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April 10, 2022 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Psalm — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
(Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame
(Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
(Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness
with exaltation
(Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke
(Luke 22:14-23:56).

Pastoral Staff

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Pastor

Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection.

As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the "Suffering Servant" that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus' crucifixion. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Psalm 22's refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, "Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10: Palm Sunday

—Regular schedule

April 14: Holy Thursday

—7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper &
Eucharistic Adoration until 10pm.

April 15: Good Friday

—12:00pm & 7:30pm Passion Service.

April 16: Holy Saturday

—7:30pm Easter Vigil

(No morning Mass from April 14 - 16;
No confessions on April 16)

April 17: Easter Sunday

—Regular schedule

**"Give me your grace, Good Lord,
to walk the narrow way
that leads to life,
to bear the cross with Christ."**

—St. Thomas More

THANK YOU

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| Apr. 03, 2022 | Our Weekly Offering |
| NEEDED | \$5,400 |
| COLLECTED WESHARE | \$2,990 \$ 687 |
| TOTAL | \$3,677 |

Holy Week

As we gather for our **Palm Sunday** processions, we journey into Holy Week, the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The rituals celebrated during the week are unique in our repertoire of rites beginning on Palm with a grand entrance: we enter into our holiest week; we enter Jerusalem with Christ as the crowd did in His time, proclaiming, "Blessed by the King who comes in the name of the Lord." Moments later, after singing His praises and honoring Christ with palms, we hear ourselves shouting "Crucify him, crucify him" as the Gospel of His passion is proclaimed.

On the evening of **Holy Thursday**, Lent comes to an end and **Triduum** begins. These **three holy days** focus on the meaning of Holy Week: the gift of one life, young and strong, full of promise, talent and ideals given up for a world of sinners. It is never easy to give up a life for another, even if that other is a paragon of virtue. To give up a life for a sinner is unfathomable, yet Jesus did just that on "faith" in His Father. Can we appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus' life—a death that was excruciatingly painful, humiliating, and yet meekly accepted. That is the gift of God's love.

Yet it is important to remember that we call this Holy Week and not "sad week," because even as we reflect on the sufferings of Jesus, we remain confident in the joy of the risen Lord and the eternal life that awaits us.

UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in recent weeks has increased its presence in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Poland. CRS, the disaster relief outreach of the US Catholic Church, is supporting Caritas Ukraine by providing shelter, food and livelihood support for those displaced and affected by the war. CRS is also helping Caritas partners in Moldova, Romania, and Poland to prepare for displaced people, mapping out a likely initial response and conducting assessment and planning sessions with its network near Ukraine's borders.

How to donate:

Donate online: support.crs.org/ukraine

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297

SEE'S CANDY FOR EASTER

This is the last weekend, **April 10th**, to pick up Easter candy at the Church.

Thank you to all parishioners who ordered See's candies. All of the proceeds will fund ongoing service projects of the Faith Formation students.

Lenten GIFT of READING PROJECT

The Youth Faith Formation families have adopted the **Gift of Reading Project** as their Lenten service activity through Palm Sunday. This project will help children who participate in an after-school program hosted by CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning), a service group launched by Catholic Charities in 2003.

All are invited to drop off new and gently used books (K-12 age-appropriate books) into the white boxes near the main doors to the church. Thank you for supporting our youth!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Apr 09 | Sat | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 5 p.m. | Maxine Stice + |
| Apr 10 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 5 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 11 | Mon | 8 a.m. | The McKeever Family |
| Apr 12 | Tue | 8 a.m. | Lourdes Ancheta + |
| Apr 13 | Wed | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 14 | Thu | 7:30 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 15 | Fri | 12:00 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 16 | Sat | 7:30 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 17 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 5 p.m. | All Parishioners |

ADA 2022

The ADA 2022 theme is "Growing together in Faith." Ascension parishioners have truly come "together" to support our parish and our diocese.

Thank you, parishioners—we have reached and exceeded our goal! Any amount from now on will be rebated back to us and is earmarked for our parish sound system.

If you have been procrastinating in pledging/donating, don't hesitate any longer.

Thank you for your generosity.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: Holy Thursday (Paschal Triduum begins)

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (fast and abstinence; Income tax day; Passover begins)

Saturday: Holy Saturday (Vigil of Easter; Candidates and Catechumens are brought into full communion with the Church)

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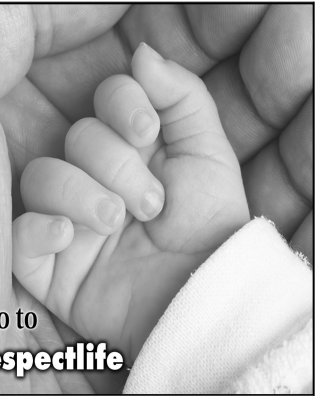
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