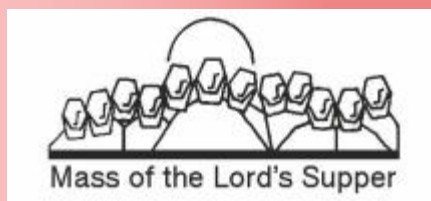


Holy Week

St. Matthew Church

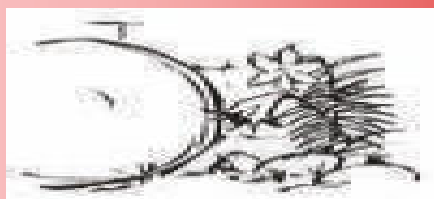
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	7:00 p.m.	Communal Penance Service
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
HOLY THURSDAY.....	11:00 a.m.	Chrism Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (until 10:30 p.m.)



GOOD FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	1:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:30 p.m.	Acolyte Rehearsal
		Lector Rehearsal



HOLY SATURDAY.....	9:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
		Easter Food Blessing (at conclusion of Vigil Mass)



EASTER SUNDAY.....	10:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
		Easter Food Blessing (following Easter Mass)



Holy Week 2021 ~ March 28th to April 4th

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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ESSENTIAL IN THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE:
THEY ARE THE WAY
TO HOLINESS.”

Pope Francis

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Holy Week

A Story of Hope from El Salvador ~ Edwin Carlos is a 17-year old living in El Salvador, eager to support his parents and two little brothers. After his teacher told him how new techniques and technology were changing the way agriculture was being done, Edwin Carlos decided to join a group of 220 students who are learning it is possible to farm while restoring the environment.

Living in a country that has lost 75% of its fertile land to deforestation and other agricultural practices, Edwin Carlos recognizes the responsibility he has. “He who knows has an obligation to act,” he says. Like him, nearly 1,200 families in El Salvador started home vegetable gardens during the COVID-19 pandemic, growing nutritious foods like onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash. They can eat what they harvest or sell the produce for additional income.

Young people want to build a better future for themselves and their communities—and thanks to programs like CRS’ *Raices Ahuachapán*, they’re doing it.

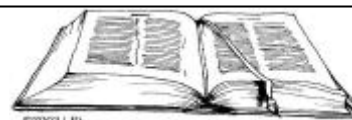


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That’s why it’s so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God’s beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn’t seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the “more” we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God’s vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don’t like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus’ journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven’t we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

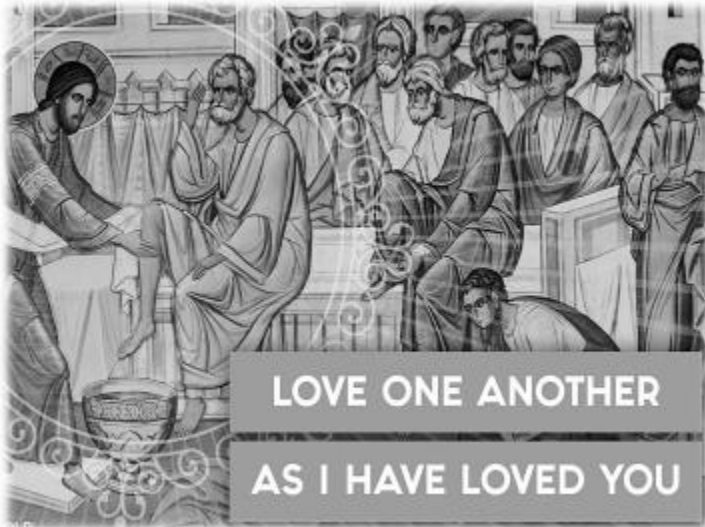
The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, March 27, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, March 28, 10 am, respectively - Please Remember to Bring your Rice Bowls

Monday, March 29, 7 pm - Lenten Parish Communal Reconciliation

Holy Week Schedule Listed on Front Page of the Bulletin



ARE YOU HERE?

Later this Holy Week, at the Good Friday service, many of us will join in singing the haunting African-American hymn "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" We know from Scripture that only the Blessed Mother, the Beloved Disciple John, and a few others had the temerity to be there. From a distance, then, we mournfully meditate on the Lord's cross, the nails that pierced his hands and feet, and the sword thrust into his side.

On Palm Sunday, however, we're there too. We can't get out of it. We read the Passion of the Lord as if we were the actors in a play. We shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" with the angry mob. We throw our allegiance behind the rebel dissenter Barabbas instead of the Prince of Peace. Three times we goad Peter the Rock, and he runs away in denial instead of affirming Jesus as the Son of God like the Roman soldier does. We taunt the Lord to come down from the cross instead of realizing that he's there solely for us and for our sins. And, like in any play, the curtain does indeed come down. But it's not the end; it's only the intermission.

Most merciful Father, help me to be present to your Son this week.

*Help me not to forget my line:
"Truly, this man was the Son of God!"*



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



How the CSA works: witnessing Christ in our parishes - St. Gabriel parishioners respond generously to the Catholic Services Appeal each year because they know the importance of returning the blessings God has given them, according to Father Marc Gawronski, pastor.

"We're not a rich parish, by any means — we're a parish of people who live paycheck-to-paycheck and who have jobs that pay by the hour without any insurance," Father Gawronski said. "Our folks live with lots of daily challenges, but they're still very grateful to God, and they're still very generous when it comes to CSA."

The predominately Hispanic parishioners in southwest Detroit see the benefits of the annual appeal, such as in the younger priests who minister to them in Spanish and in the opportunity to earn certification in lay ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. St. Gabriel's vibrant faith formation program has flourished, in part because of the formation and support parish catechists receive — in Spanish — from the Archdiocese. As a result of the growth in religious education students, two confirmation celebrations were needed in order to accommodate all of the children and their families in the church.

St. Gabriel identifies a project each year to fund with gifts collected over the parish's CSA target, as they are returned 100 percent free of the archdiocesan assessment. This year's project: to restore a bell for the church's bell tower.

"In any town in Mexico or Latin America, whenever there's Mass, a bell rings to evangelize people, to remind people that it's time to come to gather to pray," Father Gawronski said. "It's a sound that people long to hear, so, we're looking forward to restoring that bell with the help of the generosity of our parishioners through the CSA."

PALM SUNDAY



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Joe Petrylka
Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Betty Leone
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Linda Holster
Bing Ocampo
Kathy Bush
Mary Zainea
Sue Allasio

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Vigil: Palm Sunday, March 27, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell (N)

Julie Smith (C)

Liz Foley-Dunstone (V)

Ian Campbell, Th
Lauren Smith, B/+

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Smith (N)

William Zuerblis (C)

Bryan Jones (V)

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Cory Fullilove, B/+

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

David Smydra (1st)

Bill Ridella (2nd)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell, Th
Julia Zuerblis, B/+
Cory Fullilove, C

Good Friday, April 2, 2021, Stations of the Cross, Noon

Sr. Marie Cyril, Presider

Gerianne LaPratt, +
Dan McBride, C
Jerry Mielke, C

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 1:30 p.m.

Julie Smith (N)

Dan McBride (C)

Julie Smith (V)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell
Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021, 9:00 p.m.

David Smydra (*Genesis*)

Bryan Jones (*Exodus*)

Liz Smith (*Genesis*)

Julia Smith (*Isaiah*)

William Zuerblis (*Genesis/Exodus*)

Liz Foley-Dunstone (*Exodus*)

Bryan Jones (*Ezekiel*)

David Smydra (*Epistle*)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell, Th
Mary E. Dunstone, B/+
Lauren Smith, C

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Bill Ridella

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Cory Fullilove, B/+
Lauren Gross, C

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 27 - Vigil: Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, William Walker IV, Renee LaPratt
Jaczkowski, For an Increase in Vocations to the
Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, March 29 -

Tuesday, March 30 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, March 31 -

9:00 a.m. - For Military Families

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, all Bishops and
Priests

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Noon - Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3 - Vigil: Easter Sunday

9:00 p.m. - Dick Pint

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Chuck Schuster, Dan Lusch (2nd
Anniv), Rose and George Godoshian, John
Camazzola, Grace Chinnici

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