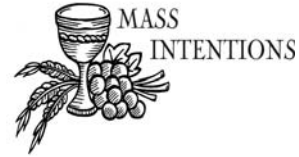




PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ✕ APRIL 14, 2019



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First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

Sunday, April 14	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	In Memory Monsignor Mahler Req. by Bill & Philomena O'Connell
Monday, April 15	8:00 am	In Memory of Angele Edes Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Tuesday, April 16	8:00 am	In Memory of Severino & Margarida Magalhaes Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Felisberto Magalhaes
Wednesday, April 17	8:00 am	Intention of Francine Boudewijn Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Art Blades
Thursday, April 18	8:00 am	No Mass
Holy Thursday	7:30 pm	In Memory of Martin Blumenthal Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Friday, April 19	8:00 am	No Mass
Good Friday	7:30 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 20	8:00 am	No Mass
Easter Vigil	8:30 pm	Intention of the Joneses Req. by Hawla Donley



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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

Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

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

Saturday

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; Lk 24:1-12

Upcoming Second Collections

April 19:	Holy Land Shrines (Good Friday)
April 21:	Easter
April 28:	Catholic Home Missions Appeal

St. Clare's Annual Chili Cook-Off

A Family Friendly Event!

Saturday, April 27th
After the 5:30pm Vigil Mass



EVERYONE IS INVITED to participate in this event. A signup sheet for chili chefs and teams is located in the church vestibule. Even if you don't want to compete, come hungry and enjoy some great chili!

TIME CHANGE!!!

St. Clare's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
NEXT Sunday, April 21, 2019



The Knights of Columbus will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children immediately following the 10:30 Mass on **Easter Sunday**. Wear your Easter bonnet, bring your Easter basket and hope for nice weather!



*** Parish Schedule ***

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday -- No 8:00am Mass

Friday, April 19
Good Friday -- No 8:00am Mass
Office Closed -- Good Friday

Saturday, April 20
Holy Saturday -- No 8am Mass

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Thursday, April 25
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm
Meeting, 7:30pm, church basement

*** Religious Education News ***

No classes today, April 14th – Palm Sunday
No classes, Sunday, April 21st – Easter Sunday
Regular classes, Sunday, April 28th

Save
the
Date

2nd Graders: Saturday, April 27
First Holy Communion workshop, 9:00-11:00am

Operation Rice Bowl

Continue to work on your good deeds, prayers, and chores.
Please plan to turn in your Rice Bowl on **Sunday, April 28th**.

God of Hope, We Encounter You in the Worker

We have journeyed to other countries to encounter members of our human family. We have shared their struggles, their courage and their triumphs. Now, we are called to be unafraid to **#sharejourney** with those in our own communities whom we have not yet encountered.

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Let us welcome the newest member of St. Clare who was recently baptized:

April 6, 2019

Flynn Walker Crist

May the Lord bless him today and always!



Lent Schedule (Week 7)

- April 14: Palm Sunday**
8:00am & 10:30am: Masses
- April 15: Monday**
7:00pm – 9:00pm: Confessions
- April 16: Tuesday**
7:00pm – 9:00pm: Confessions
- April 17: Wednesday**
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Confessions
- April 18: Holy Thursday**
7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm – 12:00am: Reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament, basement
12:00 midnight: Reservation closing
- April 19: Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence**
12:00pm – 3:00pm: Confessions
2:00pm: Stations
7:30pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
- April 20: Holy Saturday**
3:00pm – 5:00pm: Confessions
8:30pm: Easter Vigil
- April 21: Easter Sunday**
8:00am & 10:30am, 12:30pm: Masses



Youth Choir Practice for Easter Mass

TODAY at 12:00 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday April 28, 2019

Immediately following 10:30 Mass

All parishioners are invited to participate in a beautiful uplifting devotion to the Divine Mercy that will include a procession of the Divine Mercy banner by Fourth Degree Knights and singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction and confessions.



APOLOGETICS FOR TEENS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 -- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (T.E.A.M. Retreat) is sponsored by the LEGION OF MARY to be held at HOLY TRINITY JUBILEE PARK INC. located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, VA. It is open to all Catholics from ages 12 - 18. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. The speakers are: REV. FRANCIS PEFFLEY, REV. RICHARD GUEST, REV. WILLIAM SCHIERER The fee is \$30.00 per person, \$60 per family of 2 or more children. Bring a bag lunch, water and rosary. To register, visit www.holytrinityjubilleepark.com.

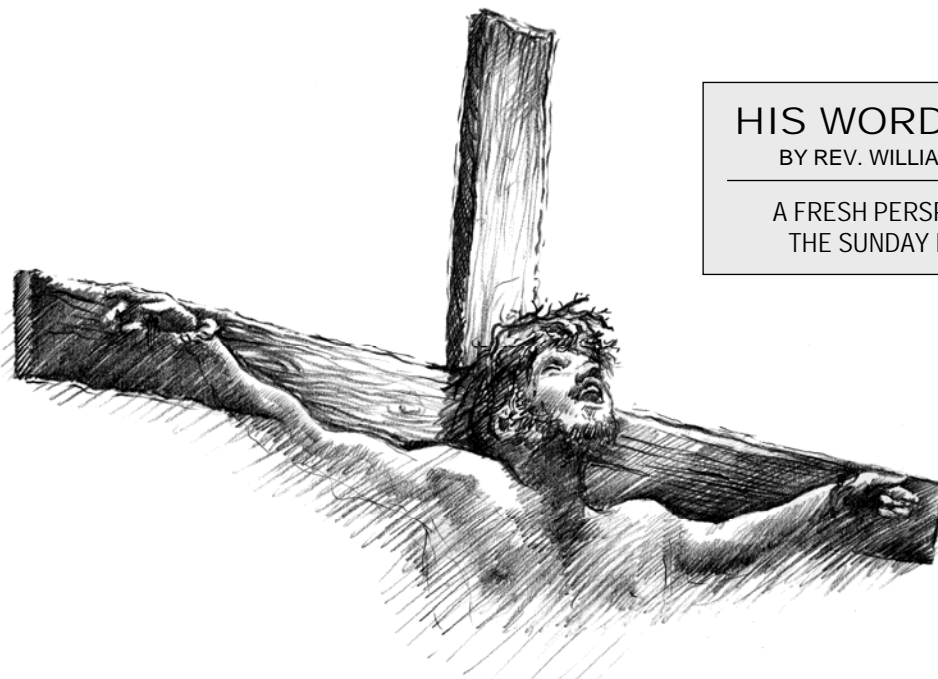
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“Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer, ‘The Master has need of it.’”

The events of Holy Week are so well known to us. Beginning today they unfold before us again. We solemnly bring the prayers, sacrifices and good works of Lent to their conclusion. The days before us, the triduum, reliving the paschal mystery, are more than tradition. The Christ crucified and rejected is real for us today. Jesus’ directive to the two disciples is directed to us.

If anyone asks why you are living this Holy Week, the answer is the same: ‘The Master has need of it.’ Our loving God is not asking us simply to recall or remember but challenges us to discover the passion of Christ in our own time. As He was led through the streets to Calvary, many saw and continued business as usual. Others perhaps thought that that criminal was getting what he deserved. This is because they do not know Christ.

For us believers, the tragedy of the Via Dolorosa leads to Calvary, to be followed by the joy of resurrection. This is not a week of failure, but eventual victory. The passion and death of Christ leads to the glorious resurrection. May the words of the gospel express the wish of Jesus for us this week. May it be our mantra: ‘the Master has need of us.’ May this be a special week of prayer and devotion.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS