

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF
OUR LORD

- **9:30 AM**—Mass (Bernie Relph)

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

Monday of Holy Week (6);

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Tuesday of Holy Week;

- 7:00 PM—Social Action Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

Wednesday of Holy Week;

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*
- 6:30 PM—James’ program on the Holy Land

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper (People of Immaculate Conception)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) Day of fast and abstinence

- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM—Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM—Decorate for Easter Services
- 8:30 PM—Mass of the Vigil (People of Immaculate Conception)



Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. Luke 19:28

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

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

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6
 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 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

Ex 12:1-8
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18
 1 Cor 11:23-26
 Jn 13:1-15



Friday

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

Saturday

Rom 6:3-11
 Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
 Col 3:1-4 Or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
 Jn 20:1-9

Some Dates to Note

- April 16—Social Action Committee Meeting
- April 17—Program by James on the Holy Land and his retreat
- April 21—Egg hunt following Easter Sunday Mass
- April 23—Parish Council Meeting



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- **9:30 AM**—Mass (People of Immaculate Conception)

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” John 20:2

Please Note: Mass on Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21 will be at 9:30



EASTER LILY MEMORIAL

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved-one, envelopes are available in the gathering space. No particular amount, just what you would like to give. Donations must be returned by Sunday, April 14.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14

- **9:30 AM**—Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Bring bells to ring at Gloria)
- Father will hear confessions immediately following mass
- 8:00-9:00 PM—Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19

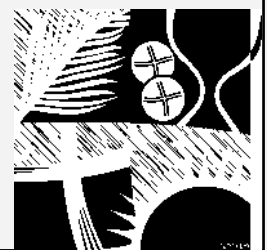
- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
- 3:30 PM—Fr. Thom will hear confessions
- 7:00 PM—Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM—Decorating Church for Easter
- 8:30 PM—Easter Vigil

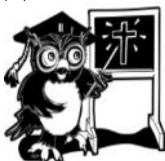
Easter Sunday, April 21

- **9:30 AM**—Easter Mass
- Easter egg hunt after mass



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

- Envelopes\$2,437.84 (\$77.00 in auto tithing)
- Food Pantry\$209.00
- Easter Lily Memorial.....\$115.00



Faith Formation News

There will be no classes this week as it is Holy Week. Please have the students attend the Holy Week services..



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

In the Liturgical year, the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming. The summit of the Liturgical year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Through chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal mystery. The presence of the risen Lord and his saving work permeates the entire Liturgical Year: Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season and Ordinary time.

Palm Sunday and Symbolism

Sometimes, one of the hardest things to explain as a Catholic is our attachment to symbolism. Palm Sunday is a great example of that. We come home from Mass holding palm branches, and we tuck them behind a crucifix or next to the picture of the Last Supper. To anyone who does not know our faith, it looks as though we stuck a few weeds on the wall... imagine their questions! The truth behind this tradition, however, goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and "they took out palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.'" (John 12:13). It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage. Thus, Christ, the true King, was welcomed into Jerusalem. This fulfilled the prophecy in the Old Testament, which declared, "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zech. 9:9) It revealed that Christ was a great king, but also a humble king. The people greeted him with wild joy and cheers of Hosanna. But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast and carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Our Lord, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation. The introduction is an excerpt from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 173. Copyright © 2006, 2019 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Holy Week

"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." — Philipians 2:7-8

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, Christ who continues to walk that long road to Calvary.

This final week of Lent is a time, too, to reflect on those words of St. Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question.

We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter; the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

**Don't Forget to Turn in Your Rice Bowls
You may drop them in the collection point in the
gathering space.
Thank you for your generous gifts and Lenten
Fasting.**

You Are Invited

**Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM
A Program on James' Retreat in the Holy
Land.**

James Flattery, seminarian, spent a few weeks in the Holy Land earlier this year on a retreat with his fellow seminarians. He would like to share some of the experience with you. There will be pictures and stories about his stay in the Holy Land. This will be held in the church hall, lower level of the church. All are welcome to attend.

Bus to James' Ordination Saturday, June 1

The parish council is looking into chartering a bus for James' ordination on Saturday, June 1. Cost will be \$45.00. The bus will hold 36 but we must have at least 30 to meet expenses. If you are interested, please sign-up in the gathering space.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

April 14, 2019—9:30 AM

Lectors: Rita Krueger & Joann Carrothers
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Barnum, Sharon Jones, Irma Bell, Elizabeth Birkenholtz
Altar Servers: James Flattery, Matt Rosonke, & Meta Hill
Greeters: To Be Assigned

April 18, 2019—7:00 PM

Oil Bearers: Sharon Jones, Mary Dell Flattery, & Susan Heggen
Lectors: Sharon Jones & Joann Carrothers
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Barnum & Elizabeth Birkenholtz
Servers: Dane Owens, Rita Krueger & Meta Hill
Greeters: To Be Assigned

April 19, 2019—7:00 PM

Lectors: James Flattery & Linda Barnum
Servers: Sharon Jones & Irma Bell
Greeters: To Be Assigned

April 20, 2019—8:30 PM

Lectors: Rita Krueger, Linda Barnum, Sharon Jones, & James Flattery
Eucharistic Ministers: Marcia Gimm & Tom Grimm
Servers: James Flattery, Mackenzie Bussan, Lisa Bussan
Greeters: To Be Assigned

April 21, 2019—9:30 AM

Lectors: James Flattery & Sharon Jones
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Van Dusseldorp, Joann Carrothers, Pam Brown, & Sharon Jones
Servers: Will Owens, Meta Hill & Mackenzie Brown
Greeters: To Be Assigned



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood
Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.
For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
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Secret Service

A young man was coming out of church one day, and the pastor was standing at the door as always to shake hands. The pastor grabbed the young man by the hand and pulled him aside. "Young man," he said to him, "you need to join the Army of the Lord!"

The young man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the Secret Service."

A Stewardship Moment

April 21, The Palm Sunday

In the prelude to today's great Passion Narrative, Saint Paul reminds us that we find our hope in the "emptiness" and "humility" of Christ Jesus; a life that led to the cross, but through the cross, to glory and exaltation. The way is not easy. Good stewards know that it requires a willingness to lay aside all rights of personal privilege; emptying ourselves in the service of others; embracing values different from the values of the world. It requires an understanding that to be "in Christ" means to be a servant because Christ came into the world, not as Lord but as servant. What crosses are we willing to carry? What worldly values are we willing to forego in order to share Christ's glory?



The Medical Mission Team for El Salvador.
A Job Well-done.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.