

# Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

April 5, 2020

Calendar of the week

Saturday, April 4	<u>No Mass</u> - Leonard Becker
Sunday, April 5	<u>No Mass</u> - Pro Populo
Monday, April 6	
Tuesday, April 7	
Wednesday, April 8	
Thursday, April 9	<u>No Mass</u> - Jerome Wicke ☩
Friday, April 10	<u>No Mass</u>
Saturday, April 11	<u>No Vigil Mass</u> - Pro Populo
Sunday, April 12	<u>No Mass</u> - Frank & Billie Cash ~ 60th Wedding Anniversary

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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS :

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### Bible Readings

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-14; Jn 12:1-11  
Tues: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-17;  
Jn 13:21-38  
Wed: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-34;  
Mt 26:14-25  
Thurs: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-9;  
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk  
4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
Ps 116:12-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;  
Jn 13:1-15  
Fri: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2- 25;  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;  
Jn 18:1 - 19:42  
Sat: Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Ps 104:1-35;  
Sun: Acts 10:34, 37-43;  
Ps 118:1-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1

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<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Thursday evening 5:00pm - 5:15pm and on Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:15pm
<b>BAPTISM:</b>	Baptismal instructions are required; please contact Sts. Peter & Paul - (979)732-3430.
<b>MARRIAGE:</b>	Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required Engagement Encounter weekend. (No weddings during Lent or Advent.)
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at <a href="http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration">http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration</a> or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms.
<b>Hall Rental:</b>	Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information.



**From the office of Communications:**

To help parishioners continue their weekly or monthly gifts to their churches, we have set up an online format at:

\*\*\*Direct link to St. Roch's contribution page\*\*\*

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-st-roch-mentz>

~May God bless you through your generosity.~

**From Bishop Brendan Cahill:**

The Diocese of Victoria will continue encouraging social distancing by suspending the Masses with a congregation and other gatherings through April 30, as recommended by government and health officials. In this challenging time, we are called to live our spiritual communion with proper social distancing.

Though we won't be able to gather on Holy Week, I encourage you to continue to participate in services through internet communication. The following will be streamed live:

- Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7, at 10a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral

- Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30p.m. April 9 at Our Lady of Victoria Cathedral.

- Good Friday at 1p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

- Easter Vigil at 8p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral

- Easter Sunday Mass at 9a.m. at Our Lady of Victory  
The Masses at OLV will be available on the website [www.olvcathedral.org](http://www.olvcathedral.org). Easter Sunday Mass also will be broadcast on KAVU-TV as are all Masses at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Good Friday's service will be a streamed live on Our Lady of Sorrows' Facebook page. Parishes throughout the diocese have initiated online Masses on Facebook, YouTube or their own websites, so I encourage parishioners to check with their churches about availability of local services online. Remember that Spiritual Communion can be made in your home at any time and many new resources have become available to keep us connected in this difficult time. Especially powerful for us are the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. In Psalm 34, we are reminded that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted. In this time of concern, anxiety and fear, we know God's mercy and love are close to us. Going into the celebration of the great Holy Week, we know God has taken upon himself all of our sickness and guilt and death itself. Jesus Christ, true God and true man, loved us to the end. The mercy that flowed from His wounded heart, he continues to pour out to the world. We look to God for healing and hope while we do all we can to help end the COVID-19 crisis. Let's keep each other in prayer.

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill Bishop of Victoria in Texas

**\*Updates to the Parish Schedule\***

All public Masses are cancelled. Father Michael will still be saying a Mass everyday and the scheduled Mass intentions will still be offered up on their dates.

- The church will remain unlocked if you'd like to go in and pray.

- Office hours until this all gets lifted will be come and go. The best way to reach us is to email us at [dana@saintrochparish.org](mailto:dana@saintrochparish.org) or [hannah@saintrochparish.org](mailto:hannah@saintrochparish.org) are the best ways to reach us at this point. You can leave a message at the office and we will stop by when we can to check them.

- There will still be a weekly bulletin published. You can access it here: <https://saintrochparish.org/bulletins>

**Prayer Against Sickness**

Oh God, who didst promise St. Roch by an angel that all who had recourse to him should have nothing to fear from pestilence and contagious maladies, grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers both of soul and body, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer in Time of Contagion**

Glorious St. Roch, present in our favor thy efficacious prayers to the throne of the Divine Mercy, that we may not be affected by the scourge of contagion. Preserve us, by the intercession, from the pestilence of the body, and above all, obtain for us deliverance from the more grievous maladies of the soul.

**HOLY WEEK 2020**

The original Holy Week, in which Christ entered the city of Jerusalem amidst shouts of "Hosanna!" with palm branches laid in the path of the donkey carrying Him, assembled His Apostles for a Last Supper in which He instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist, was betrayed, arrested, put on trial, scourged, crowned with thorns, sentenced to death, carried the instrument of His execution up a hill, was nailed to the cross, died, was buried, and gloriously rose from the dead, is called the Week that Changed the World. For indeed it is. The Lord Jesus, the Incarnate Word, came to conquer and He did so in that week in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago.

Holy Week 2020 will be like no other in the history of the Church. For around the world, public liturgies are prohibited in response to the pandemic of coronavirus. As we enter into this week, we can offer our sufferings – especially those who have been sick with the contagious virus – and our frustrations over isolation and our inconveniences in solidarity with the Passion of the same Christ whose death and resurrection unleashed the antidote for the supernaturally deadly virus of sin.

Even though we may be inclined to echo the words of the psalmist, repeated by our Lord Himself on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", we can know that just by marking Holy Week in our best liturgical ways possible that God has not forsaken us. He is with us. The Church sings "Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne," to Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God crowned with thorns on His throne, the cross. In this we can remain confident and hopeful in our Catholic faith that the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is still the King, crowned and reigning over us and over the whole world right now.

Let us make this already memorable Holy Week 2020 the moment we used our being brought low to rededicate ourselves to the social as well as heavenly Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you and keep you. Have a holy Holy Week.

St. Roch, patron against contagious diseases, pray for us.

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael Lyons



**Church Cleaners for April**

Margaret Glueck (Captain),  
Janet Briscoe, Adriana Nawara,  
Jamie Hammonds

**Lawn Maintenance**

Sebesta Family  
May you all be blessed for your service to God!

*Weekly Reflection ~ April 5  
Palm Sunday*

*Lent offers us a time to reflect on our discipleship. How well are we following the example Jesus gave us? Instead of comparing ourselves in light of the accomplishments and failures of others, we should be looking at Jesus. How do we treat others—with compassion and forgiveness or with harshness and condemnation? Do we look for ways to help people or do we focus on what they can do for us? What did we do with our resources and gifts - hoard them or share them with those around us? If you think you are doing a great job as a disciple, think again - none of us measures up to Jesus. Instead, be thankful for the progress you have made and look to what you can do to improve.*

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*"But you O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me."*

Psalms 22:19