



**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**March 28, 2021**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Monday, March 29 at St. John's*  
10:00a.m...Larry Aulbach

*Tuesday, March 30*  
11:00a.m..Chrism Mass live streamed from Lafayette

*Wednesday, March 31 at St. John's*  
12:00noon...John Trant

*Holy Thursday, April 1, at Holy Family*  
6:30p.m...Matthew Christman

*Good Friday, April 2, at St. John's*  
3:00p.m...Passion of the Lord

*Holy Saturday, April 3, at St. John's*  
8:30p.m... Sr. Marguerite Coyne

*Sunday, April 4*  
8:00a.m...George Watson at St. Mary's  
9:30a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's  
11:00a.m...Fr. Christopher Roberts at Holy Family

We have made it finally to the holiest time of the year: Holy Week. When I started my journey to the priesthood, one of the things I was looking forward to, was when as a pastor, I could celebrate these beautiful liturgies with my future parishioners. Fourteen years of seminary formation and being an associate pastor and we have finally arrived. It is a great honor to be able to serve these liturgies with you all. I know that there will be some new things for us to deal with and learn from this week, but there will also be some beautiful moments too as we journey with Jesus from His entry into Jerusalem to the empty tomb.

Each Holy Week I have participated in since starting off as an RCIA sponsor has brought me a new insight into God's salvific plan for us all. Whether it is seeing the tears of joy from someone's first communion or the profound simplicity of someone venerating the Cross on Good Friday, these are the moments of the divine entering so deeply into the human condition to elevate it back to its proper dignity. I hope and pray that we will enter these sacred mysteries with profound respect and with open hearts for how Jesus will mount the Cross for our sins once again to save us and restore us back to our original holiness and dignity. Let us pray for each other and especially for all the candidates and catechumens throughout the world entering into the Church this year.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley



**Mystagogy and Pedagogy**

Mystagogy: A liturgical catechesis which aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ. In a more specific sense, the catechetical period following immediately after the reception of baptism by adults. It also includes week to week reflections on the Mass and how it calls us to respond (CCC 1075).

Pedagogy: From the Greek paideia meaning teaching, instruction, discipline, or correction especially of children (Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms). Refers to the methodology of catechesis.

**HOLY WEEK**...you will notice a few differences. Of course, we still are not allowed any congregational singing; there will be no foot washing on Holy Thursday; veneration will be allowed by bowing or genuflecting at the cross (please do not touch or kiss the cross), no lighting of individual candles at the vigil. There may be some other things as well, but join us through Holy Week and the Easter celebration this year.

**ADORATION AT HOLY FAMILY**

Thursday after Mass of the Lord's Supper there will be time for adoration set up in Reemmer Hall for anyone wishing to spend time in prayer. This will begin following Mass and end at 10pm. This will be in place of First Friday Adoration.

Reflection: Lord, I open myself to serve you. Bring good out of whatever I do today—even my mistakes.

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers James Matney, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this week. May his family be comforted by your continued prayers.

**WALKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH LENT**

**Reflection: Remember to honor God in all you do, praise and thank Him for all your blessings.**

*"Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, 'Who is it you want?'" (Jn 18: 4)*

My Offering to God:

I will reflect upon the pain Christ suffered for me and His sacrifice of pure love.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING JESUS IN DISGUISE**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Envelopes are in your packets.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Tuesday, Mar. 23:* Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
- Wednesday, Mar. 24:* Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
- Thursday, Mar. 25:* Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
- Friday, Mar. 26:* Stations of the Cross 6pm at Holy Family
- Sunday, Mar. 28:* No Religious Ed or Bible Study at St. John's or Holy Family—Spring Break

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

- St. Mary's**  
Sunday Collection: \$739.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$75.00  
Needed Weekly: \$887.87
- St. John's**  
Sunday Collection: \$1,153.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$50.00  
Catholic Moment: \$22.00  
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23
- Holy Family**  
Sunday Collection: \$2,850.00  
Sharing Cupboard: \$210.00  
Catholic Moment: \$69.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$118.00  
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Mar. 29: [Monday of Holy Week] Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12: 1-11*
- Mar. 30: [Tuesday of Holy Week] Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38*
- Mar. 31: [Wednesday of Holy Week] Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25*
- Apr. 1: [Holy Thursday] Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15*
- Apr. 2: [Good Friday] Is 52: 13-53: 12; Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Jn 18: 1-19:42*
- Apr. 3: [Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil] 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; Mk 16: 1-7*
- Apr. 4: [Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord] Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9*

**RELIGIOUS ED**

Religious Education classes resume at both St. John's and Holy Family on Sunday, April 11. (The St. John's calendar had previously listed that day as a no class day.)

**NEWSLETTER MAILINGS**

For whatever reason there were unexpected delays in the last newsletter. All the post office could tell me was that they were held up in Indianapolis. The April newsletter went out Friday, so hopefully this month goes better. Sorry for an inconvenience.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.





St. Mary's Easter Sunday Mass time will be **8:00am** next weekend.

St. John's Mass time will slide to **9:30am** to accommodate the earlier Mass. Holy Family Sunday Mass remains at 11am. This is for Easter Sunday only.

#### FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Rice Bowls can be turned in at each of our parishes by leaving them on the table beside the collection baskets. Thank you to all who participated in this almsgiving.

#### Palm 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?

**Let us Pray:** For our community, that we offer spiritual and corporal works of mercy for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, recognizing that whatever we do for them, we do for our suffering Christ who redeems us.

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

With Mary never far away, pray the rosary throughout Holy Week as we make the journey with Jesus.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

#### DIOCESAN GOOD FRIDAY REGULATIONS

Easter Duty: All the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year, preferably during the Easter season.

Fast: Ages 18-60 are allowed one full meal on Good Friday.

Abstinence: Ages 14 and older are allowed no meat on Good Friday, unless health would seriously be affected.

#### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA OF CHAPLETS

This novena begins on Good Friday each year and ends on the Sunday following Easter. There is a different intention for each day. The Chaplet can be prayed anytime, but the 3:00pm hour or Hour of Great Mercy is ideal. See more details next week.

All are invited to the DVD series, *"Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible"*. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available. The

**Apr. 11- Session 10: Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time**

#### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

**IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MK 14:1-15:47**

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.



# HOLY WEEK



#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:  
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday  
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass  
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

#### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

## St. Mary, Dunkirk

## St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

## Holy Family, Gas City

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#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

#### RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information