

March 28, 2021 Bulletin

From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family,

You most likely remember that we were in lock-down during Holy Week last year and, therefore, we had no palms to distribute and all the beautiful services of Holy Week were done via live-stream. Although we will continue to live-stream all of the Holy Week liturgies again this year, we will be welcoming parishioners back to celebrate Holy Week in church. However, please be mindful that we are still battling this virus as a Nation. As the weather gets warmer, we can get more relaxed about our mask wearing and social distancing but not at St. Benedict's! I am respectfully asking everyone who comes to church during Holy Week to wear a mask, keep social distance and wash your hands to prevent the spread of this virus. If someone is not wearing a mask, please kindly ask the person to put a mask on or ask one of your priests or deacons to ask the person to wear the mask.

Happy Palm Sunday!

Today begins Holy Week. This is indeed a "holy week" with so much to draw all of us into the passion and mercy of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tomorrow evening, **Monday, March 29th**, is Reconciliation Monday. The priests will be available from 4:00pm until 8:00pm for Confessions in the Church.

Tuesday, March 30th, the priests will join all the other priests, along with Cardinal Dolan and the Auxiliary Bishops, at the Cathedral for a Clergy ONLY Chrism Mass. There is a holy hour for priests and the opportunity for us to go to Confession. Therefore, on **Tuesday, March 30th, we will not have Eucharistic Adoration and we will not have Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday.**

Wednesday, March 31st will basically be a regular Mass day. **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will lead us all to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.** This is a special and powerful week for all Catholics. I pray that you and your family will take time out of the "normal routine of life" and join together as a parish family to pray and celebrate our salvation.

St. Benedict, pray for us. Terence Cardinal Cooke, Servant of God, pray for us!

Fr. Stephen Norton