

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.....	10:00 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 <i>(until 10:30 p.m.)</i>



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 <i>(at conclusion of Vigil Mass)</i>



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



Holy Week 2022 ~ April 10th to April 17th

Readings for the Week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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

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

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

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:*
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/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, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/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/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

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 Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cover back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, April 9, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, April 10, 10 am Masses - Please Remember to Bring your Rice Bowls

Monday, April 11, 7:00 pm - Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 pm - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Church Auditorium



From Father Duane's Desk

As we begin to celebrate the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection this Holy Week, I want to invite and encourage your full participation in the Sacred Triduum; the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter

Vigil/Easter Sunday.

These days for us take the Pascal Mystery, the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, what we celebrate every Sunday at Mass and spread it out over three days.

It is so important for us as Catholic Christians to participate in these days. I know schedules have to be adjusted, time set aside, but this is the core of our faith and our religion. These days should feel different because they are. To enter deeply into the death/resurrection is to spend time out of time and to allow the liturgies to wash over you and deepen your belief in Christ Jesus. It is a way to encounter the risen Lord truly at a mystical level when approached with a proper attitude.

So, I encourage you to attend all three days to experience the fullness of the Pascal Mystery. Indeed it is time well spent.

Another thought I have been reflecting on this week is the beautiful blessing we were able to share with one of our parishioners, Lieselotte Auth, who celebrated her 100th birthday this past Monday. As is my custom, I gift anyone turning 100 years old in the parish a dozen roses and a birthday blessing. Lieselotte who was in attendance on Sunday looked absolutely wonderful, and God has certainly blessed her with good health, and I'm sure she will be with us for awhile.

It reminded me that in my 33 years here at St. Matthew's Lieselotte was the fifth centenarian I was able to give roses to. Unfortunately, I do not remember the name of the first woman to receive them, but I do remember giving them to her. Then there was Mr. Jim Bingham, a long-time parishioner and usher; Anne Laige, mother-in-law of our maintenance man, Ed Comiskey; Margaret Repp, grandmother to our parishioner, Linda Holster, who I anointed before she passed; and, of course, this past week, Lieselotte Auth, a parishioner; making a total of five.

God has certainly been good to these people, blessing them with long life. But, the length of our years is not as important as the way we fill those years, and what we do with the time God gives us. So take courage and inspiration from these centenarians and fill your years with the grace and goodness of God.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence.

Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees.

Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World. Amen.

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK!

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists; I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, everyday I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in my garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

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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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Vigil: Palm Sunday, April 9, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Smith (N)
Bryan Jones (V)

Bruce Campbell, Th
Jeff Smith, B/+

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis (N)
Julie Smith (V)

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Lauren Smith, B/+
Lauren Gross, C

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

David Smydra

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Bruce Campbell, B/+
Bill Ridella, C
Jerry Mielke, C

Good Friday, April 15, 2022, 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.

Liz Foley-Dunstone (N)
Dan McBride (V)

Bruce Campbell
Jerry Mielke
Julia Zuerblis

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16, 2022, 9:00 p.m.

David Smydra (*Genesis*)
Bryan Jones (*Exodus*)
Liz Smith (*Genesis*)
Liz Foley-Dunstone (*Isaiah*)
William Zuerblis (*Genesis/Exodus*)
Liz Foley-Dunstone (*Exodus*)
Bryan Jones (*Ezekiel*)
David Smydra (*Epistle*)

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

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Bill Ridella

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Ian Campbell, B/+
Lauren Gross, C

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 9 - Vigil: Palm Sunday

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

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Marcella Adams, Gaspare Stellino, Sally Walker
McIntosh, Madeline Neil (90th Birthday)

Monday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, April 12 -

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

Wednesday, April 13 - St. Martin, Pope and Martyr

9:00 a.m. - The Thomson Family

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday

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

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

Noon - Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday, April 16 - Vigil: Easter Sunday

9:00 p.m. - Clarence and Mary Merlo, Richard and Shirley Goll,
Gaspare and Ponina Stellino, Raymond and
Sylvia Novelly

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Babiasz Family, Kyle Mullen, William S. Walker IV,
Bobby Hanshaw, Daniel Lusch (3rd Anniv),
Richard Gargulinski (2nd Anniv), George and
Rose Godoshian, John Camazzola

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