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# Benedictine



## PALM SUNDAY

SAINT BENEDICT

**APRIL 5, 2020**

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish  
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

**BAPTISMS**  
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass  
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.  
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

**ROSARY**  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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**DCN. MARCUS SCHONNOP, CC**



Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, beginning Holy Week. Once again, we have another Sunday in which we cannot gather together for Mass physically, but we are united spiritually. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, all of our lives have been changed, and there remain many unanswered questions. I can only imagine the pressure many of you are under right now. I can imagine that many of you are afraid, anxious, lonely, saddened, confused, and the list of emotions can go on. It is okay to feel these things. These are hard times, and it will get harder. It is situations like this in which we need God more than ever. And while the world is rapidly changing day by day, the Lord is unchanging and grace is available! Archbishop Vigneron made this clear in the first of ten guideposts he gave to us to help journey through this. He stated that “No time is without its grace.” And what a time we are living in! What a time in which God’s grace is here waiting to be given out!

But I realize that perhaps for some of you, there may remain doubt. How can God bring good out of all this? How can God restore what has been lost? How can we get through this? What possible good, could offset such evil and suffering? It is precisely in these questions that we providentially find ourselves at the beginning of Holy Week. The holiest week in the year in which we journey towards the cross. With these questions we have two possible responses. The first: we can either fall into despair, where we try to run away from our problems, run away from the unknowns or just shut down and hide... where we give up hope and we ultimately give up on God. The second: the alternative is to wait in hope of the resurrection. And there will be a resurrection! We know that just while we heard the passion narrative today, that the story continues. We also know that while Jesus entered once into Jerusalem upon the donkey, he will come again to judge the living and the dead, not in humble form riding upon a donkey, but as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. receive the Eucharist for the first time. They have been hungering for the Lord for a long time. . He will come again in triumph. He will come again in victory. And there is more than just this world. There is more beyond suffering and death. There is more than COVID 19. So, let this Holy week be a holy week like no other. Not simply because you cannot come to Church. But a Holy Week like no other, because you are able to relate all that you are going through, all that that the world is suffering to Jesus in his passion in a deeper way.

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May this week be a week of journeying towards calvary with Jesus. May we not waste a moment of this journey. May we not miss these opportunities to unite our sufferings, unite our pain, unite our confusion to Jesus.

Know that Fr. Jim and myself are continuing to lift all of you up in prayer every day. We are here for you during this time. Please let us know how we can assist you. We do not walk this path alone and we long for the day when we can come together again in person to offer worship to the Father. Please continue to stay informed about all that is going on at our parish via our website and make use of all the great resources available online. May the Lord bless each of you and keep you healthy during this pandemic.

Dcn. Marcus Schonnop, CC

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**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (R/2a)

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

In St. Matthew’s processional Gospel today, the evangelist recalls Jesus’ joyous, triumphant, and humble entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Jewish people are elated because they think Christ is a king who will overthrow the cruel and oppressive Roman rule. But their excitement quickly changes when they learn that Jesus’ Kingdom is of another world. In St. Matthew’s Passion narrative, the people condemn Christ and the Romans sentence him to death by crucifixion. Jesus dies on the cross, giving His life for the salvation of all souls. By opening their hearts to a deeper relationship with Christ, faith-filled stewards gratefully acknowledge this tremendous gift. In response, they strive for holiness and return to the Lord a portion of their abundant blessings through prayer, service, and generosity — to build up His Kingdom. Discover your God-given talents by taking the St. Austin Spiritual Gifts Inventory at [www.staustin.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory](http://www.staustin.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory), then share these talents with your parish and school.

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Tuesday, April 7, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

8.00 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 10, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 11, 2020

8:00 a. m.

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2020

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We hold palm branches today, recalling Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the holy city. It is a bitter-sweet remembrance because we know that no sooner had he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples than he was arrested, tried, convicted,, and put to death. But Jerusalem is more than the site of his crucifixion. It is also the site of his resurrection. Through his sacrifice we all hope to one day reach the eternal Jerusalem.

We’ve probably heard the narrative dozens of times: Jesus enters Jerusalem to cries of “Hosanna,” but just a few days later the shouts he hears from the crowd are, “Let him be crucified!” As we listen to day to Isaiah’s prophecy, Paul’s testimony, and Matthew’s account of the Passion, Let our exclamations echo those who came to believe almost two thousand years ago: “Truly , this was the Son of God!”

*From Pastoral Patterns*

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**SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE**

To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, click the links below at the corresponding Mass times. These services are available online or televised by [Catholic Television Network of Detroit \(CTND\)](#), the Solanus Casey Center, EWTN, and Fox 2 in English and Spanish.

The Archdiocese of Detroit will broadcast a private (closed-door) Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at noon Sunday. The faithful can watch and participate in real time below and on the [Archdiocese of Detroit’s Facebook page](#).

**LIVE STREAM LITURGIES-HOLY WEEK  
ST. SCHOLASTICA**

**SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 9th:**

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 10th:**

Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord -  
1:30 pm

**Saturday, April 11th:**

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:30 pm

**Sunday, April 12th:**

Easter Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

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**LIVING GOD’S WORD**

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

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We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed.

# UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

## PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become again your Church on mission, eagerly working together to “make disciples of all nations,” according to our commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost, to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

### COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission above all else, so that our community becomes the spark to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne; and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead of time for “accomplishing in us far more than all we ask or imagine.”

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



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**WE KNOW THAT THE Lord is in our midst and so we turn now to God to pray for the needs of the world**

For the Church, that we may sing hosannas to the Lord, giving witness to our faith and to our joy in Christ's saving act, we pray to the Lord. . .

For our President and members of Congress, that God give them wisdom and good judgment in their decision making during this Covid-19 pandemic, we pray to the Lord...

That we may take the time to listen to God's beloved Son and discern that he is asking of us, we pray to the Lord...

For those in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces who feel abandoned or forsaken, that they may feel the Lord's tender presence through the compassionate outreach of others, we pray to the Lord . . .

For those who are sick, that the healing power of the Lord of Life may be theirs, we pray to the Lord...

That all who have died believing in the resurrection may share the joy of eternal life in Christ, we pray to the Lord