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Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

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Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LordVolume II, Issue 15

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Holy Week

Will this Be Our Last Holy Week?

By Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ

As far as we know, we deserve no more chances.

Is Holy Week really worth the effort? If you talk to pastors, liturgists, choir directors, leaders of RCIA, etc., Holy Week is a time of frenetic activity, the culmination of much planning and lack of planning, and somehow—at least sometimes—inspiring. And then...? Well, a few weeks of lilies and extra “Alleluias!” and then back to business as usual. (E.g., First Confessions and Communions in May, a spate of weddings in June, etc.) It seems that Holy Week is a lot of work for a few, an inconvenience for a few more (“How many times do I have to drag the kids to church this week?!?”), and an annual irrelevance for many, if not most Catholics. But does it have to be that way?

Here’s the key problem with Holy Week as described above: People who halfheartedly believe that they’re sinners try to stir up sorrow for an atoning death they’re not quite convinced they need, so that a few days later they can try to stir up joy for the benefits of a resurrection they don’t quite understand or believe in. So understood, it’s not very convincing theater, and even less is it worthy worship.

Why do we put up with it? Why does the Church ask us to put on this act

year after year? That’s asking the wrong question. Better: What is divine mercy and providence offering us in Holy Week? And how can we be good stewards of what could be the last Holy Week we will ever see? (Remember that not one future moment is guaranteed to anyone.)

We’re created in the image and likeness of God. Our souls, which we surrendered to the dominion of Satan by our sin, are worth fighting for. Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary, ransomed our souls with his own blood. If you were given one week before your death to contemplate that truly shocking fact—how would you spend it?

The human heart was created for love of God and neighbor. By sin, we betray love and withdraw into a most unnatural isolation yielding only rage and bitter loathing. The innocent heart of Jesus freely absorbed all that poison of betrayal and hatred, so that our hearts could be free to love as he loves, in a truly human way that is ennobled by his divinity. If you were given one week before your death to contemplate that truly shocking fact—how would you spend it?

The human body was created for beauty, service, life-giving and for glory. Defiling the human body through abuse, neglect, violence, promiscuity or perversion constitutes desecration. Jesus, the Word-made-flesh, agreed to be tortured to death. He did so to prove God’s stubborn love for the human body, and to enable God’s children to behold God face-to-face, and live. If you were given one week before your death to contemplate that truly shocking fact—how would you spend it?

Before his agony and death, Jesus knows that the divine plan is to reach every human person, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth to the end of time, and offer one sure path, one way to enter the narrow gate into the happiness of

Heaven. He entrusts his saving power, word and mysteries to the Church built upon the foundation of the Apostles—whose chief mission is to offer the Eucharistic sacrifice until the Lord returns in glory. If you were given one week before your death to contemplate that truly shocking fact—how would you spend it?

If you were given one last Holy Week to cast aside once and for all whatever was unworthy of your Christian identity, what would you do? If you were given one last Holy Week to fling yourself at the feet of Jesus and cling to him for your salvation, what would you do? If you were given one last Holy Week to show compassion and gratitude to Jesus for the gruesome suffering he endured for you, what would you do? If you were given one last Holy Week to prove your stewardship and gratitude for the glories Christ has won for you, what would you do?

Please, let’s agree that this week, we may prepare wisely for what may well be, as far as we know, the last Holy Week we’ll ever see. Let’s go beyond noting the times of the Holy Week services and instead prepare to live the Holy Week mysteries. We can do that by immersing ourselves in the Scriptures, in the best of Catholic art and music, and through penances and fasting, so that we might hold fast to Jesus as he undergoes our darkness and offers us his light.

This article was featured on Aletia.org on April 5, 2017

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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Year A,
April 9, 2017
Isaiah 50:4-7

The Old Testament reading today is one of four Songs of the Suffering Servant of the Lord from the Book of Isaiah. We hear these Songs during the Church year—Advent, Holy Week, Ordinary Time. The Suffering Servant isn't identified by Isaiah, but it is Jesus who fits the description throughout the songs. Today we're looking at Song #3.

It is written in the first person and describes submission to cruel punishment—beatings, humiliation—without rebelling. Doesn't that make you think of Jesus just before he is crucified? The Servant relies on God, using his suffering to help encouraged with his "well-trained tongue."

Suffering is not very appealing to us. We definitely don't seek suffering, but it is unavoidable in this life. What if you did nothing but suffer in various degrees, 24/7/365? I have a friend who has a long-term illness with no-known cure. His faith is strong; he loves the Catholic Church; and his attitude is nothing short of amazing, considering he is essentially homebound. He views suffering as redemptive, and I asked him to explain it for us. But, first, I asked him what his illness is teaching him:

"Humility. Humility is a huge lesson. None of us realize how much pride we have in being able to do things by ourselves. Self-pride. It's my thinking that I need to do what I need for myself instead of total dependency on

God. My inability to help others is also tough on me, as well as not being able to provide for my family.

"Trusting God is also a huge lesson. Thinking about what would happen to my wife when I'm gone has kept me away many nights. That's when I have to trust in God to take care of her. It's the only thing that give me peace—that God will care for her.

"I absolutely accept my illness, and the way I accept it is to offer it up. My suffering has so much value. It's my gift back to God for all he has given me. This illness is not a burden but something joyful. That sounds weird to anyone who has to suffer. No one wants to suffer. Besides, what I suffer is so little compared to other people. A lot of mine is emotional suffering."

He offers up his suffering for their children, for them to be drawn closer to God and to be joined with him in heaven someday. "I offer it up for all my intentions—myself, my wife, our children, our family, our parish family, the Church, all people close to death, the souls in purgatory, and especially for those who don't know God.

"St. Paul joined his suffering with Christ on the cross. When we do that, Christ allows us to be co-workers with him. That's what gives value to my suffering."

Offering up suffering—it's a term I heard many times when growing up. It makes suffering redemptive. Christ became man and died on the cross to redeem us. He asks us to "take up our cross" and do the same. That cross, in my friend's life, is his long-term illness. Accepting his illness, willingly taking up that cross allows him to do help Jesus to build up the Body of Christ through his prayers for others.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Rob Dodson (UHC), Jim Kerrigan, 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), Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson.
- ♦ **Those who have died:** 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

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a number of medals, pieces of jewelry, glasses and other items found in or around the church. To claim your lost item, please call or stop by the parish office during office hours.

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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program) July 30 - August 5!

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Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100 for each additional child. Scholarships are available!

Registration forms are in the church office. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis!

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Kids' Corner
Catechesis



Why Did God Let Them
Hurt Jesus?

When Jesus was being hurt, he could have called on angels to save him. After all, he was God's Son. But Jesus chose to suffer and die *for us*. Jesus loved us so much that he did what it took to pay for our sins. Jesus and the Father agreed that it was necessary for him to die on the cross.

Key Verses

He has so much kindness! He took away all our sins through the blood of his Son. This saved us. He has showered upon us the richness of his grace. He understands us and knows what is best for us at all times. God has told us his secret reason for sending Christ. He has a plan he decided on in mercy long ago. He plans to gather us all together when the time is ripe. He will gather his people in Heaven and on earth. They will be with him in Christ forever. (Ephesians 1:7-10)

Related Verses

Matthew 26:53; 27:46; 1 John 2:2

Ministry Schedule for Holy Week

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|---|--|
| 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 | Friday, April 14, 2017 Good Friday Servers: Ethan Mehr, Joe & Tom Derico Reader: Mary Jane Parker, J. J. Jordan |
| 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: John Collins | 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 |
| 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 | 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 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

23 & 30 Sun: DTS: 6pm
13 - 19: St. Patrick School Easter break
16: EASTER SUNDAY!!!
17 Mon: Parish Office closed
17 Mon: 6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting, Parish meeting room
22 Sat: Weston 5k Walk/Run
30 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

The Dead Theologians Society



“Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow.”

Sundays @ 6 pm
in the downstairs Parish Meeting Room

For updates & more info,
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This Week's Liturgical Calendar

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

Monday — April 10
Monday of Holy Week
8:15a Mass for †Bettie Jo Newhouse by family
RDGS: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday — April 11
Tuesday of Holy Week
8:15a Mass for †Victims of abortion.
RDGS: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday — April 12
Wednesday of Holy Week
3-6:00p Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction at 5:45)
3-5:45p Confessions
6:00p Mass for All who are away from the church.
RDGS: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday — April 13
HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
6:00p Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton
RDGS: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
7p-12a Eucharistic Adoration

Friday — April 14
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
6:00p Celebration of the Lord's Passion
RDGS: 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

Mass
Intentions

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

Saturday—April 15
HOLY SATURDAY
8:00p EASTER VIGIL
RDGS: Can be found at www.usccb.org

Sunday — April 16
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
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
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Mary Lanford
Easter Sunday

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 106
Sunday: 201
Latin Mass: 14

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Upcoming Collections and Appeals

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

April Linens: Mary Wagoner
April Funeral Greeters: George Garton and Judy Foster

The parish office will close at 5:30 on Thursday, April 13 and will remain closed through Monday, April 17.



Registrations for Camp Bosco are now being accepted. All parish youth are encouraged to come spend a week of fun, adventure, and prayer. Applications are available online at campbosco.com. Financial scholarships are available. For assistance, come talk to Fr. D.

St. Patrick School Now Hiring!

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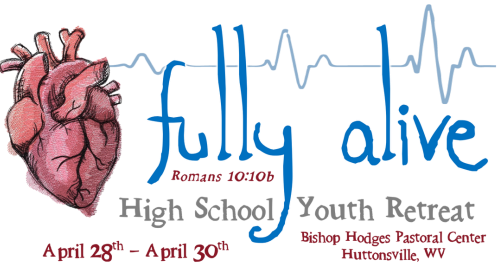
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- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

“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).



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“Lent is a period of repentance aimed at enabling ourselves to rise with Christ, to renew our baptismal identity.”

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

We carry palm branches as a tribute of *wav- ing* joy, before Christ, victorious over death; also as a symbol of our *wavering* fickleness, betraying Christ unto His Death.

Jesus is our "example;" let us never lose sight of the eternal joy of "sharing in His Resurrec- tion," when with Him we now "suffer on a cross" (Prayer).

In glorious language we read how the Son of God became the "slave" of man; how "He humbled Himself" and is now our pledge "in the glory of God the Father" (Epistle).

Even as Christ adhered to the Father, so must we, despite the seeming "prosperity of the sinner" (Gradual).

The "long Gospel" enables us, as it were, to be eyewitnesses of Christ's Passion and Death, revealing His love "unto the end" (indicated by Calvary in background).

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

| Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 04/10 | Monday of Holy Week |
| 04/11 | Tuesday of Holy Week |
| 04/12 | Wednesday of Holy Week |
| 04/13 | Holy Thursday |
| 04/15 | Good Friday |
| 04/15 | Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil |

Prayers for Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Faithful God, Jesus gave us the gift of his own Body and Blood that we might have food to sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus Christ, let us become Eucharist for one another.

May our lives be blessed, broken and given that your people may live.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, our living Bread. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Saving God, all creation waits with groaning and longing for the salvation promised to our ancestors and revealed in the Resurrection of your Son Jesus.

Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power when all will be reconciled to you in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope, O God. We wait in the company of all the angels and saints of heaven. Through their intercession may we have the power to say: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God. Amen.

Good Friday

Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection.

Make us one in you.

Transform us into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst.

We ask this, as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of the earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.

All prayers are from the 'Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy.

Voices Needed

Adult Choir practice for the Easter Liturgies will be on Saturdays following the evening mass. Members of the congregation with an interest in music - even those without prior experience - are encouraged to attend. Let's join together to make this an inspiring and prayerful Lent and Easter.

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