

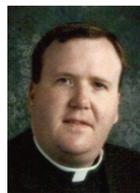
Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13
5:00 p.m.
 St. Louis Parish
Sunday, April 14
8:00 a.m.
 Shep Davis (D)
10:30 a.m.
 Edward Veccia (D)
 Richard Sullivan (D)
Tuesday, April 16
6:00 p.m.
 No Mass
Wednesday, April 17
8:30 a.m.
 Communion Service
Holy Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.
 Mary Ilene Barbera (D)
Good Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 20
8:00 p.m.
 Helen and Claude
 Mitten (D)
Easter Sunday, April 21
8:00 a.m.
 St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
 PA Julius Edemo (D)
 Regina Edemo (D)

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the office if you wish to schedule a Mass for a particular intention



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

With Palm Sunday, we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, the week in which we commemorate the most profound mysteries of life and death, of God and man, of love and sin. We've prepared for forty days to step into Holy Week and remind ourselves that by doing so we step into a new life won for us by Christ at a high cost. We mustn't take this step lightly.

We have two Gospels today, one before the procession, and one narrating the Passion. In the first Gospel Matthew reminds us that Our Lord took the first step humbly, just as we should do. He didn't commandeer the ass on which he rode into Jerusalem; he borrowed it. His disciples made a great commotion with a lot of fanfare, but they also showed at the same time that they still didn't completely get it. "Hosanna to the Son of David." He was the Messiah, and they expected him to clean house, to become a great political and military leader with miracles and fulminations in his wake. "This is Jesus the prophet." He was the miracle machine. We know he was more than a prophet or a political leader with divine aid, and we also know his mission was conquest by Cross. Within a day their convictions were shaken to the core. Holy Week is a time for considering our convictions in the light of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. They may need some shaking up too.

In today's First Reading the prophet Isaiah, describing the Suffering Servant reminds us that Our Lord knew he was in for suffering, but if it was in the

Lord's service, it was worth it. We call today "Passion" Sunday not because of Our Lord's passionate love for us, even though he does love us passionately in the true sense of the term. Passion comes from the Latin word *passio*, which means suffering, undergoing something. Our Lord enters Jerusalem knowing a new level of suffering is at hand, but he does not hesitate because the stakes are our salvation. If we think life is hard, imagine how hard it was to set Heaven aside even a moment and become a man as Jesus did. He not only became man, he became a servant of all, and servant who suffered for all.

In today's Second Reading Paul reminds us that Christ had no need or desire for more glory, yet he did something for us and for his Father worthy of even greater glory. His Incarnation was lowly and poor. He didn't take half-measures in his mission by becoming a child of royalty living in palaces. God became a slave. For us. He taught us humility and obedience so that we would follow his example.

In today's Passion narrative we walk with him in his last hours of angst, betrayal, solitude, and pain when what he sought from us (and for us) was peace, loyalty, communion, and joy. There's not much more to say: Our Lord's actions on our behalf say it all.

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

Holy Week, Easter

Holy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 20th, 8:00 p.m. (no 5:00 p.m. Mass)
Easter Sunday, April 21st, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
 April 20/21

Extraordinary Ministers
 Of Holy Communion

8:00 p.m. J. Larson, M. Macko
 8:00 a.m. J. Vargo, W. Vargo
 10:30 a.m. A. Madera, D. Jacobs

Lectors

8:00 p.m. J. Croft, K. Radford
 8:00 a.m. E. Campos, Open
 10:30 a.m. D. Busch, P. Johnston

Sacristans

8:00 p.m. J. Larson
 8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
 10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

8:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
 8:00 a.m. J. Lara (Open)
 10:30 a.m. J. Angulo, I. Brown

Liturgical Assistants

8:00 p.m. R. Larson
 8:00 a.m. S. Ball
 10:30 a.m. G. Brown

For Sunday, April 7

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| Offertory this week: | \$7,627.00 |
| Target: | \$5,589.69 |
| Collected vs. Target for month | \$2,037.31 |
| Collected vs. Target since July | \$29,390.95 |
| Projected Offertory for year: | \$288,280.82 |
| Annual Budget: | \$250,000.00 |

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| Building Fund this week | \$1,038.00 |
| Collected this month: | \$1,038.00 |
| Target for the month: | \$2,713.00 |
| Collected since July | \$23,816.00 |
| Collected vs. Target since July | -\$3,314.00 |

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| Improvements Collections | \$24.00 |
| Total collected to date: | \$6,056.00 |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

This ministry helps improve the look and upkeep of our parish! The goal for this year is \$11,000. To date we have collected \$6,056. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Louis Easter Egg hunt will be Easter Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. I need help with donations of chocolate for the resurrection rocks found please!!

Thank you!
Elizabeth Angulo

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for April is Helen Mueller. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Helen!

CRS RICE BOWL
 ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

DAY OF RENEWAL DURING
 MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

On Saturday, May 4th Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. with first talk following. Come to honor our Blessed Mother and learn more about her spouse, the Holy Spirit in our everyday life. Lunch and Day Care are provided. RSVP to Gloria Lay, glomarielay@gmail.com

THE TENEBRAE

Tenebrae (Latin for shadows of the darkness) is that part of Liturgy of the Hours that was celebrated in the evenings during the Triduum and dates from the 7th or 8th century. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective. The distinctive feature of the service is the gradual extinction of all the lights in the church as we

contemplate the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the world. The Tenebrae service will be April 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More.



SATURDAY, April 27
 6:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 PARISH HALL

BLESS ME FATHER

A newly minted priest (Father Neil) learns the ropes and gets on-the-job training and the finer points of sustaining and supporting the flock from a crusty veteran with a gentle brogue (Father Duddleswell) and a sharp eye on the bottom line in this affectionate send-up of 1950s Catholicism. A tart-tongued housekeeper and an imperious Mother Superior complete the cast at St. Jude's Parish in suburban London.

Tonight, we will see "Baptism of Fire", "The Parish Bazaar", "The Bells of St. Jude's", "The Doomsday Chair", and "Father and Mother" from Season 1.

Admission to Movie: FREE
 (Donations Accepted)
 Popcorn: \$5.00 (AYCE)
 Sausage Dogs: \$1.50
 Soft Drinks: \$0.75

Join us to watch movies that will inform you about important people or events in the history of our Catholic faith or that may inspire you to be a better father/mother/spouse/son/daughter/friend.

All proceeds go to St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund