

# Palm Sunday



...the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road...

Matthew 21

## **Sacred Heart Parish**

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**PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN.**

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS. MASS IS CELEBRATED ONLINE.**

**SACRAMENT OF**

**PENANCE**

**HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS.**

**THE SACRAMENT WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO THOSE IN EMINENT DANGER OF DYING OR WHO HAVE A SERIOUS ILLNESS. PLEASE CALL 610-948-5915 TO MAKE FATHER AWARE OF YOUR NEED.**



April 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord’s Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 10, 2020. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, DD  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

**UPDATE ON LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES AND INFORMATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY AND THE SACRED PASHCAL TRIDUUM**

The Coronavirus (COVID 19) challenges us to celebrate the Mysteries of Christ for the glory of the Father and our sanctification with reasonable limitations and in cooperation with directives from government and health officials to stem the spread of the virus. In every instance the following liturgical directives serve the pastoral needs of the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. It is most important that as members of the same local church everyone observe them as stated for the benefit of all. The Coronavirus (COVID 19) challenges us to celebrate the Mysteries of Christ for the glory of the Father and our sanctification with reasonable limitations and in cooperation with directives from government and health officials to stem the spread of the virus. In every instance the following liturgical directives serve the pastoral needs of the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. It is most important that as members of the same local church everyone observe them as stated for the benefit of all.

**PUBLIC MASSES** - The March 17, 2020 suspension of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia remains in force until further notice. This includes all Sunday and weekday Masses with the faithful. **This suspension also applies to PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED PASHCAL TRIDUUM.**

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL** is open from 12 Noon until 7:30 PM daily through Wednesday, April 8th. For the safety and well-being of our parishioners, no more than three people, distanced safely away from each other, may remain in the Chapel at the same time. Others wishing to pray are asked to remain outside, distanced from each other (6 feet apart), until someone leaves the chapel. Please do this out of care and concern for each other.

**PALM SUNDAY- BLESSING OF THE PALMS** - Palm will be blessed and available for distribution at a later time. Although Palm Sunday Mass will not be celebrated publicly, the palm distributed to the faithful on this day has great meaning. It is a sacramental rich in power to remind all of us of Christ’s victory over sin and death. It certainly has special significance during the pandemic.

**CHRISM MASS** - The Chrism Mass will not be celebrated publicly. Instead, the Archbishop will celebrate it in a private manner on Monday of Holy Week, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica.

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION** - **By appointment only.** Please telephone the office at 610-948-5915 to schedule an appointment.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - Those who cannot in anyway participate in the Easter Vigil are asked to pray the Office of Readings for Easter Sunday.

**Easter Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31**

## Mass and other Prayer Links and Resources

[General link with multiple resources](#)

+ [Archdiocese of Philadelphia Resources](#)  
[archphila.org/resources](http://archphila.org/resources)

Note: Sunday and Weekday Masses, in addition to airing live, are archived on site for your viewing at another time.

**Sunday Mass - Live Streamed**

**Sacred Heart Church, Royersford - As Posted**  
Mass can be viewed on our Facebook page or on our Parish Website ([www.sacredheartroyersford.org](http://www.sacredheartroyersford.org)) and will remain posted there.

[www.SacredHeartRoyersford.org](http://www.SacredHeartRoyersford.org)

• [Live - Find a Mass](#)

<https://masstimes.org/>

+ [Live at 8 AM, Noon, 7 PM and 12 AM](#)

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word  
EWTN Chapel in Irondale, AL

+ [Live at 10 AM](#)

<http://catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass>

University of Notre Dame Mass

+ [Live at 10:15 AM](#)

<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

St. Patrick's Cathedral New York

+ [Live at 11 AM](#)

<https://vimeo.com/event/17522>

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

+ [Live at 12 PM](#)

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception

**Daily Mass Live-Streamed**

+ [Live Posted at 8:15 AM](#)

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

From Bishop Barron's Chapel

+ [Live at 8 AM](#)

<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

St. Patrick's Cathedral New York

+ [Live at 8 AM, Noon, 6:30 PM and 12 AM](#)

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word

EWTN Chapel in Irondale, AL

**Sunday Mass - On TV**

**EWTN Weekday** -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 2:00am, 2:00am; [Pope Francis Private Mass from Santa Marta], 8:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**EWTN Saturday** - 8:00am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm [Pope Francis Private Mass from Santa Marta], 7:00pm

**EWTN Sunday** - 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm [Pope Francis Private Mass from Santa Marta]

**WPVI TV, Channel 6:** Sunday Masses at St. Malachy Parish, Philadelphia are aired every Sunday morning from 5:30 to 6 a.m. Rebroadcasted at 9 a.m.

**Morning Prayer with Fr. Matt Guckin - Daily 7 AM**

Parish website: <https://www.saintfrancisdesales.net/>

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/SFDSPhiladelphia>



\*Mass *pro populo* or "for the People of the Parish"

**MON, Apr 6**

8:00 AM

Joseph A. Rono

Request of Rich and Patty Custer

**TUES, Apr 7**

8:00 AM

Mario DiGuiseppe

Request of the Children of Martin & Anne DePaoli

**WED, Apr 8**

**THUR, Apr 9**

*Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**Private Intentions**

**FRI, Apr 10**

**SAT, Apr 11**

*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

*Holy Saturday*

*Easter Vigil*

**SUN, Apr 12**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** - St. Alphonsus Ligouri  
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



**STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE  
GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Because of the closing of Churches, we have had minimal Mass collections to report. Please continue to send your offerings in the mail or sign up for electronic giving on our website at: [sacredheartroyersford.org](http://sacredheartroyersford.org)

Select the Parish Giving icon to sign up.

Remember, you may sign up temporarily for Parish Giving if you do not wish to send in an envelope.



**April's prayer intentions are for  
Father Gorka.**

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK AND  
THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppe, Elizabeth, Caroline and Tommy Cummings, William Good, Garrett Rogers, Brian Szalabofka, Stephen Spitko, Brian Spitko, Dan Dordea, David Hritz, Aria Gessner, James Coccia, Alex Stadelmaier, Elizabeth Cassidy, Polly Tornetta, Kathy Caffarella, Ed and Johanna McLaughlin, Gerald Daskiliewicz, Chris Chrisman, Lauri Ronan, Alice Pitcock, Louis DiMaria, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Nathan Wilgeroth, Orville Otis, John Breslawski, Faye West, Madison D'Annunzio, Mary Frances Leonetti, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Elena Craft, Patricia McMinn, Walt Kalil, Tara Clarke, John Hoff, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Cull, Colleen Haines, Ed Reynolds, Anne Metz, Joyce Corretini, Mary Jimick, Irene Stoffel, Annalies Frisco and all the sick and suffering of the parish.  
*We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand. Fr. Tad*

## Dear Parishioners and Friends in Christ,

The following came to me from a friend in the Philippines. At this time I thought it is important to share it with you. It was written as a cry to the Lord, imploring Him, and acknowledging His power and our smallness.

Please pray for everyone throughout the world.

God bless you! *Fr. Tad*

+ “Dear Lord, You made the whole world stop spinning for awhile. You silenced the noise that we all have created.

You made us bend our knees again and ask for a miracle.

You closed Your churches so we will realize how dark our world is without You in it.

You humbled the proud and powerful. The economy is crashing, businesses are closing. We were very proud; we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hard work.

We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

We’re like running in circles looking for some cure to this disease but in fact it takes humility to ask for Your wisdom.

We’ve been living our lives like we will be here on earth forever, like there’s no heaven. Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU.

In the past you serenaded us with Hosea’s song: ‘Come back to me with all your heart.

Don’t let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others’ call.

Long have I waited for Your coming home to me and living deeply our new lives.’

You have been patiently waiting for us. We’re so sorry for ignoring Your voice. For our selfish ways. We all deserve this. We have forgotten You dear Father.

We’ve forgotten that You’re God.

You only need to say the words and our souls shall be healed.” +



### Please Pray for Those Serving in the Military - 1st Lt. Dan Cummings, U.S. Army;

SPC John Patrick Dougherty, U.S. Army;

Capt. Ian Gardocki, U.S.A.F., Special Forces;

2nd Lt. Nicholas Gardocki, U.S. Army;

2nd Lt. Michael McCormick, U.S. Army; SSG Daniel A. Manildo, U.S. Army; P/O HM2 Ryan M. Sirico, U.S. Navy, Medical Corps;

PFC Michael Yacovelli, U.S. Army;

Lance Corporal Justin Solorio, U.S. Marine Corps



## Pray the Rosary Online

LIVE DAILY AT 8 PM

<http://www.phillvevang.org/rosary.%20/>

Or 24/7

<https://therosary.online/>

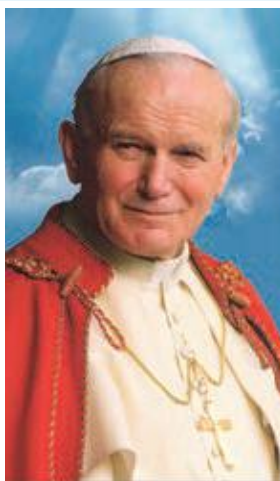


## DECADE-A-DAY ROSARY GROUP

Join over 100+ Sacred Heart Parishioners and pray the Rosary. The commitment is to pray only one decade every day, but we do hope that that grows to saying the whole Rosary every day if you are not already doing so. Each month you will pray one of the twenty mysteries of the rosary, a different one each month, rotating through each one.

The group is divided into twenty smaller groups, each one praying a different mystery, so every mystery is prayed every day; this is the advantage of doing this as a group. We now have more than one hundred people and hope to continue to add more as time goes on. Please encourage others to join.

Each month we will pray for a different intention. Pope Francis’ intention for April is for Freedom from Addiction. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied. If you have any questions, please email Joe at: [Rosary19468@gmail.com](mailto:Rosary19468@gmail.com)



## WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE IN THE FACE OF THE CORONA VIRUS EPEIDEMIC?

### Love drives out fear

Scripture reminds us that “perfect love drives out fear” (1 John 4:18). In the order of virtues, the theological virtue of Charity is the greatest (1 Cor. 13:13). Prudence is also a virtue, and it is one of the cardinal virtues. In the face of a pandemic, or any crisis, we are still called to be virtuous and called to christian charity. Practically speaking, this means that we are to consider the good of “the other.”

“Love,” according to Pope St. John Paul II, “consists of a commitment which limits one’s freedom – it is a giving of the self, and to give oneself means just that: to limit one’s freedom on behalf of another.”- Karol Wojtyla, *Love and Responsibility*



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
HEED THE CALL

**Dig Deep.** Do you feel a spiritual call to the priesthood but are not sure? Please answer the questions found at:  
**Candidate for the Priesthood**

<https://heedthecall.org/vocation-survey>. No pressure... nothing lost...**much to gain** if you just give it a try.

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*Wish you could visit the Vatican and immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of its Museums?*

Your wish has come true...virtually that is! Because of the coronavirus the Vatican Museums have been closed, but now seven virtual tours are available to you.

The tours available feature the Sistine Chapel, the Pio Clementino Museum, the Chiaramonti Museum, the New Wing, Raphael's Rooms, the Niccoline Chapel, and the Room of the Chiaroscuro. Visit the Vatican Museum's website and enjoy each of the seven [virtual tours](#):

<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.1.html>

The Vatican Museum's official instagram page, <https://www.instagram.com/vaticanmuseums/> is also provides photos of works in their vast collections with accompanying captions detailing their history and meaning.

The Vatican Excavations Office is also offering a virtual tour of the necropolis beneath Saint Peter's Basilica: [http://www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/necropoli/scavi\\_english.htm](http://www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/necropoli/scavi_english.htm)

So relax, and enjoy the wonder, the beauty, the creations of God expressed in art as you enjoy your visit to the Vatican. *Bellissimo viaggio!*

**Nourish for Caregivers "House Calls"  
offered daily at 11:00 a.m. EST**

During these uncertain times, *Nourish For Caregivers* will continue to foster community for caregivers in the privacy and safety of your own home through Nourish "House Calls". Our mission is to bring hope and encouragement to those who feel hopeless and helpless in the face of this viral epidemic. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. We hope you will join us as well as share this information with other caregivers who may benefit from these shared experiences. Each call will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants.

**Landline/Cell Phone: +1 312 626 6799 (US)  
and enter Meeting ID: 940 374 7100**

**Computer/Tablet:  
<https://zoom.us/j/9403747100?status=success>**

**We're Pro Life! - Spiritual Adoption**

This is an easy way to pray for the unborn! Join us in saying the short prayer below for 9 months, asking God to protect the life of an unknown baby, whom you have "spiritually adopted." As a parish, we are asking everyone to start the prayer on Wednesday, March 25, when the Church celebrates the conception of Jesus, and end on Christmas. Check back in the bulletin each month for updates on what the baby's growth would be during this time.

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child, whom I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.*

~Prayer of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**Facts about the baby's new life, from Pro-Life Across America:**

At conception, a new individual receives 23 chromosomes from each parent. He or she is truly a unique individual human being, never to be repeated. A new person has been created, who at this stage is a tiny living organism weighing only 15 tenths of a gram.

**Life begins.**

First day of new life: The first cell divides into two, the two into four, and so on. Each of these new cells divides again and again as they travel toward the womb in search of a protected place to grow.

**To join our parish pro-life group contact Teresa Creciun, [teresawinter@windstream.net](mailto:teresawinter@windstream.net) or 402-937-5345.**



**Do you love the Sacred Heart Fair?**

**Would you like to help?**

Our parish Fair Committee works hard behind the scenes from January until the Fair in July. Lots of planning goes into making our Fair the best around! Do you have some time and talent to share for this volunteer opportunity?

Contact [RichardPrevetePA@gmail.com](mailto:RichardPrevetePA@gmail.com) if interested!

Service hours for set up and break down in July are available for students as well.

**2020 Fair dates are July 15th - 18th**

Like us on Facebook: Sacred Heart Fair, Royersford

**#SacredHeartFair**

**#SacredHeartRofo**

***I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die. - John 11***



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03/15	491	\$45.00	Not Sold	
03/16	970	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/17	858	\$70.00	Not Sold	
03/18	521	\$30.00	Bob Swier	Café
03/19	194	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/20	632	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/21	454	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/22	374	\$45.00	Not Sold	
03/23	650	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/24	019	\$30.00	Herb Penden	Not Listed
03/25	700	\$30.00	Not Sold	
03/26	859	\$30.00	Karen Alwine	Not Listed

**The VIRTUES**



**FREE POPULAR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

As we all cope with COVID-19, the dangers it brings and the inconveniences it causes us, we need to remember to hold on tight to our most important connections, the people we love. We cannot let the stresses we experience harm our relationships. One of these is the relationship between husband and wife.

To access this free program, visit: <https://www.the-virtues.net/online-free-program/>

It is the personal maturity of each spouse that contributes to the success of the marriage.



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**Catholic Social Services Mercy Hospice Supports**

Resources are available for those struggling with substance abuse, especially during this crisis.

**COVID-19 RESOURCES  
INDIVIDUALS WITH A  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**

**GET HELP NOW HOTLINE  
1-800-662-HELP (4357)**

A 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year hotline staffed by trained professionals who will stay on the phone with the caller until a treatment provider with an opening is identified. In addition to the hotline, text and chat options are available. Text: 717-216-0905 • Chat: [bit.ly/GHNchatline](https://bit.ly/GHNchatline)

**ONLINE RECOVERY MEETINGS**

Many organizations are offering online meetings while social distancing is being recommended.

- List of online recovery meetings from Pro-A: [bit.ly/2w9Ufdr](https://bit.ly/2w9Ufdr)
- Eight daily meetings from Unity Recovery: [bit.ly/UnityRCOmtgs](https://bit.ly/UnityRCOmtgs)
- Alcoholics Anonymous online intergroup: [bit.ly/AAintergroup](https://bit.ly/AAintergroup)
- Narcotics Anonymous online meetings: [bit.ly/2IWqVd4](https://bit.ly/2IWqVd4)

More resources are found at:

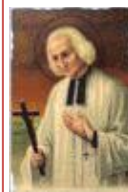
<https://www.mercyhospicephilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-DDAP-Substance-Abuse-Resources.pdf>

**Virtual SoulCore Exercise Class**

SoulCore ([soulcore.com](https://soulcore.com)) is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the traditional prayers of the Church. Join Nicky Verna, trained SoulCore leader and parishioner at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Media, PA for an online SoulCore class. Classes will be Monday-Friday at 11 AM.

To join a class visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/5465885408?status=success>



**PRAYER TO GOD TO SEND US  
MORE PRIESTS AND SISTERS TO  
HIS HOLY CHURCH**

**O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this archdiocese with many Priests, Brothers and Sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved.**

**Bless our families, bless our children.**

**Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.**

**Mary, Queen of the clergy!**

**Pray for us. Pray for our Priests.**

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