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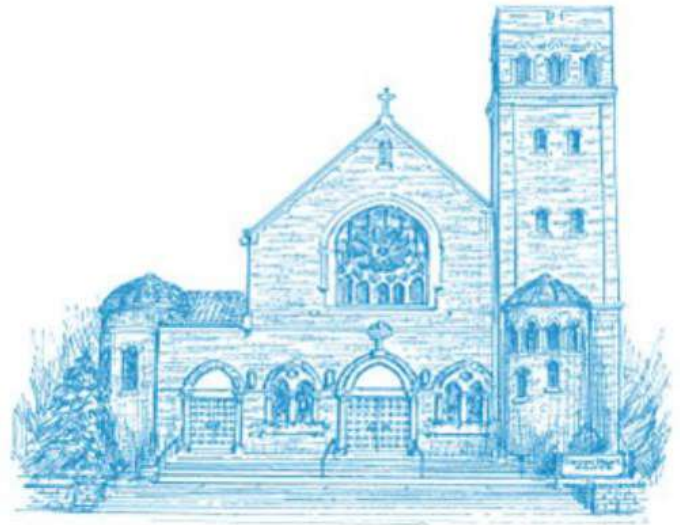
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

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Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

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MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

OF THE LORD

THE CONFITEOR

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord Our God. Amen.

READING 1 IS 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. 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. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 22: 8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24.**

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING 2 PHIL 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL PHIL
2:8-9.**

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GOSPEL

MK 15:1-39

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "**Crucify him.**" Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "**Crucify him.**" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes and lead him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "**He saved others; he cannot save himself.** Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "**Look, he is calling Elijah.**" One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(Here all kneel and pause for a short time.)

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "**Truly this man was the Son of God!**"

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord Jesus Christ (blessed be His Name) assures His Apostles that they will all have their faith shaken and they will flee for their lives. St. Peter says no. *Even though all may have their faith in You shaken mine will never be. Even though I should have to die with you, he says, I will not deny You.* (Matthew 26:35). Like a bad weather report, Peter's prediction falls flat.

St. Remigius, one of the Fathers of the Church in France, says what Jesus affirms by His power of foreknowledge, Peter denies through his love of Christ. We may take a practical lesson, says the same St. Remy, that as much as we are confident of the fervor of our faith, so much should we be in fear of the weakness of our flesh. Peter is certainly culpable, first, because he contradicted the Lord's words. Secondly, because he proudly set himself above the rest of the Apostles. Thirdly, because he attributed everything to himself as though he had power to persevere on his own.

Christ allows his fall? Why? To heal him of his attitude of superiority and self-sufficiency, and to convince him of the frailty of his human nature so that he will trust, not so much in himself, but in Christ. The Prophet Jeremiah said: *Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the wasteland that enjoys no change of season, But stands in lava beds in the wilderness, a land, salty and uninhabited. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters*

that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit. (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Observe how after the Resurrection, taught by his fall, Peter speaks to Christ more humbly, and no more does he resist His words. For instance, when the Risen Christ asked Peter on the shore of the Lake of Galilee if he loved Christ more than the other Apostles did, Peter answered modestly: *Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.* (John 21:15). He was no longer willing to exalt himself over others. He was humbled by his fall. After the rising of the Redeemer, Peter understands that every good thing is to be credited to God and to His Grace. For example, during the infancy of the Catholic Church, after curing a crippled man St. Peter said to the flabbergasted crowd: *Why look you so earnestly upon us, as though by our own power and holiness we had made this man to walk?* (Acts 3:12).

The Passion of Christ teaches us that God loves us more than words can describe. The Passion also teaches us the misery and horror of sin, but also that good always triumphs over evil in the end. Through St. Peter's folly, the Passion of the Christ also reminds us of a great doctrine: that a man's will power is not enough, unless he enjoys Divine support.

God bless you!

Happy Holy Week!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

MARCH 28, 2021



Saturday, March 27:

5:00 William T. Mannino

Sunday, March 28:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 People of The Parish
11:00 Brendan Hoey
1:00 Vera Marie Appedu

Monday, March 29:

9:30 Eileen McGarry

Tuesday, March 30:

9:30 Louis Aruta

Wednesday, March 31:

9:30 Thomas J. Dillon

Thursday, April 1:

9:30 Pascal & Rafaella Tierno
7:00 Lillian Kelly (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Friday, April 2:

3:00 Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
7:30 Stations of the Cross with a Homily

Saturday, April 3:

7:30 Gregory Forster (Easter Vigil)

Sunday, April 4:

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
9:00 John, Kristina & Maria Allena Abecia
11:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Stephen Valenti

Saturday, April 3:

7:30 PM J. Gordon, K. Wisniewski, D. Maj
T. Cunningham

Sunday, April 4:

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz
9:00 AM Roy Hansen
11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 3:

7:30 Jacob Torres

Sunday, April 4:

7:00 Anthony Basile
9:00 Jason Suazo
11:00 Abigail Cruz
1:00 Jack Smith

COLLECTIONS:

DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE WITH OUR BULLETIN PUBLISHER THE COLLECTION FOR MARCH 21ST AND THE ATTENDANCE WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY. REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

WEDDING BANNS

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& CHRISTINA MARIE KENNY**

Sacred Heart Holy Week Schedule
2021

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Masses: Saturday, March 27th 5 PM (Vigil)
Sunday March 28th: 7, 9, 11 AM, 1 PM

Holy Monday, March 29th

Mass: 9:30 AM
Confessions: 3 PM – 8 PM

Holy Tuesday, March 30th

Mass: 9:30 AM

Spy Wednesday, March 31st

Mass: 9:30 AM
Confessions: 3:00-5:00PM & 7:00-8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass: 9:30 AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM
Confessions available after the Mass

Good Friday - April 2nd

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:
3:00PM
Confessions available after the 3 PM Service
The Way of the Cross and a Homily -
7:30PM

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection:
7:30 PM
Confessions: 3:00-5:00 PM

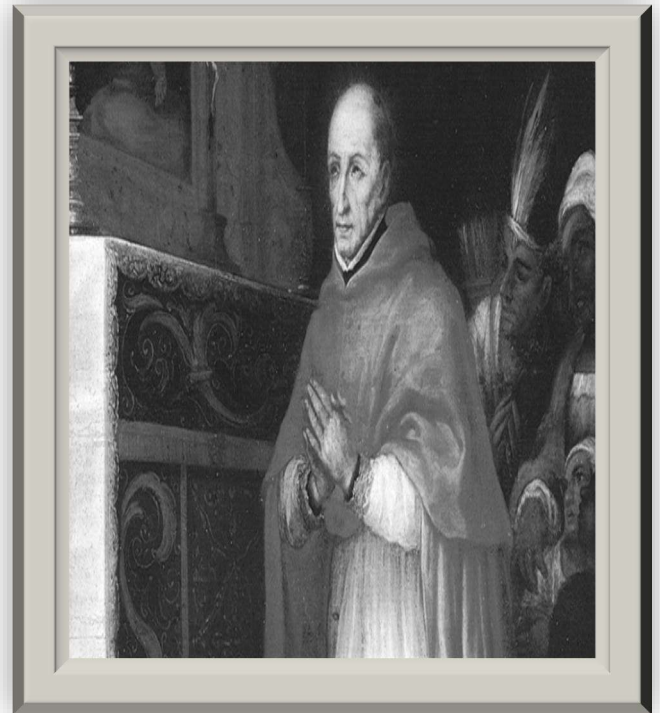
Easter Sunday - April 4th

Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 11 AM and 1:00PM

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