

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give Salvation!"), the 'King of glory' enter his City 'riding on an ass.' Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, 'Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord,' is taken up by the Church in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover. (CCC 559)

This Week at Our Parishes

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 9

- Readings: Procession: Mt 21:1-11
Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66 or 27:11-54
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Thelma Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski**
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship coffee and donuts at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Guild meeting at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer by her family**
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA Retreat at Our Lady of Grace
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Isabel Rios by Dalia VandenBosch**
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people**

Monday, April 10

- Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11,
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 12:10 p.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Dick Cioe by Christine Stewart**
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary at Our Lady of Grace (Spanish)
- 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters of the Americas at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language at OLG

Tuesday, April 11

- Readings: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 8:30 a.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Stanley and Florence McClure**
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #9802 meeting at St. Mary

Wednesday, April 12

- Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I

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The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 13

- Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries
- 7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary (bi-lingual)**
- 8:00 p.m. **Altar of Repose at St. Mary (til Midnight)**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 14

- Day of abstinence and fasting.**
- Readings: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries
- 3:00 p.m. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Mary (bi-lingual)**

Holy Saturday, April 15

- Readings: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22;
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a-10-13, 15-18;
Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12. 13b; Is 55:1-11;
Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19: 8-11;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus
- 8:30 p.m. **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at St. Mary (bi-lingual)**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 16

- Readings: 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
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening
Mass, Lk 24:13-35
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Regina Cæli
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace**
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary**
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary**

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY



Schedule Change: The St. Mary Altar Society will be having a meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **April 23, 2017** in Lourdes Hall. All women in the parish are welcomed! Please note: There will not be a meeting on April 16th due to Easter.

Mass Attendance: April 2, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 181 OLG 9:00am: 158
 SM 10:30am: 260 SM 12:30pm: 223 SM 5:00pm 155



Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

April 2, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	5494.00	
On-line Giving	\$	518.28	+916.13
Parish Breakfast	\$	18.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	109.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	6538.46	
General Fund:	\$	6248.58	
On-line Giving	\$	336.74	-46.86
Catholic Relief Services	\$	35.00	
Easter Flower Memorials	\$	15.00	
Restoration	\$	1011.58	

Contribution Counters: Week of April 9
 OLG Team 2 - St. Mary Team 3

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the families of Joseph Schiltz and Stanley and Florence McClure in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 16
 Following the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses
 For ages 2 - 10 years old
 St. Mary's, Lourdes Hall

BUSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA

Domingo, 16 de Abril
 Despues de las misas de 10:30 y 12:30
 Para niños entre 2 a 10 años
 En Santa Maria en el salon de Lourdes



Prayer Line

St. Mary's: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425 or
 Jean Gawel, 231-798-8493

Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231- 670-5073

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers

Ron Betlejewski, Arlene LeBeau, Ben Offrink, Gail Gee, Betty Gee, John McCormick, Sotero Leyton, Billie Leonard, Helen Walters, Gloria Cline, Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Shirley Green, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter, Rosemary Kellogg Christine and Dennis Siedlecki, Ralph Alvesteffer, Marty Neff, Bill Forton, Julia Gonzales, William & Benita Mikesell

Please pray for our homebound parishioners

Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Fran Wright, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Vivian Smith, Betty Reilly & Johanna Ripka

Please pray for our parishioners who are in care

Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt, Marie Peterson, Ruth Ruby, Rosemary Sleak, Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson, Alice Greivous, Josephine Hiersman, Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

Please pray for our parishioners in the military

Seaman Recruit Ryan McIntire, US Coast Guard; Erin McDermott, US Army; Nic Frank, Air Force; SSG. Richarda (Rikki) Amaya; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy; 1st Lt. Timothy Merkle; Staff Sgt. Casey Sowa; Master Sgt. April Sowa; IS3 Cody Hacker; Private Jakob Bergquist; Major Adam Shaw; PFC Abraham Angel Luis Aguilar; Spec. Alex Block; Andrew Shadowski, U. S. Army; & Noah Sweet, U. S. Army

THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY JESUS
 PLEADED WITH HIS FRIENDS,
"WATCH AND PRAY WITH ME"
 BUT HIS APOSTLES FAILED HIM.

ON THIS HOLY THURSDAY HE IS
 ASKING YOU, HIS FRIEND TO
 ~WATCH AND PRAY WITH HIM~



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE
 ALTAR OF REPOSE AT ST. MARY'S
 THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
 8:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT.

COME AND PRAY WITH JESUS!

I Devoutly Adore You

That the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament is something that cannot be apprehended by the senses, but can be known by faith only, faith that relies on divine authority.

I devoutly adore you, O hidden God,
truly hidden beneath these appearances.

My whole heart submits to you
and in contemplating you it surrenders itself completely.

Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of you,
but hearing suffices firmly to believe.

I believe all that the Son of God has spoken:
there is nothing truer than this word of Truth.

On the Cross only the Divinity was hidden,
but here the Humanity is also hidden.

I believe and confess both
and I ask for what the repentant thief asked.

I do not see the wounds as Thomas did,
but I confess that you are my God.

Make me believe more and more in you,
hope in you, and love you.

O Memorial of our Lord's death!
Living bread that gives life to man,
grant my soul to live on you
and always to savor your sweetness.

Lord Jesus, good Pelican,
wash me clean with your blood,
one drop of which can free
the entire world of all its sins.

Jesus, whom now I see hidden,
I ask you to fulfill what I so desire:
that on seeing you face to face,
I may be happy in seeing your glory. Amen

HOLY WEEK 2017

Extra Opportunity for Confession

Monday, April 10
6:00pm at St. Mary

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

April 13 at St. Mary
7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)
8:00pm - 12:00am: Adoration of our Lord at
the Altar of Repose

Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

April 14 at St. Mary
3:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(bilingual)

Holy Saturday**

April 15 at St. Mary
8:30pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
(bilingual)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16: 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace
10:30am Mass at St. Mary
12:30pm Mass at St Mary (Spanish)
Please note: Mass will not be celebrated at 5:00pm.

**We are obligated to fast & abstain from meat on Good Friday.*

**Debemos ayunar y no comer carne/pollo Viernes Santo.*

*** On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his descent into Hell and awaiting his Resurrection. (Wherever possible the paschal fast is observed until the Easter Vigil.)*

Stations of the Cross

My Lord and my God, under the loving eyes of our Mother, we are making ready to accompany You along this path of sorrow, which was the price paid for our redemption. We wish to suffer all that You suffered, to offer You our poor, contrite hearts, because You are innocent, and yet You are going to die for us, who are the only really guilty ones. My mother, Virgin of sorrows, help us to relive those bitter hours, which your Son wished to spend on earth, so that we, who were made from a handful of clay, may finally live in libertatem gloriae filiorum Dei, in the freedom and glory of the children of God.

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death

2nd Station: Jesus takes up His cross

3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time

4th Station: Jesus meets his blessed Mother

5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross

6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7th Station: Jesus falls a second time

8th Station: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

9th Station: Jesus falls the third time

10th Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross

13th Station: Jesus is laid in the arms of his blessed Mother

14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

The Seven Last Words: A Lenten Series

The Seventh Word

And Jesus crying with a loud voice said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit."

This word, too, followed close upon the preceding one, and depends upon it. He who ever loved and sought to obey His Father's will and trust Him to the end, could remain unshaken through all the trials of His life.

His first utterance in the glow of His early youth before His heart had been saddened by the sins and hardness of men, was, "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" This was the thought with which He started in life, and now after all these years of trial and sorrow, in which God never interfered to lighten His burden or to remove opposition, or to make life easier, He dies with the same simple filial trust in God. "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit."

His thought of God has never changed. His trust has never faltered throughout His life. He never swerved in His loyalty. He was tried, indeed, as none ever was before. So strangely did God deal with Him that many could not believe Him to be the well-beloved Son. Satan even would suggest the doubt that God could leave His only Son, apparently to starve in the wilderness, "If You are the Son of God!"

There was so little appearance of any divine manifestation about Him that the people called Him the Carpenter's Son, and the thieves on the Cross cry out in mockery, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

Yes, to all appearance God had left Him to live His life, and will not interfere with its outward orderings, as He will not with any of ours. The work that He came to do is not made easy for Him. He has to meet opposition, prejudice, misrepresentation, hatred. He tries to help, but the people reject His offer. He tries to teach, but they do not want to learn, and so pervert His words and catch Him in His talk. At last the crowds leave Him; he cannot teach, because they will no longer listen. Their opposition takes a more definite form, the nation turns against Him. They arrest Him, and decree His death. Still God will do nothing. They bind Him and scourge Him, they dress Him in scarlet, mock Him and spit at Him, but God is silent. They nail Him to the Cross and leave Him to die, and God will not stretch out His hand to save Him.

Earth has cast him out, the Jewish Church has rejected Him, and God will not say a word to vindicate Him, and now as He breathes out His soul in death, in spite of all that seems to us so strange, so hard to be understood, we see the same tender, trustful love for His Father: "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit."

It is the triumph of trustful love over all the difficulties of life, its failures and its sorrows, and the peculiar kind of trials that are apt to shake men's faith in God and in man. Amid constant misrepresentation and the rejection of proffered aid, He remains unchanged. How often do we lose all heart, grow hard and cynical, and lose our faith in God's goodness through the difficulties we meet with trying to work for God. Life so often hardens us. But it only manifested in Him, more and more, His loving trust.

Let us then triumph through faith, not expecting that God will interfere in any miraculous way to protect us, or to enable us to succeed in life.

Success and triumph over difficulties are not what God asks of us. The truest success is that inward keeping of our own souls faithful to God. What a triumph is that, - when all the world is against us, telling us God has forsaken us, when we see in outward things no token of God's acceptance - to be able to look up to heaven and say: "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit,"

Such is the triumph of the Cross: triumph over sin by endurance. Looking at the great enemy as he draws near to try Him and saying: "Do your worst, you cannot touch my life," and bracing Himself to bear: content to endure death itself rather than swerve from the will of God.

The Seven Last Words, by Rev. B. W. Maturin, International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, New York.