

PARISH CALENDAR

Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion

April 10, 2022

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest!

Saturday, April 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, April 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Thursday, April 14		NO MORNING MASS
	..... 7:00 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
	..... 9:00 pm-12am	ADORATION
Friday, April 15		NO MORNING MASS
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
	..... 2:00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	..... 7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION
Saturday, April 16	..... 8:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:10:34a, 37-43: Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Colossians: 3:1-4: When Christ appears, the you shall appear with him in glory.

Or

1 Corinthians: 5:6b-8: Throw out the old yeast to make fresh dough.

John:20:1-9: Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

We can find the compassion of Jesus not only on the cross, but throughout his passion. It begins at the Last Supper when he praises the apostles, saying, "It is you who have stood by me in my trials," and promises that they will eat and drink with him in his kingdom (Luke 22:28-30). And while he predicts that Simon will deny him, he also comforts him: "[O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (22:32).

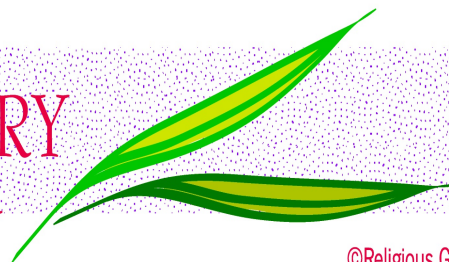
Later in the garden, when the mob comes for him and one of the disciples cuts off the right ear of the servant of the high priest, Jesus touches the servant and heals him. Jesus is tranquil before the Sanhedrin and Pilate and silent before Herod. On the way to Calvary, he stops to comfort women who are weeping for him, aware of what they themselves will have to face in days ahead. But it is from the cross that we see Jesus as embodying God's compassion when Jesus prays, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do" (23:34). Then, in one of the most tender scenes in the Gospels, in the final moments of his life, he turns to one of the criminals next to him who has asked that Jesus remember him and promises, "[T]oday you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43).

We take up the palms today and greet Jesus as our Savior, as Son of God, as the Compassion of God. When we look at his hands extended on the cross, we can see him embracing the world.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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Welcome
the KING of GLORY
into the holy city



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING GOD'S LOVE: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. -John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"*

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 10 Sun: Palm Sunday

Is:50:4-7; Ps:22: Phil:2:6-11; Lk:22:14-23:56

Apr 11 Mon: Monday of Holy Week

Isa:42:1-7; Ps:27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn:12:1-11

Apr 12 Tue: Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa:49:1-6; Ps:71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, & 17; Jn:13:21-33, 36-38

Apr 13 Wed: Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa:50:4-9a; Ps:69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt:26:14-25

Apr 14 Thur: Holy Thursday

Ex:12:1-8, 11-14; Ps:116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn:13:1-15

Apr 15 Fri: Good Friday

Isa:52:13-53:12; Ps:31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb:4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn:18:1-19:42

Apr 16 Sat: Easter Vigil

Gen:1:1-2:2; Ps:104; Gen:22:1-18; Ps:16; Rom: 6:3-11; Mk:16:1-7

Living God's Word



We pray to experience the compassionate love of Jesus and to be able to respond to it with all our heart and mind and soul. We ask that his spirit enter us in such a way that we will be able to pray each day as he prayed with his final breath: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

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into the
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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

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 we are willing to forego in order to share Christ's glory? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's Word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This Word gets him into trouble. But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God, who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the Word God gives him, even in the face of resistance. Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's Word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God. The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Merciful Messiah

Almighty God,
look with mercy on your people,
and grant us forgiveness.
Increase our faith
as we honor Jesus, our messiah,
who brings us to new life in you.

May we praise you with our whole heart,
following the humble example of your Son.
Take away our sinfulness
and lead us to the joy of your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 10, 2022

True Love



Today's readings: Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56. In the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the tenor of the readings begins with joyous acclaims of hosanna to later change to horrifying calls for Jesus' death. On this Sunday, the Gospel reading of the procession portrays crowds regarding Jesus as a king, but in the Gospel during the Liturgy of the Word, our Lord is mocked.

No matter how the people treated Jesus, he was true to himself and the mission God gave him. As St. Paul tells us in the Letter to the Philippians, "he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death." When Jesus was

about to be arrested, he healed the high priest's servant and called on his disciples to refrain from violence. And when asked if he is the Christ, Jesus only responded by saying, "You say so."

In his passion, Jesus teaches us that no matter the circumstance, we are to remain true to the person God has created us to be. Through such authentic living, we carry our cross, turn from our old way of living, and allow our heart to be open to God. Luke's account of the Gospel records that all of Jesus' "acquaintances stood at a distance." As we observe his passion and death today, we can stand by his cross, acclaiming in our hearts, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 11 Servant to All

Our first reading is a part of the servant songs in the Book of Isaiah. These are also known as the songs of the suffering servant; the others are found in Isaiah 49, 50, and 52–53. The prophecies within these songs point to Jesus, who brought justice and peace to all people and yet endured great suffering for us. Give thanks to Jesus today by serving another without counting to cost to you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

Tuesday, April 12 Chrism Mass

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the Chrism Mass, at which the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick are blessed, and the sacred chrism is consecrated for use that year. Pray for all priests, who serve the people of God in parishes and diocese around the world through the administration of the sacraments and in countless other ways. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, April 13 Betrayals

Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and later regretted his actions. Jesus knew that a close friend would turn him over to the authorities. All of us have made unkind comments or poor choices that have betrayed, hurt, or defamed another person. Take quiet prayer time today to pray for those you have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive yourself for what you said or did, and for his grace of unending mercy. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

Thursday, April 14 Servant Leadership

During the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Church celebrates Jesus' gift of the Eucharist but also the Lord's modeling of servant leadership. During the Passover meal, Jesus, "fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power," bent to wash the feet of his disciples. Enter into the Sacred Paschal Triduum tonight by participating at Mass in your parish. *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.*

Friday, April 15 All for You

Jesus died on the cross to raise us to new life in the Spirit. As Christians, we are called to commend our spirit to God, and fully surrender our lives to him. Pray with a sincere heart today, remembering all that Jesus has done for you. *Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42.*

Saturday, April 16 Most Holy Night

At the Easter Vigil, the high point of the liturgical year, those who have been preparing for the initiation sacraments received baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. Pray with and welcome these new members of the Church. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15–15:1; Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Luke 24:1–12.*

