



# April 2, 2023

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### FROM OUR PASTOR

Our journey of understanding the sacrifice of the Mass comes to a conclusion as we enter Holy Week. This week we experience Jesus' sacrifice for us on the Cross hopefully with more insight having taken a deeper look into the Mass with the help of the article, "Sacrifice: Path to Communion" from the Catechetical Review (October-December 2022) edition. The author is Andre Villeneuve the Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan.

"Death seems to be the limit of love on earth and the ultimate enemy of love. In marriage, the earthly love between spouses apparently comes to an end when one of them dies. Yet, love can also die while both spouses are still alive. When human love is not sustained by sacrifice, it runs the risk of weakening, waning and dying. If love fizzles out while the spouses are still alive, death has essentially won over love. On the other hand, love that prevails 'till death do us part' manifests the very victory of love over death. When spouses withstand all trials until the end of earthly life, when death is the only thing able to separate them, then death is defeated by its own apparent victory. Love has prevailed—indeed, love 'strong as death' (Cant 8:6). This is the love of Christ for the Church that he demonstrated by his sacrificial death, bearing all suffering until the bitter end. Precisely for this reason, nothing—not even death—can separate the Church from her divine Bridegroom (Rom 8:37-39). As Fishbane explains: 'Self-sacrifice thus stands in the center of world-restorative actions, actually replacing the ancient Temple as the site of ritual at-one-ment.'

Every Christian is called to imitate Christ in his self-sacrificial love. Obviously, this is easier said than done. For it requires '[putting] to death what is earthly in [us]' (Col3:5) by a long and arduous process of 'practicing death' in self-denial, self-mortification, and kenosis (self-emptying). This is only possible if we do it not only in imitation of Christ (Phil 2:3-8) but also in union with him insofar as Christ lives in us (Gal 2:20).

Christ lives most fully in us through the Eucharist. Indeed, 'In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering and so acquire a new value' (CCC 1368).

Through union with Christ in the Eucharist and in imitation of his sacrifice, the Christian life embodies the ancient Temple offerings. Having received the forgiveness of sins and restored communion with God, the faithful can in turn offer their bodies as 'living [sacrifices], holy and pleasing to God' in a 'spiritual act of worship'. (Rm 12:1)."

So there in the last line is what we do at Mass, we offer worship. But as we have seen the last number of weeks, there is a lot that God has done so we can worship Him and enter into the life that He offers to us as Children of God. As we have seen this is a beautiful journey the Lord takes us on; from turning away from sin to being united to Him and with His grace grow in intimacy with Him. We know that God loves us, this reflection has opened us to how we are called to love God and having done that we are ready to love our neighbor. That is the goal of the Lenten season. I pray that we have achieved and daily strive to do both with the help that God gives us. May we be ready to enter the Holy Triduum with a renewed sense of how God has loved us to a sacrificial death that brings us to a very real eternal life with Him in Heaven .

*Father John*

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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays ~ 5 PM  
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM  
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 4:00 PM  
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

**Mass Intentions for the week of April 2, 2023**

Sat. Apr. 1	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 2	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joan Kobylski</i>
Tues. Apr. 4	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>
Wed. Apr. 5	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Ernie &amp; Audrey Schmocker</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>George &amp; Mary Sauer</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
Thu. Apr. 6	7:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Art Vinopal</i>
Fri. Apr. 7	1:30 AM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sat. Apr. 8	8:30 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ernie Schmocker</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Bev Jurkowski, Sidney G. Mead Jr., and Mary Mead.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandowski and Ethan Jasinski.

**April Anniversaries**

11 years	April 14	Keith & Amanda O'Connor
18 years	April 19	Troy & Jolene Anderson
27 years	April 2	Fred & Lisa Rollins
27 years	April 14	Tim & Jane Hill
27 years	April 20	Howard & Gina Boppart
29 years	April 30	Roger & Leah Herried
32 years	April 20	Ron & Carla Brunner
42 years	April 11	Randy & Shari Sarazin
43 years	April 26	Rob & Sandi Brandli
57 years	April 16	Tom & Fran Watry
60 years	April 20	Marv & Jan Mullenberg
62 years	April 21	Frank & Donna Bollig

*Happy Anniversary!!*

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 25th & 26th**  
**(498 Registered Families)**

<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	NO
On-Line Giving		REPORT
Children's Envelopes	9.61	AVAILABLE
Loose Offering	385.00	
<b>Total Weekly Offering: \$ 9,048.46</b>		<b>\$</b>
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 352,889.94
Year-to-date amount contributed (3/13/23)		\$ 317,503.65

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

\*\* Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

**Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday	April 4	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	April 5		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	April 6	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH

**Eucharistic Revival:**

**A Minute with Jesus for April 2nd**


**Jesus wants to live in our heart always**

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the power to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. All priests have received this same power. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. *"Thank you Jesus for Father John as he stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass."*

**April Birthdays**

April 7	Pat Brounacker
April 12	Nancy Schweiger
April 13	Shari Randall
April 14	Joe Schmocker
April 16	Margaret Barnes
April 18	Kathy Quinn
April 19	John Buttner
April 20	Bernice Petrowitz
April 23	Fran Schroeder

*Happy Birthday!*





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## Prose Cafe

**April 11, 2023 10 a.m.**

Grades 5—8 will recite monologues and other prose. Please join us in the school gym!

Students may bring ONE blanket to sit on (chairs will be provided for parents or other adults joining us)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 1st & 2nd

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie, Makenna Pouillie, David Hoffmann

Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser

Servers:

Musicians: Sharon Kelly

Greeters: Danelle Lubinski, Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,  
Tom Schoettler, Jon Field

Gift Bearer:

Scrip Seller:

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Bridget Gunther

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers:

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker

Greeters: The Becker Family

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearer: Veronica Sustar

Scrip Seller:

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Whitney, Connie Walhovd, Howard Boppart

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers:

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik

Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Jackson Whitney

Gift Bearer:

Scrip Seller:

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 8th & 9th

### Saturday, 8:30 PM

Lectors: Lisa Pouillie, Naome Pouillie, Larry Moore

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers:

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Kevin Quist

Ushers:

Gift Bearer:

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Schanke

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca

Servers:

Musicians: Ann Benz, 8AM Children's Choir

Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Carol Gross

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearers:

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Julie Whitney

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers:

Musicians: Sharon Kelly

Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers

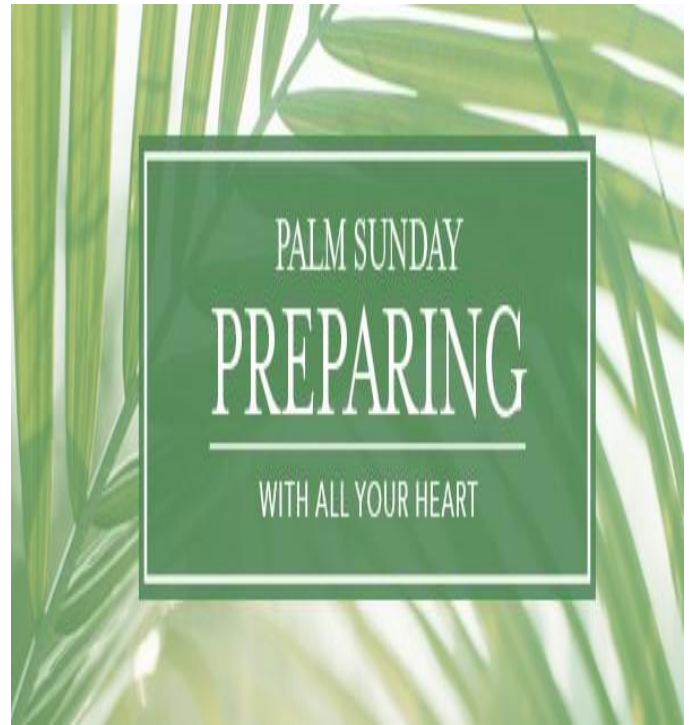
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Jackson Whitney

Gift Bearers:

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION—APRIL 7:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)



## *Alleluia! He is Risen!*

**Holy Thursday**—Mass on Thursday, April 6—7 PM

**Good Friday**—Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 7—1 PM  
Good Friday Service—1:30 PM

**Holy Saturday**—Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8—8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday**—Masses on Sunday, April 9—8 AM & 10 AM

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - Masses on Saturday, April 15— 5 PM  
and Sunday, April 16— 8 AM and 10 AM

Adoration and Confessions will follow the 10 AM Mass.  
The Chaplet will be prayed at 11:45  
followed by 12 noon Benediction.

## **Chrism Mass, April 4 @ 10:30 AM**

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

## **Prayer Opportunities**

**Hour of Mercy:** Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

**Holy Hour:** Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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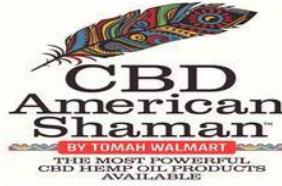
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