

**March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



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EASTER WEEKEND MASS

Holy Rosary: Saturday 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:45 a.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday – 8:20 a.m.

Thursday and Friday – 7 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Rosary: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
or anytime by appointment

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 5:30 p.m. | March 27 Clifton & Bonnie Moss |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. | March 28 – Palm Sunday Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Jim Underhill Family |
| Monday | March 29 No Scripture Service |
| Tuesday | March 30 ~~NO MASS~~ |
| Wednesday 8:20 a.m. | March 31 David and Tom Miles Judson Stewart |
| Thursday 7:00 p.m. | April 1 – Holy Thursday Joe Ralph Buckman |
| Friday 7:00 p.m. | April 2 – Good Friday The Solemn Intercession |
| Saturday 8:30 p.m. | April 3 – Holy Saturday Raymond Karr |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. | April 4 – Easter Sunday Carolyn Whelan Tom & Jack Quinn Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen |

Your Gifts to God and Parish

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| February 28 | \$ 5,906.25 |
| March 7 | \$ 8,283.25 |
| March 14 | \$ 5,381.25 |
| March 21 | \$ 7,345.50 |

Prayer Intentions for the month of April

Intention of Pope Francis: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.



Dear Parishioners:

Welcome to Holy Week. How will the next two weeks be different than the other fifty weeks of the year in your household? A true reverence for the foundation of our faith requires prayerful pauses from our busy lives and a change in our routines.

Holy Week begins today with the celebration of Palm Sunday. At this Mass we begin remembering the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people greet their Messiah with kingly praise, waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David". The humble man riding in on a donkey is their Lord and King. As our celebration leads to the scripture readings, we hear how our Messiah and King will suffer and die for us; and then at the Gospel we all participate in the reading of Jesus' Passion and death. All of Holy Week supports this Palm Sunday worship of God sending us His Son to suffer and die for us as our Lord and Savior. At the end of Holy Week, we begin the three days of Holy Triduum.

On Holy Thursday, when the Mass of The Lord Supper begins, Lent ends. We participate in the Mass that reminds us of the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with His disciples when He gave us the Eucharist and demanded that His apostles be servant leaders who would even be willing to wash the feet of another. At the end of the Mass, there is a procession of the Body of Christ throughout the church and ends in the chapel where all of us will have the invitation to spend some time with our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. The Stations of the Cross at noon and the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion take place on Good Friday.

After sunset on Holy Saturday we celebrate the Easter Vigil beginning at 8:30 p.m. This will be the only Mass on Holy Saturday. There will not be a 5:30 p.m. Mass. It is the most important Mass of the year. On this night we bless fire and the Easter Candle. We listen to our Salvation History through the scriptures. We sing the Gloria and the Alleluia to give praise to God for the Resurrection of His Son. We bless the water of our Baptism. Normally we celebrate the initiation sacraments with our new adult members of the Church but do not have anyone receiving sacrament this Easter Vigil. We receive Holy Communion as one Body of Christ saved from sin and given everlasting life by Jesus our Lord. We are sent out, like the apostles to proclaim the victory over sin and death to the whole world. This Easter celebration begins the second week. From Easter Sunday to Sunday, April 11th the week is called the Octave of Easter or Easter Week. The Octave is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. At the 5:30 p.m. Octave Mass on Saturday, April 10th, Bishop McKnight will be at Holy Rosary Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our youth.

Please pause to pray and celebrate well. A blessed celebration of Easter and an appreciation of the gifts God gives to us in the sacraments will be your reward.

Prayers and Blessings.

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Lenten Events

Sacrament of Reconciliation

~ Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ~

~ Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. ~

Readings for April 4, 2021

1st Reading – Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43 (42ABC) Peter preached about Jesus’ baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading – Colossians 3:1–4 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel – John 20:1–9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

Liturgical Ministries

April 3 – 8:30 p.m. Mass

Servers: Marah Greiman, Keegan Hunter, Isaiah Werr
Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Spalding, Kathy Dean, Deacon Mike
Lectors: Dorothy Ritter, Shane Spalding, Gary Yager, Debbie Kendrick, Dennis Long, Carol Hagan
Ushers: John Ritter, Ron Dean, Kevin Bichsel, Kent Bichsel

April 4 - 9:45 a.m. Mass

Servers: Blaine Watson, Kyle DeLaporte, Aidan Hunter, Rhett Watson
Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Campbell, Howard Willard, Linda Willard
Lector: Linda Bichsel
Ushers: Jim Jarman, Mark Yager, Jerry Copenhaver, Cliff Seward
Cross Bearer: Dawson Karr

On the Calendar...

- March 28** – Live Stations at 7:30 p.m.
- March 29** – Rosary at St. Stephen 12:00 noon
- April 1** - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 p.m.
- April 2** - Good Friday service 7:00 p.m.
- April 3** - Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. **(NO 5:30 Mass)**
- April 4** - Easter Sunday Mass 9:45
- April 10** – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 5:30 p.m.

Mighty God, we know that nothing can take us away from You. We will always be Your child. When we are ill, we are Yours. When we are in pain, we are Yours. When our life here on earth ends, we are still Yours, Amen.

Please pray for:

Richard Elliott Rusty Adam Regina Hays Tim Quinn
 John Kendrick Bonnie Werner Deacon Mike Long
 Trent Zeiger Hazel Smith Sue Gilbert Natalee Amos
 Rosemary Evans Deanna Buckman Jackie Ryan
 Logan Maher Mark Leake Daniel Patrick Mudd
 Kenneth Ryan Bonnie Ess Barbara Kendrick
 Connie Kendrick Nick Mudd William P. Smith
 Teresa Ritter Toland



Swinkey KC Breakfast: The Swinkey KC’s will have their annual breakfast this Sunday, March 28 in the Swinkey Gym immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass. All St. Stephen and Holy Rosary Knights and their families are invited.

Would you be interested in helping lead the Rosary at the Monroe City Manor on the first or third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. If so, please contact Dorothy Ritter at 573-406-3346.

School News

- Classes will not be held Monday, March 29, as we attend the funeral of Raymond Karr. Our prayers and support are extended to Mrs. Paula Karr and her family.
- Holy Week Prayer will be led by the eighth-grade students on Wednesday, March 31. It will begin at approximately 1:20 in church. Everyone is welcome to attend this prayer.
- Classes will not be held on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Monday.
- Track Meet is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, at the Monroe City Field, beginning at 3:30.
- Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, April 15, beginning at 6:30 at school.

Rice Bowls may be turned in to the parish office. Please feel free to convert your coins to currency and/or your coins and currency to a check made payable to Holy Rosary Church and marked “Rice Bowl” on the memo line.

Following God’s Lead along with Donna

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Holy Rosary Church and St. Stephen Church will be April 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church. Please pray for our students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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| Natalee Amos | Kyndal Benson | Waylon DeGrave |
| Kyle DeLaporte | Maddix Dowell | Owen Fuemmeler |
| Cynthia Gamble | Mari Gares | Marah Greiman |
| Kylie Harris | Cole Hays | Denten Hays |
| Ella Hays | Meghan Hays | Naaron Hays |
| Ryan Hays | Aidan Hunter | Myra Jones |
| Kylee Kauble | Olivia Kendrick | Anna Lemongelli |
| Carson Miller | Makenna Miller | Kolton Moses |
| Josie Orf | Aidan Oswald | Taylor Pfaff |
| Ava Potterfield | Chloe Puroil | Alston Richardson |
| Matthew Salyer | Devyn Shramek | Natalie Shively |
| Parris Shively | Abigail Smith | Rhett Watson |
| Isaiah Werr | Grant Yager | Audri Youngblood |
| Ava Yutzky | Rachel Underhill | |

Thank you to our SEC 7/8 Youth Group for your leadership roles at Mass today.

Live Stations of the Cross will be presented by our High School students this evening, March 28, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church. Please join our students in walking this journey with Jesus.

FORMED.org – FORMED has some wonderful selections to prepare for Holy Week. Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a 30-minute walk through the real and sacred places of the Holy Land to bring you nearer to the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/triduum-a-spiritual-pilgrimage> Don’t forget the 4-part series on St. Joseph on FORMED Now. <https://watch.formed.org/saint-joseph-series>

Holy Week Prayer Ideas

For Holy Week add these Seven Last Words of Christ to your prayer. Look at Psalm 22 and see how much of the Crucifixion of Jesus is prefigured in the passage.

- † "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46)
- † Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- † "Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- † "Woman, behold thy son...Behold thy mother." (John 19:26-27)
- † "I thirst." (John 19:28)
- † "It is finished." (John 19:30)
- † "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)