space is limited; register through the website, www.stpetersschoololney.org.

DRIVE-THROUGH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Spaghetti and meatballs! On Sunday, April 11th, Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will host a drive-through spaghetti dinner to benefit *St. Francis of Assisi's Medical Mission to Haiti*. The dinner includes spaghetti with sauce and meatballs; garden salad, and garlic bread; *or* buttered spaghetti, with garden salad and garlic bread. Pickup times for the dinner will be in 15-minute slots from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus' Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. There are a limited number of time slots, **so reservations for pickup are needed.** Contact Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970 or cinnabarmike@verizon.net. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. You will not have to be present to win.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 1:30-2:00 PM

Fr. John offers Holy Communion from 1:30-2:00 pm in front of the church or in the Gathering Space depending on the weather to parishioners who are unable to receive the Eucharist during in-person Mass. Attendees should park their cars, put on a face mask and line up, maintaining six feet of distance between households or unrelated parties; please note that there may be two lines of people receiving Holy Communion. **There will be a Communion Service on Easter Sunday, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS ON RACISM TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 10 & 17

Recognizing the need for ongoing work in the fight against racial injustice, the Archdiocese of Washington has created an initiative that corresponded to Catechism of the Catholic Church number 1935, "Made in God's Image: Pray and Work to End the Sin of Racism (CCC 1935)." Cardinal Wilton Gregory has asked the Archdiocese to "pray, learn, and act," which can be achieved through a wide range of activities including listening sessions and faith formation opportunities.

The St. Francis of Assisi Ad Hoc Committee on Racism was created in response to the initiative of the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese used the "Four Courageous Conversations about Racism and Violence in America" with the deacons in the Archdiocese as one of its activities to gauge the feelings about racism in the Archdiocese.

The parish works to aid the Archdiocese in implementing its goals. On April 10 and April 17, our Ad Hoc Committee on Racism is holding a virtual listening session on the "Four Courageous Questions about Racism and Violence in America" to learn our parish's knowledge of and awareness of racism as well as personal experiences with racism. We are inviting all St. Francis parishioners to sign up to participate in this timely and thought-provoking conversation. Space is limited, so we are requesting you to register with the parish by April 3. To register, please email Vincent Price, price93507@aol.com or Chris King, caking_home@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FROM FR. BILL RYAN'S MISSION FOR OUR PARISH

St. Francis parishioners who have donated to Fr. Bill Ryan's mission in Togo may be pleased to know they remain in the prayers of the mission's beneficiaries. On the recent occasion of Fr. Ryan's 70th birthday, the 54 girls who live at the mission's school asked the assistant pastor Fr. Jonathan Togbe to say three Masses in honor of Fr. Ryan's birth. In their note, the girls specifically asked that "the Lord grant [Fr. Bill Ryan] good health, may he bless his projects and his generous donors." So, the residents of the St. Maria Goretti dormitory in the Togo are praying fervently for our Derwood faith community. Thank you for your generosity, past and present, to this worthy mission.