

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

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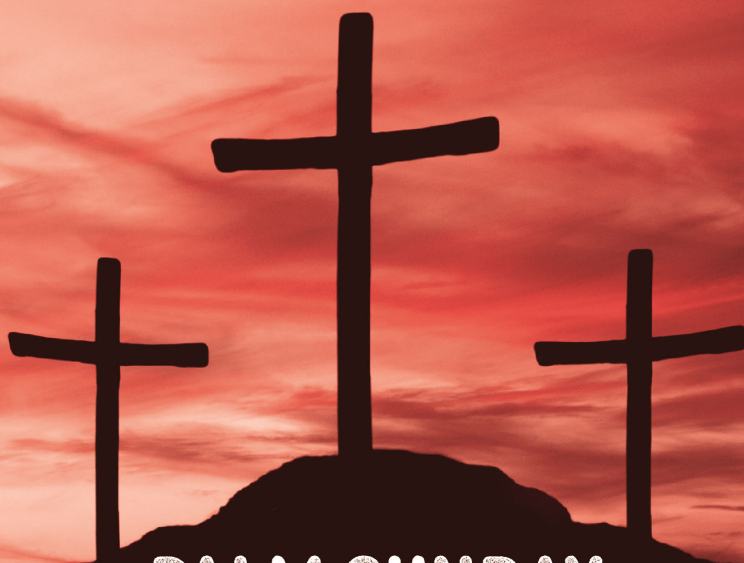
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.**
— ISAIAH 50:7A



**"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."**

LUKE 23:43



**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
APRIL 10, 2022

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for April 11 - April 17, 2022

Day	Time	Intentions
April 11	8:00am	Angelo Cumbo, Evelyn Prevanas, Nick Brzezniak
April 12	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 13	8:00am	BC Collins, Special Intention - Natalie Marasovic
April 14	7:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 15	3:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 16	7:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 17	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March - Dan Keller, Colin O'Brien

February - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

January - Debby Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on Good Friday to help Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. More information can be found at <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY. ALSO, THERE IS NO 8AM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY.

Holy Thursday - April 14

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass. Also note the time of Mass is 7pm.

Washing of the Feet School Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.

School Stations of the Cross - 2:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Adoration follows Mass

Good Friday - April 15

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass

Passion of the Lord - 3:00 p.m.

Celebración de la Pasión del Señor - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 16

Please note there will be no confessions or 5:00 p.m.

Evening Mass. Also note the time of Easter Vigil is 7pm.

Easter Basket Blessing - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 17

Please note that all Masses are in the Church.

Easter Masses - 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)



SAINT CLETUS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Walter Klimcke
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 10
7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Join us in the Parish Center for the
Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast and the
St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale

Pancake Breakfast Tickets:

\$7 Adults, \$4 Kids under 10

Includes:

- Pancakes (all you can eat)
- Sausage
- Beverages:
Coffee, Tea, Juice, and Milk

Additionally:

- Split-the-Pot Raffle
- SCCCW Bake Sale 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
or until sold out.

Please plan on attending before and after
each Mass. Final seating is 12:00 p.m.



Bake Sale

Palm Sunday
7:30am ~ 2:00pm

St. Cletus Parish Center

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

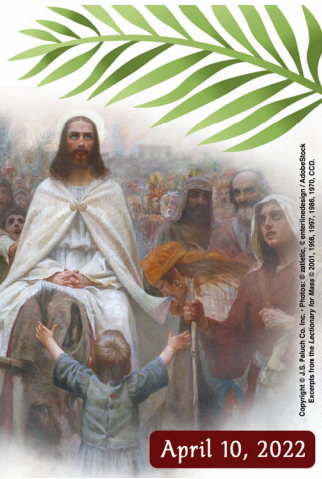
Sunday Notes

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

Luke 19:38



April 10, 2022

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. 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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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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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Income Tax Day; Passover begins

Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

ESSENTIAL REDUCTION

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

—Archibald Alexander

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-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 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; 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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I heed Jesus' lesson of patient suffering?

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A Note from Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate

For me, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the busiest week of my working year. We take delivery of and hand out palms, we organize the procession, we receive even more deliveries, I organize ministers and get ready for the Triduum that takes place at the end of the week. I become the Logistics Queen. Palm Sunday is really its own observance, but it gets lumped in with the rest of the week by people like me who are really just trying to keep our heads above water. I am very grateful that we can gather with palms again this year and reflect on the meaning of the Easter story, the basis of our faith.

This year, as we come out of the pandemic, we are again allowed to bless palms and process with them in church. Of course, the Palm Sunday story recalls Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. Our long and detailed gospel tells entire story of Jesus's resurrection fully, to get us ready for the stories we will hear as part of the Triduum liturgies at the end of the week.

While I am making sure everything is working properly, I try to take a little time on what Palm Sunday and the Triduum mean to me. As we hear the readings this week, maybe we should take a little time to reflect on where we would be in the story. Would we be waving the palms as Jesus came into Jerusalem, welcoming him as we welcomed victorious Roman soldiers? Would we then scream for him to be crucified? Will we deny him three times? On the other hand, would we be like Simon or Veronica, who stepped in to help where they could?

As we go through Palm Sunday and into the Triduum, let's think about what kind of followers of Jesus we would like to be, and put that into practice as we are on our way to celebrating the Resurrection.

Happy Easter and we'll see you later this week!

Tina Norton
St. Cletus Parish
Pastoral Associate

Hispanic Ministry

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
10 de abril, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
12 de abril, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia
Jueves Santo	7:00 PM.	Misa de la Cena del Señor Bilingüe (Ingles/español)	
Viernes Santo	11:00 AM	Vía Cruces Viviente (español)	Iglesia
Viernes Santo	7:00 PM.	Adoración de la Cruz (español)	Iglesia
Sábado de Gloria	7:00 P.M.	Vigilia Pascual Bilingüe (inglés/español)	



El Viernes Santo 15 de abril, 2022 a las 11:00 a.m. se llevará a cabo el Vía Cruces viviente en la Iglesia. **Favor de hacer planes para ese día y únense a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Después de la representación del Vía Cruces tendremos una convivencia en el Centro Pastoral. Todos están invitados.**

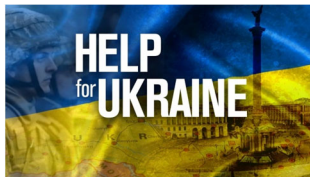
Ministry News

THE EASTER ENVIRONMENT!



If you have any time to help on Thursday, Friday or Saturday this week with watering and setting out the flowers and decorations for the Triduum and Easter liturgies, we would love to have you! A little time or a lot of time is good! If you can help at all, please call Tina Norton at the parish office or email her at tnorton@stcletusparish.com. The church is going to look gorgeous!

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - HELP FOR THE UKRAINE



The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invites all members of the parish to join with us locally to help the people suffering in the Ukraine.

The people of Ukraine need our prayers, but they also need tangible humanitarian aid. On the weekends of April 16-17 (Easter) and April 23-24 (Divine Mercy Sunday) there will be collection boxes in the narthex of the church for those wishing to donate much needed medical supplies or money to help ship them.

Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park is accepting items like first aid kits, bandages, gauze, pain killers (Tylenol, Aspirin, etc.), Neosporin, tourniquets and cold/flu medicine, as well as hygiene items. They coordinate the shipment of these items via truck and plane to Poland and from there to the Ukraine. As items cost approximately \$2.00 per pound to ship, they are also gratefully accepting financial aid. Checks should be made payable to: "Sts. Peter and Paul Church". (Please put "Ukraine" on the memo line). Questions - contact Pat at 708-205-9678.

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Please consider joining together within our parish to help the needy of Ukraine as best we can.

LIVING ROSARY



Praying for Peace in Ukraine—
The power of prayer is one of the best gifts we can give to the people of Ukraine. At Fatima, Mary asked us all to pray the rosary for peace and Ukraine is a perfect place to start. Rather than have everyone

gather in person, the Living Rosary is hosting two pray-from-home rosaries every Monday at 2 pm and 7 pm for peace in Ukraine. This way families can pray together at

night or people can join in after work. Mary will hear our prayers together and our "mystical rosary" will bring our hopes and worries to the Lord.

No need to signup or register, just know that others are praying with you at the same time from their homes. If you have questions, call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338. Or come to church on Wednesdays at 1:00 and join us in person to pray the Rosary for our intentions.

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **What Alice Forgot** by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on April 12, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please

note, this is our new meeting time. For those who like to look ahead... June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles. As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Monumental VBS to be held June 13-17, 2022. Please see the parish website for details and the registration forms!



SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

SOUND SYSTEM FUND RAISING STATUS

65.6%
\$72,220.64

Goal:
\$110,000.00



Easter Basket Service Project April 10

Our Easter Basket Service Project is back! Youth Ministry teens will be making baskets for children at Off the Street Club, St. Blase, Precious Blood and St. Gall.

Please consider donating items to fill the baskets.

Items Needed: Candy, Crayons, Coloring Books, Small Toys, and Chalk.

Please drop off your donations in the church narthex or in the bin outside of the Parish Center.

Hospitality Weekends Return!

We heard you!

At our recent Hopes & Dreams gathering in the Fall, many people were interested in having hospitality available after Masses again.

With some COVID restrictions recently lifted, we are looking forward to reigniting these gatherings and providing space to build community and visit with one another while enjoying some treats!

Hospitality Weekend April 23-24

**Join us in the Parish Center
on the last weekend of each month.
Each weekend will be hosted by a
different ministry group so we can
learn more about the exciting things
happening in our Parish community.**



St. Cletus School

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**Washing of the Feet Prayer Service
Holy Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**



Our First Grade students are preparing to lead the school in the Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Each year they share the stories, break the bread, and wash the feet, following Jesus' example of love.

All parishioners are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. for the Washing of the Feet Prayer Service as well as our Stations of the Cross service at 2:30 p.m.



Our students have been very blessed this week to have Jennifer Lowe from The CoverGirls Violin Show come to play and teach them all about the violin in music class! They've learned all about the history of the violin, what the strings are made from (horse hair!), and all about the different types of violins. One of the violins Jennifer played on was over 100 years old! She also played many contemporary songs that the kids couldn't help but get up and dance to! What a treat!



Colorful artwork from our first graders shows their self-expression and creativity. St. Cletus School provides an environment that nurtures students and their creative abilities.



Mason, Rodrigo, Eileen, Erin, and Tobey did a great job representing St. Cletus at the Nazareth Math Competition in March. Thank you Nazareth Academy for hosting.

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, and the reason why Jesus came to Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. It starts with the Triumphal Entry, and it ends with Jesus rising from the grave. Palm Sunday is a day to celebrate, and like those who were so happy to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, we need to remember to welcome Jesus into our lives and hearts. Don't keep the joyous news of Easter to yourself. Tell a friend, and invite them to church. Bring them so they can hear the Good News we celebrate next Sunday. Jesus is alive! Hosanna indeed!

Remember to keep our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers this week as they complete their journey to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil next Saturday. We are very excited to welcome them as full members of the Catholic Church next weekend!

Our RE Families have been busy this month learning about Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery. As our Lenten season comes to a close, I pray you have found it to be fruitful in enhancing your relationship with God, and you have found many ways to Encounter Christ through service, prayer opportunities and ridding our lives of those things that present obstacles to us loving God



Youth Ministry

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE!



Girls Church League is a chance to have **FUN**, and an opportunity for high school girls from area churches to play in a community basketball league. Through church league, we strive to provide opportunities to play alongside friends old and new, foster community-wide sportsmanship, and to provide an outlet to connect with like-minded Christians in our area.

We will be playing in an open-gym format this year. We will meet on four different evenings from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Gym, 145 N. Waiola, La Grange. The gym dates are April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18.

Go to our parish website and download the registration form, or pick up a form in the Parish Center. Return the completed form with your check for \$30 to the Parish Center (attn. Barb Campbell). The registration fee pays for our referees, gym costs, and a league t-shirt. Registration is first come, first serve. Please complete the registration materials right away, as there may be a

waiting list. **Registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 12th**. Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

EASTER BASKET SERVICE PROJECT AND ALL TEEN NIGHT – SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH!



Easter Basket Service Project
April 10

Our ALL TEEN NIGHT is on Palm Sunday this Month!

Worship with us at Palm Sunday 5PM Mass at St. John of the Cross Parish, then join us at 6PM for dinner in the Parish Center, followed by our service: Making Easter Baskets for children at Off the

Street Club, St. Blase, St. Gall, and Precious Blood Ministries.

Please use this link to sign up so we can best plan for food and supplies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-easter>

We will be collecting candy, crayons, coloring books, small toys, and sidewalk chalk. Please bring some with you that evening!

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
THURSDAYS
6-8PM
CHURCH
PARKING LOT

Wish List:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.



Follow us on
Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

*If you have questions
or would like to
volunteer with the
Social Concerns
Ministry contact
Kendall Grant
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stcletusparish.com*

FOOD PANTRY

We are still collecting donations to reach our full matching grant of \$50,000. If you are able to help, donations can be made online to the "Food Pantry" or checks can be written to "St. Cletus Food Pantry".

Thank you for your generous help as we move the pantry into its next stage!

We recently install outdoor lighting at the new pantry location. Since our distribution occurs in the evening, the additional lighting helps make the space visible and safer for everyone involved. We also upgraded the lighting inside with LED bulbs to brighten the space and provide more efficient and cheaper energy!

PLEASE NOTE:

Food pantry donations can be dropped off in the Church Narthex Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm, Saturday between 8am-6pm, and Sunday between 7am-2pm—Or anytime in the donation bin found past the flagpole, near door 4.

Please remember we cannot accept perishable items like meat, dairy, etc. please do not leave them in the bins. Do double check expiration dates. We can take non-food items like paper towels, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items. We do not accept clothes.

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN OUTREACH

Sharing God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.



Rice Bowls are due back this weekend! They can be put in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Center during business hours. Thank you!!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



ICP is now offering SUNDAY DRIVES! This new service enables ICP clients to get out of the house, see the seasonal foliage, and chat with our friendly drivers. No errands or stops; these rides are just for pleasure! Call the office to volunteer to drive or refer someone who would love to become a client and receive these rides. (708) 354-9328.

WHY DONATE FUNDS?

- **Your dollar goes 8-10x further!** As a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, we are able to purchase items at a deep discount.
- We can purchase produce and other needed items in bulk, offering **healthy options for clients**.
- Funds are used to provide **financial assistance** to those experiencing hardship.
- **Right now your donation is DOUBLED!**
- All donations go directly to **food pantry operations**.
- All donations are tax-deductible

NEW LIGHTING



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HYMNS TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. 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." All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the Passion of Christ. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "making Gospel Soup." Today's Passion is from the Gospel of Luke, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectionary years A and B), and John's Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let's look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

THE LUKAN PASSION

Lord's Supper (22:14–38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39–53) Luke's Jesus doesn't seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter's Denial – Sanhedrin (22:54–71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1–25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a "rift" between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26–56)

There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus' words on the Cross are kind: "Father forgive them." In Mark's Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus' last words show a sign of trust: "Father, into your hands . . ." May we also place our trust in God as we enter into Holy Week.

TODAY'S READINGS

Luke 19:28–40

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

Philippians 2:6–11

Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1–49]

Community News

WORD OF LIFE



"Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you, or someone you know, widowed? If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. -- All are welcome.

What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women

When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)

Where: St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, **708-354-7211**

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VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern. Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples. We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray. Amen

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Executing the Pivot - Looking to undertake a career change but challenged in how to begin? Be sure to join us on Thursday, April 21 from 7-9 pm for some creative ideas. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. There may be earlier deadlines due to holidays.

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THE FEAST OF MERCY (Divine Mercy Sunday)



The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.

Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".

The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection ... and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return - to trust Him and be merciful to others.

The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SFX
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 10	7:15am 7:30am 7:30am	Narthex Parish Center Parish Center	CRS Rice Bowls Collection HNS Pancake Breakfast SCCCW Bake Sale
Monday, April 11			
Tuesday, April 12	10:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church	Book Club Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 13	9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers FSA Meeting
Thursday, April 14	9:00am 2:30pm 6-8pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Church Church Parking Lot Church Church	Washing of the Feet School Prayer Service School Stations of the Cross Food Pantry Distribution Mass of the Lords Supper Adoration
Friday, April 15	3:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church	Passion of the Lord Celebración de la Pasión del Señor
Saturday, April 16	10:00am 7:00pm	Church Church	Easter Basket Blessing Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 17			

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to early printing deadlines, the April 3rd Weekly Giving Report will appear in the April 17th Canticle.

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YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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 Saturday and Sunday Closed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

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