

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:



(While we are not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming with Bishop Doherty from the Cathedral (or many other churches offer live streaming of the Mass), on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday, April 6

No Mass

Tuesday, April 7

George Reidy

Wednesday, April 8

Bill & Pat Schantz

Thursday, April 9

Rollin & Helen Waters

Friday, April 10

Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 11

Annie Whitacre

Palm Sunday, April 12

Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Lenten Weekly Prayer Corner:

RULE OVER US, LORD

Come, our Light, and illumine our darkness. Come, our Life, and raise us from death. Come, our Physician, and heal our wounds. Come, Flame of divine Love, and burn up our sins. Come, our King, sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign there.
--St. Dimiri of Rostov

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for all who are sick and for all who have died as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as for the safety of healthcare workers, the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes, and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety, fear or doubt during this health crisis. Pray the rosary daily at 4pm live on [facebook.com/AscensionPress/](https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/)

The **Chrism Mass** will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Facebook page via FacebookLive: <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarycathedral/>

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

If at all possible, please continue to keep your contributions up-to-date and mail them to the office both for St. Mary's or St. John's to:

St. John's Church

213 S. Spring St.

Hartford City, IN 47348

Diana will be able to distinguish which parish they belong to and appropriately post & deposit to that account. Thank you for your efforts to continue your financial support to the church.

Don't forget to check in with your neighbor and help those in need of food, meds, or just old-fashioned communication...and prayer!

Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

BRING LENT TO LIFE

A life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice bowl.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME:

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

PRAYER: For our communities, that we do not deny the reality of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, but that we see in their suffering the suffering of Christ that redeems us.

USCCB.org has many free resource listings especially for Holy Week. Check them out for **A Pilgrimage with the Lord During Holy Week, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Live Prayer on Relevant Radio, Live Video Resources, Spiritual Music** Oregon Catholic Press free playlists of Spiritual Music: **You Tube. Spotify. Amazon. Apple Music.** Many publishers have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. We thank them for their generosity and pastoral concern. A listing can be found on the usccb website.

DRIVE THROUGH AND AT HOME -- HOLY WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE...

Even though we are not able to gather for Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week in our Church space, this bulletin offers many avenues to take the walk with Jesus as we approach Easter.

St. Mary's and St. John's will both have available blessed palms for pick up. Fr. Paul will bless these palms on Saturday as he offers Mass(in private).

St. Mary's will have palms available at the side door of church and St. John's will set palms out at the back doors of the school building. Also available will be the April edition of the Word Among Us which has daily Mass readings, and a very nice Holy Week at Home prayer packet provided by the diocese. Drive through and pick these materials up on Sunday or Monday.

Holy Week will go on...and Easter will dawn a new day!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$590.00

Flowers: \$50.00

CRS: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,930.00

Food Pantry: \$40.00

CRS: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 6: Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12: 1-11

Apr. 7: Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Apr. 8: Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25

Apr. 9: [Holy Thursday] Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15

Apr. 10: [Friday of the Passion of the Lord] Is 52: 13-53; Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; J 18: 1-19: 42

Apr. 11: [Holy Saturday] Gn 1: 1-2: 2; Gn 22: 1-18; Ex 14: 15-15:1; Is 54: 5-14; Is 55: 1-11; Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6: 3-11; Mt 28: 1-10

Apr. 12: [Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord] Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 104; Jn 20: 1-9

Walking with Jesus through Holy Week

This year's Holy Week takes on a special significance as we come to the climax of this long Lent. Working from home, anxious about the coming weeks, kept from gathering for the common good, we carry an especially difficult burden as we make our penances and prepare for the Passion of Christ.

The good news is that we know, through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, that the powers of death no longer hold sway over the world. Sin, hatred, bigotry, despair -- even sickness and disease -- have been conquered by his saving action on the cross.

And yet we still live in this "in between" period. Jesus has won the eternal victory, but we await it's final triumph in time. We will be keenly aware of this tension as we keep vigil on Saturday night, looking for the first ray of Christ's light at dawn.

To help us keep this most sacred time, the diocesan liturgical directors of Region VII have put together a series of free prayer services for families to celebrate together this year:

[Palm Sunday](#), [Holy Thursday](#), [Good Friday](#), [Holy Saturday](#), [Easter Sunday](#)

In conjunction with live-streamed liturgies from our parishes, these prayer services can help families and individuals remain focused on the Paschal Mystery and celebrate Easter in the midst of our anxiety and sorrow:

I wish you a blessed Holy Week, and may God's saving Spirit keep you healthy and safe.

Jonathan F. Sullivan

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Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Catholic Radio Indy will air a beautiful presentation of the Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7 PM.

The programs will be heard on Catholic Radio stations 89.1 & 90.9, our internet streaming (CatholicRadioIndy.org), our free cellphone APPs and our Dial-in-to-Listen service (just dial 605-562-9822). It will also be available on Smart-Speaker devices... "Alexa, play Catholic Radio Indy."

This presentation includes inspiring readings and meditations by Fr. Kevin Scallon and beautiful singing by popular Irish Catholic singer Dana.

USCCB PRESIDENT CALLS FOR NATIONAL MOMENT OF PRAYER ON GOOD FRIDAY

WASHINGTON – Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited the faithful to join him in a moment of prayer on Good Friday (April 10) to [pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart](#). Praying together as a nation, the archbishop asks that we seek healing for all who are unwell, wisdom for those whose work is halting the spread of coronavirus, and strength for all God's children.

Friday, April 10, 2020 (Good Friday)

12:00 PM EDT

Livestream: [USCCB](#)

Good Friday is a day when Christians around the world solemnly commemorate the day when Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Catholics traditionally mark the day with fasting, penance, and reflection on Jesus' loving sacrifice. This opportunity to pray together during the coronavirus pandemic offers a special moment of unity for the faithful during a time when communities throughout the United States and worldwide are physically unable to congregate for Holy Week and Easter because of COVID-19.

Additionally, with special permission received from the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, a [plenary indulgence](#) is available for those who join Archbishop Gomez in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday.



On Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at 2pm we will hold a special virtual prayer service and relic veneration. We will be praying to St. Camillus de Lellis, the Patron Saint of hospitals, nurses, physicians and the sick. Service will include relic veneration, scripture and prayer. The event will be LIVE on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Join us virtually, near and far, as we come together to pray for our healthcare professionals!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 50:4-7](#); [PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24](#); [PHIL 2:6-11](#); [MT 26:14-27:66](#) or [MT 27:11-54](#)

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and



hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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