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See Weekly Schedule

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Passiontide:
A Time to Feel Lent

Having looked briefly at the overall structure of the calendar, and in order to avoid boring even myself, I have elected at this point to deviate ever so slightly and begin to focus on the upcoming Paschal feasts. Next weekend we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, which sometimes is referred to as Passion Sunday. More on that in a moment. Next week’s liturgical musings will provide an in-depth look at many of the sights and sounds that we can expect throughout Holy Week as we enter into the mystery of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Today, however, we focus on this current Sunday, which in the calendar that was in force up until 1969 was called Passion Sunday (*Dominica Passionis I*). The reason for this was that in the one-year cycle of readings (in 1969 the Lectionary was expanded to a three-year Sunday cycle), this Sunday would be the first time the Passion of Our Lord is proclaimed. In fact, whereas in the current lectionary only two chronicles of the Passion are proclaimed each year, prior to the liturgical reform *all four* Passion narratives were proclaimed between now and Easter. The Passion was heard on Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday, Wednesday of Holy Week, and Good Friday. Thus, all four accounts of the Passion were incorporated into the liturgy, progressively getting shorter. This was to show the passage of time, wherein the events that already happened (e.g., Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday) were not proclaimed after the fact—an effect that would leave those hearing the words of the Passion with a sense that the events proclaimed were taking place at that moment, and not merely as an historical chronicle.

Ultimately this serves to touch on a central issue relating to the calendar, which we may explore in the future—namely, the fact that the Sacred Liturgy itself, being a Divine institution and participating in the Heavenly Supper of the Lamb, mystically takes place outside of time and space. Thus, whenever we enter into the Sacred Mysteries, the action of the Mass—the events re-presented (not represented)—are not occurring as an historical re-enactment, but are happening, as St. Paul suggests, once and for all time. While we experience the action of the Mass according to earthly time—characterized most especially by those who insist on checking their watches periodically—the actuality is that we are transported mystically outside of time and space as Heaven comes to earth, and we engage in all of the events proclaimed within the Mass as they are actually occurring.

This concept of time as it relates to the Mass is a complicated one, and I encourage everyone to pick up a copy of Scott Hahn’s book *The Lamb’s Supper* to get a better sense of the reality of the Mass. In it, Dr. Hahn uses the writings of the Fathers of the Church to craft an accessible and rather complete explanation of this very principle.

Having deviated significantly from what I intended to propose, I want us to look at this Sunday—old Passion Sunday, if you will—and the time commonly referred to as Passiontide. The first thing that most people will notice is that the statues and sacred images of the Church are veiled. This ancient tradition corresponds to a distinct change of tone in the readings and texts of the Mass, where in Jesus is now actively hiding himself in order to avoid persecution by the Jews before His time has come. Having explored earlier this year the practice of veiling various items within the Church, the practice of veiling these images makes clear a sobriety and starkness that should visually impress upon us the som-

ber nature of the season. Statuary and images are meant to draw us into the mysteries of Christ and His Saints. But now they are hidden from us. The call of psalmist, “Seek the Lord while he may be found,” now demands of us a greater searching, a deeper interior movement that forces us to see no longer with our physical eyes, but the eyes of Faith.

At Rome on this day, Solemn Vespers continues to be celebrated at St. Peter’s Basilica, which is the Lenten Station Church for the day. The celebration begins with the great hymn, *Vexilla Regis*. This hymn, while often sung at snail’s pace due to the fallacious perception that Gregorian Chant should always be slow and meditative, is actually composed musically in the style of a military march, which more accurately reflects the text: “The Royal Banners march forth, the Mystery of the Cross shines resplendent, where the enfleshed Creator of all flesh on the gibbet was hung. Hail, O Cross, our singular hope! In this Passiontide Grant justice to your pious ones, and grant pardon to the guilty!” This glorious hymn of triumph was first sung on November 19, 569 (not 1569!), as a relic of the True Cross of Christ given by the Byzantine emperor Justin II was solemnly processed into the monastery of Saint-Croix in Poitiers, France.

Toward the end of Vespers, all of the relics of the Basilica are placed on the altar and are incensed, after which a

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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A, April 2, 2017
John 11:1-45

Pop was walking downstairs as we talked on the phone. He wanted to tell me about his next eye doctor appointment, and the notice was in the family room. The next thing I knew, he was crying out in pain: "I tripped over my slippers. I fell. Oh, Mary Rose. Help me!"

I was in my office, 30 minutes away from his house. My heart started racing. "Dad? Dad? Dad, hold on. I'll call an ambulance."

So, I put down the phone, checked for updates on Facebook, ran out to the Walmart to see what looked good for supper, watched "Chopped," and headed up to bed. I called the ambulance two days later.

Oh, no, no, no! That's not what really happened. 911 was at Pop's house within ten minutes, and I met them at the hospital in 20 minutes. A broken hip waits for no daughter.

But that delayed reaction really did happen in today's Gospel. Jesus gets word that his friend Lazarus is ill. Lazarus' sisters send the message: "The one you love is ill." Jesus takes his good old time, waiting two days before he even leaves for Bethany. The trip must have

taken two days more because Lazarus had been dead for four whole days by the time Jesus got there.

Mary and Martha both tell Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." His failure to come as soon as they requested help was hurtful. They trusted him, and he let them down. Now, they must bear the grief of losing their brother, as well as what they perceive as a betrayal of their close friend, the one who could have healed Lazarus.

Their "Jesus, if you had..." is echoed by millions whose prayers aren't answered. "Why didn't you save my loved one from cancer?" "Why didn't you solve my financial problems?" "Why did you let my child suffer?"

Why didn't God answer our prayers?

He did. He always does. Just not way we wanted.

Do we think of God as an ATM? If we punch in the correct password, our transaction to be processed in exactly the way we intended? Do we think of God as a magician who's there to make us smile and keep us happy at all times with a flick of a wand? That's not the way he works. Ask any of the saints. Many suffered throughout their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Heck, start with his own mother: a pregnant unwed teenager who could have been

stoned for saying "Yes" to God's plan for Jesus' birth—the birth which took place in a cave, not a palace; the woman who hid in Egypt where she and Joseph fled to prevent Jesus from being killed by a jealous Herod; the woman who was told at her son's presentation in the temple that she "would be pierced," who lost her precious child for three days while on a Jerusalem pilgrimage, who watched her son die on a cross. Mary's life was far from easy.

Talking about prayers being answered always starts that Rolling Stones song in my head: "You can't always get what you want," playing over and over, and ending with, "You get what you need."

God's goal forever and always is the salvation of our souls, and he will give us nothing but what we need for that salvation. If what we are asking for doesn't save us, we can ask until we're blue in the face—ain't gonna happen. We will get what we need. It may be health; it may be sickness. It may be wealth; it may be tough financial times. It may be peace; it may be chaos. Whatever the answer is, it will be tailored specifically and uniquely for us.

We've asked for help from a God is total love, nothing but love. Even if the answer is not what we hoped, how could it be anything other than perfect?



Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19.

Palm Sunday is the last day to make donations to this project. Those who have not yet made a contribution are encouraged to participate.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Jim Kerrigan, (Ruby), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Sr. Theresa Metz, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson.
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Mary Lanford, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton

St. Patrick School Now Hiring!

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We are collecting NEW socks for the homeless. Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, April 17 at 6 in the parish meeting room.** ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

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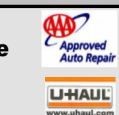
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Kids' Corner
Catechesis



If Jesus Died On The
Cross, How Can He Be
Alive Today?

Jesus lived as a real human being. Jesus' death was a real death, too (he really died on the cross) - the people who killed him made sure of that. When Jesus was killed, all of his followers were very sad. Jesus' body was put in a grave. But three days later, God brought Jesus back to life. Jesus showed his wounds to his disciples. Jesus lives in his special "glorified" body in heaven today. Isn't that great?

Key Verses

I passed on to you from the first what had been told to me. Christ died for our sins just as the Bible said he would. He was buried, and three days later he rose from the grave. This happened just as the prophets said it would. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Related Verses

John 20:27; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58

Note to Parents

We call Jesus' postresurrection body a "glorified" body. Jesus was recognized by the disciples, and he ate a meal with them. But he also was able to appear suddenly in their midst - he wasn't limited by space and time. We really don't know anything more about what his body was like or what our body will be like. (See Luke 24:36-43 and John 20:19-31.)

Ministry Schedule for
Holy Week

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Greeters: John Weber
Servers: Caden Kelley, Hunter and Joseph Blake
Reader: Teresa Angotti, Mary Hendricks
Offertory: Bill and Brenda Riley
EMHC: Brooklyn Queen
Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

Greeters: Leslie Butcher, Tanya Riley

Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Ian Droppleman, Jack Paugh & Michael Riley
Reader: Steve Corley, Jenny Garton
Offertory: Chad and Megan Westfall & family
EMHC: Steve Corley
Cantor: Joe Derico

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Holy Thursday

Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Ian Droppleman, Michael Riley, Jack Paugh, Jayna Jerden, Madison Hall, & Drew Moodispaw
Reader: Jeremy Garton
Offertory: Micki Snyder and Brad Curtis
EMHC: Mike and Anna Lee Determan, Jenny Garton
Cantor: Donna Lake

Friday, April 14, 2017

Good Friday

Servers: Ethan and Tyler Mehr, Joe Derico
Reader: Mary Jane Parker, J. J. Jordan

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil

Greeters: John and Nancy Riley

Servers: Ethan Mehr, Christian and Jacqueline Mullins, Hunter and Joseph Blake, Joe Derico and Makenna West
Reader: Judy Jerden, Jim Mehr
Offertory: Brandi Francis, Sheila West, Chris & Michelle Droppleman

EMHC: Mary Hendricks, Jeremy and Jenny Garton
Cantor: Kathy Sims

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

Greeters: Stanley and Lisa Marlow

Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Ian Droppleman, Michael Riley, Jack Paugh, Lily Garton, Haley Kiro
Reader: Sara Robinson
Offertory: Chris and Laura Determan & family
EMHC: Paul Derico, Larry and Luanne Bowers
Cantor: John Collins

April Linens: Mary Wagoner
April Funeral Greeters: George Garton

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

2, 23 & 30 Sun: DTS: 6pm
6 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council
13 - 19: St. Patrick School Easter break
16: EASTER SUNDAY!!!
17 Mon: Parish Office closed

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—April 1

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Oscar Frye by Larry and Luanne Bowers
RDGS: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday — April 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Darcy Cutright by Jim and Tammy Arsenault
Passion Sunday

Monday — April 3

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Margaret Shea by John and Jackie McLaughlin
RDGS: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday — April 4

Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:15a Mass for †Robert Shearer by Garry Lynne Shearer
RDGS: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday — April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

3-6:00p Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction at 5:45)
3-5:45p Confessions
6:00p Mass for †Judi Rowan by family
RDGS: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 9; (Ps) Dn3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday — April 6

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Carolyn Gissy by Class of 1966
RDGS: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday — April 7

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

8:15a Mass for †Clarence Weber by Ronnie and Junior Brumley
11:00a Funeral Mass for Larry Lowe
RDGS: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday—April 8

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Sondra Durbin
RDGS: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday — April 9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD

8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Rev. Ed Bell

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 10

Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Chrism Mass, 4:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

Tuesday, April 11

Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Spy Wednesday, April 12
Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration, 3:00-5:45 p.m.
Mass, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, from the end of Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 14 (Day of Fasting)

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Mass (Latin), 12:30 p.m.

Mass
Intentions

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 89
Sunday: 187
Latin Mass: 18

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Upcoming Collections and Appeals

April 14: Holy Land
April 15 & 16: Education of Seminarians

procession forms and beings to move throughout the cavernous space, while the Litany of the Saints is sung. This particular Litany is one of the great musical treasures of Christendom, as it features only the Saints whose relics are housed in the Basilica! In addition to being culturally and historically significant, it is also noteworthy that this litany is *extremely* long!

Finally, when the procession returns to the middle of the Basilica at the Papal High Altar, one of the more curious and significant events in the City of Rome occurs. A small bell rings, and then high above the crowd, from the loggia that sits atop the pillar over Francesco Mochi’s dramatic statue of Veronica, two of the canons of St. Peter’s appear. They raise up what appears to be a large picture frame, and bless the crowd. Contained in that frame, revealed for all to see is one of



the most precious relics of St. Peter’s Basilica: the Veil of Veronica, imprinted with the image of the Holy Face of Our Lord! In centuries past, the Church placed so much importance on this relic that, at one point being blessed with it carried an indulgence of 10,000 years off Purgatory!

I communicate all of this for good reason. In the modern liturgical calendar (and the liturgy itself) it is very easy to see this Sunday merely as the Fifth Sunday of Lent. But it is so much more than that! Historically, liturgically, and culturally this Sunday is the gateway to the holiest time of year: Holy Week. It is the portal through which we must all pass to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery. And everything about this day makes more and more clear that we are descending deeper and deeper into the darkened Tomb, our bodies now weary with fasting and penance, our minds becoming increasingly clarified, and our hearts burning even more with desire—desire for redemption, for relief, for blessed resurrection. See, then, in this Sunday not merely one more marker in the countdown toward Easter, but a hallmark of the Church’s liturgy that is given to help us not only observe Lent, but to *feel* Lent in a way that is visceral and meaningful.

Tuition Assistance Info.

For the 26th consecutive year, the Diocesan **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance. More info available in the vestibule.

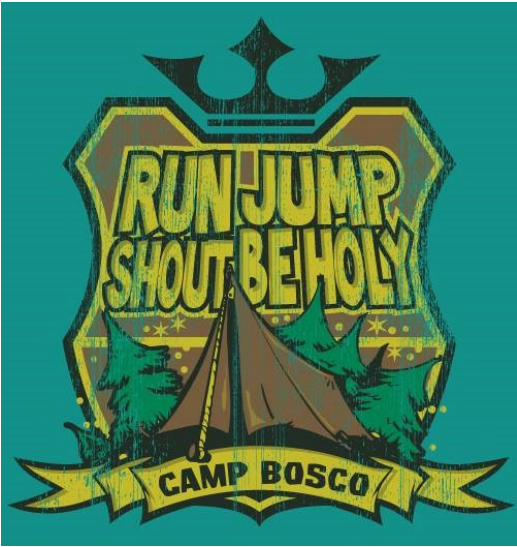
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St. Patrick School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

SoulCORE

SoulCore class is held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you would like to increase your SoulCore exercise experience, classes are offered on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Marist Hall located at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon. There will not class on Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled.

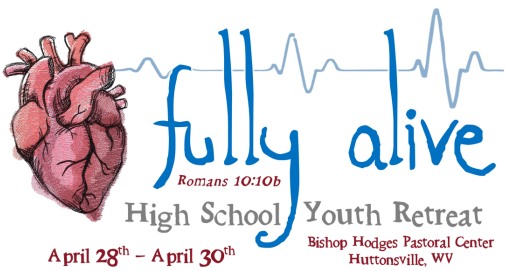
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Various Goings-On During Lent

- **Stations of the Cross**, every Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Fish Fry**, every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **Eucharistic Adoration**, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time. (This takes the place of the previously scheduled Adoration period on Fridays.)
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How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our backpack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

“The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. ‘As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 1923).

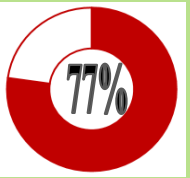
I’M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date:
\$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
— Francis of Assisi



Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: **Passion Sunday**

Everything around us urges us to mourn. The images of the saints, the very crucifix on our altar, are veiled from our sight. The Church is oppressed with grief. During the first four weeks of Lent, she compassionated her Jesus fasting in the desert; His coming sufferings and crucifixion and death are what now fill her with anguish. We read in to-day’s Gospel, that the Jews threaten to stone the Son of God as a blasphemer: but His hour is not yet come. He is obliged to flee and hide Himself. It is to express this deep humiliation, that the Church veils the cross. A God hiding Himself, that He may evade the anger of men - what a mystery! Is it weakness? Is it, that He fears death? No; we shall soon see Him going out to meet His enemies: but at present He hides Himself from them, because all that had been prophesied regarding Him has not been fulfilled. Besides, His death is not to be by stoning: He is to die upon a cross, the tree of malediction, which, from that time forward, is to be the tree of life. Let us humble ourselves, as we see the Creator of heaven and earth thus obliged to hide Himself from men, who are bent on His destruction! Let us go back, in thought, to the sad day of the first sin, when Adam and Eve bid themselves because a guilty conscience told them they were naked. Jesus has come to assure us of our being pardoned, and lo! He hides Himself, not because He is naked - He that is to the saints the garb of holiness and immortality - but because He made Himself weak, that He might make us strong. Our first parents sought to hide themselves from the sight of God; Jesus hides Himself from the eye of men. But it will not be thus for ever. The day will come when sinners, from whose anger He now flees, will pray to the mountains to fall on them and shield them from His gaze; but their prayer will not be granted, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with much power and majesty [St. Matthew 24:30].

This Sunday is called Passion Sunday, because the Church begins, on this day, to make the sufferings of our Redeemer her chief thought. It is called also, Judica, from the first word of the Introit of the Mass; and again Neomania, that is, the Sunday of the new (or the Easter) moon, because it always falls after the new moon which regulates the feast of Easter. From “The Liturgical Year” by Dom P. Guéranger

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

04/03	Monday of Passion Week
04/04	Tuesday of Passion Week
04/05	Wednesday of Passion Week
04/06	Jesus Christ the High Priest
04/07	Sacred Heart of Jesus
04/08	Immaculate Heart of Mary