

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020

SATURDAY (April 4)

5:00 Mickey Pinto, requested by Rose Marie Bitetto

SUNDAY (April 5) PALM SUNDAY

8:00 Ed McHugh, requested by Family

10:30 Linda Hesslein, requested by the Gianquinto Family

MONDAY (April 6)

7:30 Intention of Clare Ramaley,
requested by Religious Ed Catechists

TUESDAY (April 7)

7:30 Intention of Catherine Schilling

WEDNESDAY (April 8)

7:30 Leandro Rizzuto

THURSDAY (April 9) Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY (April 10) Good Friday

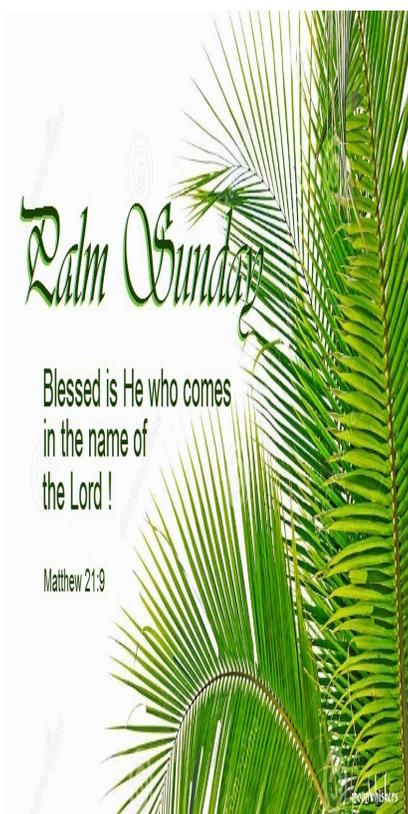
3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross

SATURDAY (April 11) Holy Saturday

SUNDAY (April 12) Easter Sunday

8:00 Parishioners

10:30 Parishioners



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

A big "THANKS" to all of you who so thoughtfully and generously mailed in your collection checks or used the online giving to send in your collection money. The parish remains open and as such we still have our bills, and salaries to pay.

May God reward your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Fr. Carlos

PLEASE NOTE.....During this time of Corona virus crises I have left the chapel open. Feel free to come at any given time to pray and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. I know that some people have taken advantage of this opportunity. If you are afraid to come out and wish to remain secluded at home you could offer the following Spiritual Communion composed by Saint Alphonsus Ligouri:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

SAINTS CORNER.

Grant me, O Lord,
A mind to know You,
A heart to seek You,
Wisdom to find You,
Conduct pleasing to You,
Faithful perseverance in waiting for You,
And a hope of finally embracing You.
Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 5th will burn in loving memory of Alfred Kelly from Jill DeLeo and Family.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of a loved one, either living or deceased, call Fran at the parish office for further information.

DIVINE MERCY MOMENT

Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy (Diary, 300).

After the second Sunday of Lent, the bishops in this country decided to suspend all Mass and Liturgical celebrations because of the Corona virus. Not being able to attend Mass or liturgical practices such as the Stations of the Cross, for most people this was a different Lent. But was it a different Lent? If so, what made it a different Lent?

During the Lenten season the Church invites us to enter into the Paschal Mystery, and contemplate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Corona virus has aided us in contemplating the Passion of Jesus Christ. How? Shakespeare in his play "Romeo and Juliet" once asked, "What's in a name?" The word Corona means crown in Spanish., and the corona virus is a category of viruses so named because of its appearance. It is covered with crown like spikes, and photos of it show the spikes red in color. The Corona virus causes extreme respiratory distress in each victim. The Corona virus reminds us of the crown of thorns that was placed on Jesus' head and the respiratory distress He endured on the cross. Crucifixion made it almost impossible for the victim on the cross to push himself upward in order to breathe. He would eventually suffocate. Jesus Christ our Lord endured the crown of thorns and crucifixion for our sins.

During the holy season of Lent we are called upon to contemplate the Passion of Jesus Christ our Lord. The reason being, His Passion reminds us of the great love that He has for us. His Passion reminds us of how precious each one of us are to Him. In her Diary, St. Faustina reassures us that Jesus wanted her and us to meditate on His Passion. Our Lord said that doing this pleased Him and brought Him great joy:

You please Me most when you meditate on My sorrowful Passion (Diary, 1512).

The contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy (Diary, 369).

During the holy season of Lent we are also called upon to perform bodily penance for our past sins. An example of this is fasting. During the time that St. Faustina spent in the convent, she and the other Sisters were given a whip they had to use for self- flagellation. Our Lord revealed the following to St. Faustina and us: "**There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood**" (Diary, 269)

St. Faustina went on to write in her Diary about the many profound benefits she received by meditating on the Passion of Jesus Christ. The following are a few:

When I meditate upon the Passion of Jesus, I get a clear understanding of many things I could not comprehend before (Diary, 267).

He who wants to learn true humility should reflect upon the Passion of Jesus (diary, 267).

When I meditate on His Painful Passion, my physical sufferings are lessened (diary, 1625).

When I began to immerse myself in the Divine Passion, the great worth of the human soul and the great evil of sin were revealed to me Diary, 1762).

Yes, the holy season of Lent invites us to contemplate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, His Passion, Death and Resurrection. On that First Good Friday Jesus accepted the crown of thorns and the crucifixion, so that He could gloriously accept His Resurrection. His crown of thorns and His crucifixion were to lead to something glorious. There was no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.

When the Risen Lord appeared to His apostles He showed them His glorious wounds. When He appeared to St. Faustina in her convent He said to her, "**Remember My Passion and if you do not believe My words, at least believe My wounds**" (Diary, 379).

This Lent seems to be different because of the suspension of Masses and religious devotions in the church such as the Stations of the Cross, all because of the Corona virus. But is this Lent any different from past Lents? If so how?

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