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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days

6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday

8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates & times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-215-5407.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

PALM SUNDAY

2007

As we prepare to begin Holy Week, Jesus encourages us to humbly look at ourselves and how we can often be quick to judge others. At the Last Supper, as Luke relates it, the disciples hotly debate how one of their own company could possibly betray Jesus. Thinking themselves above such gross disloyalty, they are ready to do violence to anyone who would harm their esteemed rabbi. Peter is incredulous when the Lord tells him that he has prayed for him in particular that he will not cave in to temptation. Full of bluster, the apostle swears that he will go to prison and perish at the side of Jesus. Hours later he will be brought low by having betrayed Christ three shame-drenched times. Like the disciples, we sometimes lose sight of our own weaknesses while judging those who betray, defraud or demean others. "How could he or she do such a thing?," we ask, wagging our heads like courtroom magistrates. Humility reminds us that "there but for the grace of God" we also go.

As we prepare to begin Holy Week, Jesus invites us to humbly serve one another. Despite daily elbow rubbing with Jesus, the disciples could be as competitive as CEOs on Wall Street. Even at their final supper with him, they vied with one another about who would be the greatest. They were like us when we need to have the air let out of our inflated egos. Jesus corrected their competitiveness by insisting that they were not to lord it over others. If they wished to be great in his eyes, they had only to be more like him who said: "I am among you as the one who serves." When we try to outdo or be superior to others, we are often building ourselves up at their expense. But that is not the way of Jesus. His way is that of the parent who encourages a child to enjoy the fellowship of sports without having to be number one. It is the way of the nursing home volunteer who regularly visits the self-pitying patients others avoid. It is the way of the parish leader who peels potatoes at the soup kitchen.

As we prepare to begin Holy Week, Jesus empowers us to suffer with humility and hope. When the power brokers moved against Jesus, his disciples were at first ready to defend him. Out came the sword and off went an ear. "Stop, no more of this!" Jesus insisted. His was the way of nonviolence. To consistently refuse to retaliate against our enemies requires a lifetime of prayer and practice. Adversity reveals the worth of a humble person who suffers with grace. Humility will not spare us from the crushing blows of disaster, depression, sickness or loss. But it will empower us to become more like Jesus whose love compelled him to ride on into Jerusalem. It will strengthen our efforts to be peaceful, compassionate and certain of our share in his resurrection.

On this Palm Sunday, we begin our journey into Jerusalem embracing the challenge of our conversion. We walk through Holy Week with Jesus to the cross that will lead us to Paschal Mystery and the glory of the Resurrection. We are once again reminded of the price of our salvation given to us freely out of LOVE. May we begin Holy Week converted in the Lord and committed to our call to discipleship.

Blessings of Holy Week,

Father Bob



INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY, AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND GROW-A DAY AT A TIME.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The tears of faithfulness

Parents of every generation weep for their children. Their weeping is an acknowledgement of their helplessness. Yet it must also serve as a sign of hopefulness. Our role as parents and mentors to young people is not to spend our lives fretting about all the terrible things that may befall them. Rather we are to be an example of faithfulness. Following God's Word won't spare any of us from the trials of this life, just as Jesus wasn't spared torture and death. But it will place us on the path of salvation. It will keep us confident and compassionate in a world that often seems unredeemable. It will enable us to find immense joy amid even our deepest sorrows.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56*

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

MONDAY, APRIL 2

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK; PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNSET

Looking too good

Talk about "life-threatening": Sometimes vitality itself is the threat! Such was the case with Lazarus, who was looking mighty good for a dead man after Jesus called him out of the tomb. So the religious authorities put Lazarus on their hit list along with Jesus. Next time, Lazarus might stay dead; however, nobody reckoned on Jesus. Although you'll never see the bumper sticker announcing it, resurrection "happens," too. Our new life in Christ should be highly visible—not to mention equally threatening to those who prefer God-inspired troublemakers quiet and lifeless.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11*

"The chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many were believing in Jesus."

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Looking for Jesus

Who looks for Jesus? People who are suffering, mostly. The sick, outcasts, and sinners are always running after Jesus, hoping for relief from their pain. So when the Greeks start looking for Jesus, we know something's changed. These folks are doing well—they're just in town for the Passover festival. The only reason such folks could want Jesus is as Jesus predicts: God's saving plan gathers momentum when the outside world is onto the gospel. We, too, normally seek Jesus when things are going wrong. But salvation is often closer when need is not all that compels us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38*

"The Greeks came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Crime pays?

When we read the daily headlines, we might get the impression that crime definitely pays. Ruthless people make it to the top of their professions. Drug lords drive enviable cars and drip diamonds. White-collar criminals live in multiple mansions. Things often look pretty good for pretty bad folks. Even Judas got paid handsomely for his betrayal: 30 pieces of silver for one little kiss. But Judas got more than a bag of silver. He got the anguish of watching his friend suffer for his decision and the burden of self-loathing. Money couldn't buy him free of that.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25*

"Judas Iscariot went to the chief priest and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?'"

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leadership begins here

The story of the Last Supper in John's gospel does not include the part about the bread and wine. Instead there is the foot washing story. For John, then, foot washing and the Eucharist are the same thing. They mean simply that if God forgives our sins, a forgiveness that is made real and present to us in the Eucharist, then we ought to forgive one another's sins in order to be eucharistic people. When we adore the Blessed Sacrament on this beginning of the holy Triduum, we might reflect on our part in making Christ really present to the world by continuing his ministry of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*

"If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The end of hate

At the risk of sounding cynical, it's pretty easy to look around and conclude that one of the things human beings do best is inflict suffering on one another. In ways big and small, people look to their own interests at the expense of others. Christ's Passion draws attention to suffering, both what he endured because a group of leaders put their own power and security ahead of everything else, and what people have endured ever since for similar reasons.

Yet Christ gathers up all suffering and death in his own. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus forever ended meaningless suffering and death. All sacrifice, all loss, even—and especially—of the innocent now has ultimate value because Christ offered himself for sacrifice and rose again. You can participate in this redeeming sacrifice by stopping the cycle of violence with yourself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*

"When you make his life an offering for sin . . . through him the will of the Lord shall prosper."

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

Roll away the stone!

Through Christ's resurrection our very bodiliness has been raised. For the resurrection, we both anticipate and celebrate. Not only do we look outward to a risen body of our God, but also upon our very own bodies, now brought out of death. Pope Benedict XVI, in his 2006 Easter Vigil address, emphasized this point: "His resurrection becomes our resurrection, through Baptism which 'incorporates' us into him." It is fitting, then, that on the day we rejoice over the risen body, the church takes new members into this very same Body through Baptism. During the Easter Vigil, focus on the physical movements of the liturgy as a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12*

"When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back."

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Please remember to pray for our Elect as they complete the final stages of their journey to full membership in the Church. You saw their pictures in the Canticle, read about them and their reasons for choosing our faith and now you are invited to join them at the conclusion of their journey. We invite you to share in this special time with them in person or in prayer next Saturday as they become full members in our Church. We hope to see a full church as we celebrate our Easter vigil at 7:00pm on Holy Saturday.

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In Come the Animals Two by Two...

The students in the first grade religious education class have collected money for chicks, ducks and guinea pigs. They have reached their goal and are still making donations. Other classes are working to achieve the same success. We hope that you are striving to help the hungry people of the world too. You may bring your "Ark" to church today or anytime during Holy Week and place it in the basket in the vestibule. Remember, our parish goal is to purchase an Ark—we are counting on your help.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education



Food Pantry Update

The cupboard is not bare...but some of our shelves are! We are most in need of jelly, tuna, pasta sauce, rice and juice for our April 12 monthly food distribution. There's still time to bring in your donations. Just drop them off in the vestibule of the church on the designated tables. Thank you for your continued support of this parish outreach.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

Attention Holy Name Members!

The annual Past President's Dinner will be held on Friday, May 4. The dinner will be held at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant located at 9200 Cermak Rd., Broadview.

The cost of the evening is \$10 per person. Please bring a donation for the raffle. Cocktails: 6:30pm, Dinner: 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Dan Gibbons



...our sick in your prayers: Ron Hofstetter, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Oleferchek, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zack Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also remember our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. Please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

RCIA Parish Sponsor

When I volunteered to be a sponsor for the RCIA Program I was looking forward to deepening my faith as well as helping my candidate learn all about the Catholic faith. I love the Church and hope I can inspire the catechumens to do the same.

I enjoy going to the meetings and sharing with everyone. It is interesting to hear the catechumens express where they are in their faith. Being a sponsor has helped me reflect more deeply on my own faith.

Dolores Martini

The path of prayer Leads to the
Center of Peace
- Oscar Wilde



Holy Thursday - April 5
 7:00pm—Mass of the Lord' Supper followed by
 Silent Adoration until 11:00pm

Good Friday - April 6
 3:00pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 (including the Living Stations of the Cross)

Holy Saturday - April 7
 12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Baskets in
 Morrissey Hall
 7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Adult Catechism Study

We have all admired the beautiful stained glass windows in the church, but are we aware that each of them pictures a phrase from the Apostle's Creed? This creed is a summation of what we believe as Catholics and is prayed each time we say the Rosary. We recite a longer version of the Creed at every Sunday Mass.

A program based on the new Catechism of the Catholic Church will soon begin. The first sessions will study the Creeds—what the Catholic Church teaches and why she does so. If you've ever been at a loss to explain to others just what you believe as a Catholic, this study program will give you the answers.

The first of eight meetings will begin on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00pm, in Room 213 of the Education Building. Other sessions will study the ten commandments, the Sacraments and Prayer. The text will be the new *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The older version may also be used. For further information, call Rita Reichardt, (708) 352-3374.

Eucharist Adoration

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament April 2, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

Volunteer adorers please keep your usual schedule.



Stewardship

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Cor 8:3).

March 25, 2007

Budgeted revenue:	\$29,061
Collection received:	27,634
Shortfall last week:	- 1,427
Revenue to budget:	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 103,129
# of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# of envelopes returned:	875

Thank you for your continued support.

Please Note:

Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, call Bobbie in the rectory office at (708) 352-6209.

West Cook Relay for Life
Tuesday, April 17, 2007
Adventist La Grange Hospital
5101 S. Willow Springs Road
La Grange, IL
6:30pm Refreshments
7:00pm Guest Speaker

Dr. Don Wood is a cancer surgeon and associate professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. He is senior attending surgeon in the Department of Surgical Oncology at the University of Illinois. He was also involved in cancer surgery at Cook County Hospital for many years. His areas of clinical expertise are in treatment of breast disease, melanomas, sarcomas, and head and neck surgery. Please try to attend this informative presentation.

For more information: American Cancer Society Office, 7234 W. Ogden Ave., Riverside. (708) 484-8541

**Like a Second Baptism!
The Message of Divine Mercy**

The mercy of God is unlimited and available to even the greatest of sinners.

Jesus said:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

Our Lord made the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment if one approaches the Fountain of Life that day with an attitude of trust, and meets the other requirement of deeds of mercy that the Lord made known through St. Faustina. The grace equals the one we receive in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Like a second Baptism, our souls are washed clean again and made as white as snow.

Visitation Parish
779 S. York Rd., Elmhurst, IL
Invites
you to share in
the extraordinary graces of
Divine Mercy Sunday.
(April 15, 2007)

1:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation – several priests available

3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Veneration of Relic of St. Maria Faustina Kowalsk

Blessing of Religious Articles

3:45 P.M. Celebration of Mass

**FASHIONS `R A-FLUTTER
Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center
Family Association
19th Annual Fashion Show**

(Clients, families & friends join in for a delicious luncheon as we feature fabulous resale fashions from the Helping Hand Thrift Shops).

Saturday, April 21
11:00am

(lunch served at 12:00 noon)

This event will be held at Ashton Place, 341 75th St., Willowbrook. Adults/\$35—Clients/\$10—Children/\$10. For tickets call, Mary White at (708) 246-0340. Deadline is April 11.

+Embrace the Challenge+

We have begun the holiest week of the Church year. As we commemorate the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection, let us reflect on Jesus' everlasting love and be strengthened in our efforts to embrace the challenge of conversion.

- PRAYER**
- + Pray with your life — performing each of the days activities with purpose and intention: "Breathe in me, O Breath of God".
 - + Bless your children, before leaving for the day and at bedtime.
 - + Pray the prayer of St. Francis for World peace.
 - + Stop in church, and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration, Monday, April 2, or at the Holy Thursday Vigil after Mass until 11:30pm
 - + Participate in the Holy Week Services

- FASTING**
- + Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
 - + Make do with less: food, water, clothes, entertainment
 - + Visit the website at www.SimpleLiving.org for alternatives for simple living.
 - + Instead of watching TV, do a favor for someone, read a book, sit and ponder the blessings in your life.

- ALMSGIVING**
- + Make a family poster for the refrigerator, listing all the good qualities you see in one another.
 - + Be a 24-hour Christian— a walk the talk Christian each day: use every conversation, every meeting, every email, as an opportunity to express your beliefs and affirm others.

Jewel & Dominick's Coupon Days

Please help the Illinois Right to Life Committee educate more people about the humanity and rights of the unborn by shopping at Jewel or Dominick's food stores on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 2, 3 & 4. Coupons are available in the back of church in the Respect Life Rack. All proceeds from these coupon days will help IRLC educate people through radio ads, newsletter, etc. Just give your signed coupons to the checkout clerk when parrying for your groceries. If you forget your coupons and shop on the designated days, save your register receipts with these dates only, sign the backs and mail to IRLC, 65 East Wacker Place, and Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60601.

IRLC will receive 5% of the money you spend when you use these valuable coupons. Call (312) 422-9300 if you have any questions or want more coupons. You may copy the coupons.

Eucharistic Ministers

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 7— 7:00 PM

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| SM Jackie Wiley | LR Ann Kuchta, Tom Reisel, * |
| B1 Fr. Clark | C1 Kevin Burke |
| B2 Fr. O'Neill | C2 Sarah Sipek |
| B3 Fr. Watkins | C3 Deb Blecic |
| B4 Mary Lu Gebka | C4 Jackie Wiley |
| B5 Paulette Bolton | C5 Diane Andrews |
- *LR Ron Augustyn, Rhea Wehrmeister, Carole Caruso

Easter Sunday, April 8—7:00 AM

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| SM Vic Swindall | LR Mike McDonnell |
| B1 Presider | |
| B2 Vic Swindall | |
| B3 Toni Swindall | |
| B4 Kathy Boyer | |
| B5 Dave Beales | |
| B6 Nadine Beales | |



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Sunday - 8:00 AM

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| SM Jerry Welch | |
| | LR Bill Bolton |
| B1 Presider | C1 Mary Jane Walsh |
| B2 Elizabeth Zaremba | C2 Sharon Stopka |
| B3 Georgia Bliss | C3 Christine Nicosia |
| B4 Helen Borsilli | C4 Jerry Welch |
| B5 Bob Biesadecki | C5 Carol Biesadecki |
| B6 Laura Ward | C6 Paulette Bolton |

Sunday, - 9:30am

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| SM Shirley Hollinger | LR Christine DalPorto |
| B1 Presider | C1 Karen DalPorto |
| B2 Kevin Burke | C2 Veronica Horak |
| B3 John Karch | C3 Catherine Warren |
| B4 Jeannine Nolan | C4 Shirley Hullinger |
| B5 Mary Thuma | C5 Earl Stumreiter |
| B6 Robert Zupanic | C6 Alice Williams |

Sunday—11:00 AM

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| SM Colleen Hagen | LR Ken Hagen |
| B1 Presider | C1 Jean Meuwissen |
| B2 Harry Fisher | C2 Cathy Schump |
| B3 Julie Hagen | C3 Emily Hagen |
| B4 Jim Hagen | C4 Colleen Hagen |
| B5 Janina Rogan | C5 Sheila Nash |
| B6 Rita Brannigan | C6 Debra Samuelson |

Sunday — 12:15PM

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| SM Rose Curnutt | LR Susan Spizzirri |
| B1 Presider | |
| B2 Alice Dunkovich | |
| B3 Rose Curnutt | |
| B4 Carolyn Nilles | |

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — 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 [23:1-49]).

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In Memoriam Please pray for those who have died and their families:
...Edward Rubin

Altar Servers
April 7/8
7:00pm—Easter Vigil
Kelly Meade, Marty Bruce, Dan Clark, Andrew Bartucci

Easter Sunday
7:00 am - Adam Smith, Kevin Baro, Mike Gray
8:00 am - Jake Newman, Susan Boland, Mike Micek
9:30 am - John Flach, Paige Oboikovitz, Moira King
11:00 am - Elle Mrazek, Kelle Caplice, Robert Bogolin
12:15 pm - Nick Dentamaro, Alex Driscoll, Tom Callahan

Wedding Banns
Gretchen Conrad and Timothy Gahr

Reflection
Always remember this: Christ died to cleanse us of all sin. If we live ever-aware of this radiance, this gift, we can never fail.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 1, 2007
The Lord God is my help.
Therefore I am not disgraced.
-Isaiah 50-7a

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 2—April 8

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society — Linda Felice, Marcie Johnston, Anne Grundman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda
Tuesday	8:00am	Ed Condon, John McTigue, Anne Grundman
Wednesday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, Sophie Wojcik, Renee Saban, Virginia Kallal
Holy Thursday	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration until 11:00pm
Good Friday	3:00pm 7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion (enacted by teens preparing for Confirmation) followed by Communion
Holy Saturday	7:00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:15pm	Marco & Emelia Rattin, Andrew L. Jaskierski, Catherine Rondelli Geraldine Okkema, Joseph & Kay Klemak Frank Lusson, Bill Magee, Michael Arpaia, Diana Pahlman, Charlotte Olsheski William Magee, Kent Herzog, Anne Grundman Purgatorial Society

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion;
 Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Paschal full moon;
 Passover begins at sunset
 Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
 Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
 Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
 Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence
 Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter; World Health Day

The Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Triduum refers to the three days before Easter. They include Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's Passion and approaching crucifixion. Good Friday is a solemn time in which we remember the suffering and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday we observe the Easter Vigil and anticipate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Sacred Triduum is the apex of our liturgical year, and its glorious fulfillment. Let us observe these days as a special time of prayer and meditation.

