

April 5, 2020

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Sixth Sunday of Lent

Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2020



St. Virgil's Parish

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Our Weekly Newsletter for our Parish Family

As you all know, as of Wednesday, April 1, Bishop Serratelli ordered that all churches and chapels in the Diocese be closed until further notice. That will not hold us back in the celebration of this blessed season. This week we were fortunate enough to add a new video camera system that will greatly enhance the live streaming of our Masses and services. We will also do our best to ensure that you have the Worship Aids for each of these services as well. God bless you all.



Fr. Michal

#washyourhandswashyourhandswashyourhands

Worship Aid for Sunday, April 5, 2020

Our worship aid is available for you to use during the live-stream of our Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Ctrl + Click the link below to access the page:

<file:///C:/Users/Gloria/OneDrive/Palm%20Sunday%20Worship%20Aid.pdf>



Church Regulations Regarding Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast & fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent. The obligations prohibit eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days are not permitted.

Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Sun., April 5 Palm Sunday	Frank Landi Janet D ittrich Nancy Gares Mary O'Connor Elizabeth & Anthony Vignola Rosina Tedeschi Joseph Yassa Enza Antanasio
Mon. April 6	Jebin Alex Craig Davidson—2 nd Anniversary
Tues., April 7	First Responders
Wed., April 8	Antonio & Anna DaSilva Ted Kosakowski Eileen Holden & Family
Thurs. Apr. 9	Holy Thursday
Fri., Apr. 10	Good Friday
Sat., Apr. 11	Holy Saurday



Please pray for all those who serve in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad, especially:

The deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing

- SSGT Blake Reidinger**
- LT Patrick Leahey**
- LCDR Daniel M. Leahey**
- LT Mark C. Leahey**
- LT Kian Federick Stewart**
- DCI Alexander V. Fernandez**
- CPL Irvin Carithers**
- MJR Gary Windt**
- MJR Stephanie Sittmann**
- SSGT Thomas Sittman**
- PO2 Timothy Butchko**

- SSGT Eric Wright**
- 2LT Ryan Feeney**
- LT Mark Van Orden**
- LTR Andrew McGuinness**
- MSGT T.J. Hopkins**
- LT Kelsey Bergh**
- LT Tyler Huh**



Please remember in your prayers:

Deacon Alan Lucibello, Tom Kleso, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prinszano, Jacqueline Paw, Veronica Kelly, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, Mary Maffeo, Marie E. Logan, Mallory Miller, Rose Marie Warrick, Sandra Buck, Margaret Ellis, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Daniella, Anne Benson, Bob Taylor, Kamasha Redhead, Miah Tully, Barabara Bock, Baby Emma Scannelli, Stephen Burke, Eileen Lagan, and Teresa Procopio.

Please remember in your prayers in a very special way, our first responders and those who are now serving on the "front line". Words cannot express how grateful we are for everything that they are doing for us. The support and strength amid these difficult and uncertain times gives us proof that the angels are working among us!



Fr. Michal and the Parish Office have been working tirelessly to keep you connected with our Parish family. They are currently sending out frequent Flocknotes, posting updates on our website, and live-streaming Mass at 10:30am on Sundays as well as some prayer services.

These are only some of the small measures we have been able to undertake until we can again gather as a community in our beautiful church. But even in your absence, the parish facilities will still need upkeep and maintenance and the salaries need to be paid.

To help our parish continue the necessary upkeep and pay recurring expenses, we ask that you continue to donate to St. Virgil's during this unprecedented and uncertain time. This is not a request to give more; rather it is to simply change how you give to ensure St. Virgil Parish continues to receive the weekly income which we much rely on. Since we cannot physically put envelopes in the collection baskets, you can drop off your donations or mail them to the parish office. We ask you to please consider using Faith Direct. Faith Direct is an online giving service where you can donate the amount you currently give each Sunday through an online medium.

Regardless of the method you choose, we would very much appreciate your continued generous support. There are two links on the parish website if you'd like to set up a one-time donation through Faith Direct or one to sign up for online giving. If you have any questions regarding the Faith Direct process, please feel free to call the parish office to discuss your options.



This Week's Schedule

Live Streamed on our website at www.stvirgilparish.org

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00pm

Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Easter Sunday

10:30am

Readings for the 6th Week of Lent Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2020

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,
5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; 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



Evangelization Corner

From the very beginning of the Church's history we have believed that Jesus is present physically in the bread and wine that are consecrated by the priest. The Church takes Christ's words, "This is my body...This is my blood," to mean that as the priest consecrates the Eucharistic bread and wine, through the process known as transubstantiation, actually become his body and blood.

The origin of the Eucharist can be traced in part to ritual meals celebrated by the Jews during Jesus' time. The Jewish people were accustomed to sharing meals of thanksgiving and fellowship on the day before the sabbath or other religious days. The Passover meal was the most important ritual meal which commemorated Israel's journey from slavery to freedom and giving praise and thanks to God. It is not surprising that Jesus choose this particular meal to celebrate and reveal his body and blood and the new covenant to his followers. After his crucifixion and death, the followers of Jesus continued to meet for a weekly meal of fellowship and thanksgiving. But now the meal became a sacrificial remembrance of his resurrection and his presence in the wine (his blood) that they drank and the bread (his body) which they broke and ate.

In the New Testament there are four accounts of the institution of the Eucharist, the earliest by St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 11:23-25) and in the three Synoptic Gospels of Mathew (Mt. 26:26-28), Mark (Mk. 14:22-24) and Luke (Lk. 22:17-20) linking it to the Last Supper.

In chapters 7 - 13 of the Gospel of John we read of the supper on the night Jesus was betrayed, the foot washing of the Apostles and the teachings and prayers of Jesus but no mention of the bread, wine or Jesus' words over them. One has to remember that the Eucharist celebration had been common among Christians for at least 60 years before John wrote his gospel. We read Jesus' statement "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn.6:55-56) This has been widely interpreted as a referral to the Eucharist.



By the end of the first century, Christians came to accept that the Lord's supper was a sacrificial meal, a commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection — a sacrificial offering of himself to God.

The Eucharist took shape as the central or primary focus of Christian worship. Initially spread by word of mouth, but within a generation through writings about Jesus and Christian practice, the theology of the Eucharist and its role as a sacrament was developed.

May the Lord's peace be with you always!

Evangelization Ministry

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11

The events of this coming week are the most power packed of our liturgical year. We go through Palm Sunday itself where Christ is lauded, and then take in all the events of the Holy week centering on the torture, death and Resurrection of Christ.

Many times we focus on the Stations of the Cross which are a powerful rendition of the days of horror that Christ faced. There is another way to focus on these hours. During the time that Christ suffered on the cross, He left us seven comments that He spoke from the cross.

In our own families the last words spoken by our beloved person are always considered to be of great importance. Those words are spoken of again and again, and pondered by those who love the deceased. Christ left us seven statements from the cross which give us much to ponder:

- 1) My God, My God why have you abandoned me? Mt 27:46
- 2) Mother behold your Son, Son behold thy Mother. Jn:19:26
- 3) This day you shall be with me in paradise. Lk:23:43.
- 4) Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Lk 23:34
- 5) Father, into your hands I commend My spirit.Lk:23:46
- 6) I thirst. Jn:19:28
- 7) It is finished. Jn: 19:30

We can attach many valuable topics to these statements: distress, forgiveness, salvation, triumph, relationships, abandonment. We can all probably experience all of them in our own lives. Showing us so many things, such as Christ in His full humanity, allowing Himself to experience what we ourselves do.

In these days of difficulty which virtually the whole world is experiencing, we might be able to understand Christ's death in a way we might never have. We have been given a savior who walked the walk we all meet at some point in our lives. Each of us is having a unique time this Easter, in an totally different way. The rituals of our Holy Week services will not be there for us, so we must stop and see how these days apply to us in our own lives, and help us use them to bring greater meaning to our lives and the life of Christ.

God be with us all during these last weeks of the Easter Feast, and hopefully the last days of our common suffering from the virus.

Lord, help us learn from You how to live and how to suffer, as Christ teaches us.

final thoughts...

Regular updates will be posted to our website and to Facebook. We will also send out regular alerts on Flocknote.

If you know of a parishioner who is not yet signed up for Flocknote but would like to receive them, email the parish office at svparishoffice@gmail.com

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