

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for March 27th – April 4th

Sat. 27 th 9:00 a.m.	Marshall Hansen (Visn)
Sat. 27 th 5:00 p.m.	Juanita Hake (Visn) (GV)
Sun. 28 th 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (DD)
Sun. 28 th 9:45 a.m.	Harry & Ruth Flieman (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 28 th 11:30 a.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
Mon. 29 th 9:00 a.m.	Sister Marianna Rumpke (Visn)
Tues. 30 th 9:00 a.m.	Frank Howard Copenhaver (Visn)
Wed. 31 st 12 noon	Marjorie Walsh (Visn)
Wed. 31 st 6:00 p.m.	Sue & Ed Brennan (Visn)
Thurs. 1 st 7:00 p.m.	Vocations to the priesthood & religious life (Visn) (DD)
Fri. 2 nd 3:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i> (Visn) (DD)
Sat. 3 rd 8:45 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
Sun. 4 th 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (DD)
Sun. 4 th 9:45 a.m.	Mildred & Gene Ramsey (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 4 th 11:30 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Joseph & Julie Saluke family (Visn) (DD)

Confessions ***Nothing on Holy Saturday***
Nothing on Wednesday (3/7) of Easter

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through your donations.

Offertory March 14, 2021
Visitation \$3540.00 St. John \$613.00
St. Mary \$2282.00

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Place your donations in the basket at the doors of Visitation Church. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>.

We are planning to hold the **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by Religious Education after the 11:30a.m. Mass at Visitation on Easter Sunday (**weather permitting**). If you would like to donate candy to fill the plastic eggs, please leave them outside the Religious Education office in the hall. If you have questions, please contact Renee Piekutowski at ccd.ym.renee@preblecountycatholics.org.

Lenten Events
Stations of the Cross/Rosary at St. Mary
Wednesdays at 8p.m.

There is no session on **The Mass** on Holy Saturday, April 3. Sessions will resume April 10 at 10AM.

During Holy Week and Easter Season, Visitation of BVM Church will be open/unlocked during normal office hours, M-F 8:30 – 3:00PM. If you would like to arrange a private visit to the Blessed Sacrament or pray in Church, please contact Fr. David Doseck.

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. as we pray the **Patriotic Rosary at St. John** for the conversion of ourselves, our families, and our nation back to God.

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

We reflect on today the Crucifixion, that is, the moment and surrounding details when Jesus Christ died. Yes, on Holy Saturday morning with the lifeless body of Jesus in the arms of Mary, his Mother, we mourn the fact that we have killed God. GOD IS DEAD!

This mystery and plan is in the hands of those who handed him over to be crucified, that is, anyone of us who are guilty of sin in our own lives. We think that we might have done something so wrong or evil in our own lives. I encounter not a few people who have never gone to confession since the 3rd Grade or maybe it has been 20+ years without experiencing freedom and forgiveness from sin. Remember this, no sin is greater than God's love. Even in the moment of Christ's death when sin has seemingly killed God, the Savior of the World reigns.

Thus at the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is proclaimed as King to the entire world. This is the ultimate reason he is "lifted up" on the cross; Jesus had proclaimed it so in the Gospel. "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (12:31-32).

We see all people invited to this saving event and to begin a new relationship in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. On the top of the cross stands a sign that Pilate had written in Greek, Hebrew, and Latin (all the major languages at that time in history) stating that "Jesus Is King of the Jews" (INRI – Iesus Nazorean Rex Iuderam).

At the Palm Sunday Liturgy and at Good Friday, we read together the Lord's Passion. While lengthy compared to all the other Sunday Gospel selections throughout the year, this Passion Gospel is when Jesus puts his words, preaching, and life on the line. Jesus proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners he suffered, died, and rose again. Will you let Christ bring you and all your sinfulness/weakness to the power and glory of the cross? Let the words of Christ from the Cross help us enter Holy Week with a lively hope and faith. "I Thirst" for freedom, forgiveness, and new life in Christ.

God Love You, Fr. David Doseck

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines are available at the church entrances. Applications must be submitted by May 17.

Rectory Kitchen Renovation Project: Work on the rectory renovation project continues. We will soon be ready to start the rectory kitchen renovation. Check the website for more information about the kitchen project. **We welcome proposals/quotes from interested parishioners/local businesses.** Please email questions and proposals/quotes to mark@cmofohio.com before May 1.

What is the Eucharist? Why go to Mass? Join Fr. David for a seven-part program, *The Mass*, to help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

UPDATE: There is no session on *The Mass* on Holy Saturday, April 3. Sessions will resume April 10 at 10AM.

BULLETIN DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS
Want to have something included in the bulletin? You must submit your item at least 2 weeks before the bulletin date, earlier if possible. Items must be submitted **in writing**, preferably by emailing the item to bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The following is the passage from the Diary where Jesus explains to St. Faustina how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It is important to remember that this is a truly special prayer as it was created by Jesus for us as a special element of the new Devotion to Divine Mercy. Jesus spoke these words to her in September 1935 while St. Faustina was living in her convent in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Jesus told St. Faustina, "This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary' and the 'I Believe in God'. Then on the Our Father beads you will say the following words, "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the Hail Mary beads you will say the following words, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world." In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Begin with:

one Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

one Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

On the Our Father Beads say the following words: **"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world".**

On the Hail Mary Beads say the following words: **"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world".**

In conclusion, after the five decades say three times: **"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world".**

The Chaplet Of Divine Mercy As A Novena

Sister Faustina wrote in her Diary: "The Lord told me to recite this chaplet for the nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday. Then he told me, "By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls. From this and other passages in the Diary it appears that the Lord wants us to make novenas of the Chaplet for whatever need. In preparation for the Feast of Mercy many people devoted to the Divine Mercy say the novena given to Saint Faustina for Our Lord's intentions without saying a novena of Chaplets. It is important to realise that it is the novena of Chaplets that Our Lord attached such importance too, and the promise, therefore a novena of Chaplets must be said in preparation for the Feast of Mercy.

Day 1. Today, bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me. Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Oh omnipotence of Divine Mercy, Salvation of sinful people, You are a sea of mercy and compassion; You aid those who entreat You with humility. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 2. Today bring to me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave Me the strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind. Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in us, that we may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven. The fountain of God's love Dwells in pure hearts, Bathed in the Sea of Mercy, Radiant as stars, bright as the dawn. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company [of chosen ones] in Your vineyard — upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

Day 3. Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness. Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely. The miracles of mercy are impenetrable. Neither the sinner nor just one will fathom them. When You cast upon us an eye of pity, You



draw us all closer to Your love. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 4. Today bring to Me the unbelievers and those who do not yet know me. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of pagans who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart. May the light of Your love Enlighten the souls in darkness; Grant that these souls will know You And, together with us, praise Your mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of pagans and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 5. Today bring to Me the souls of heretics and schismatics, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart; that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal, and in this way they alleviate My Passion. Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of heretics and schismatics. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy. Even for those who have torn the garment of your unity, A fount of mercy flows from Your Heart. The omnipotence of Your mercy, Oh God. Can lead these souls also out of error. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of heretics and schismatics, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 6. Today bring to me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who would keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is able to receive My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence. Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy. A truly gentle and humble soul Already here on earth the air of paradise breathes, And in the fragrance of her humble heart The Creator Himself delights. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon the souls of little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Day 7. Today bring to me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over My Passion and entered most deeply into My Spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death. Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy. These souls are united to Jesus and carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life. A soul who praises the goodness of her Lord Is especially loved by Him. She is always close to the living fountain And draws graces from Mercy Divine. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their spirit, overflowing with joy, sings a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them, I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy. Amen.

Day 8. Today bring to Me the souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice. Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of the purifying fire, that in that place, too, the power of Your mercy may be praised. From that terrible heat of the cleansing fire rises a plaint to Your mercy, And they receive comfort, refreshment, relief In the stream of mingled Blood and Water. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen

Day 9. Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: "Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will." For them, the last hope of salvation is to flee to My mercy. Most Compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love let these tepid souls, who like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power. Fire and ice cannot be joined, Either the fire dies, or the ice melts. But by Your mercy, O God, You can make up for all that is lacking. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls, who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.