

April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR

Holy Week without people!!

Perhaps you saw the Holy Father's prayer service last Friday with the plenary indulgence offered after adoration and prayer. Seeing him go out to bless the world and no one was in the plaza was stunning. The sense of silence did not lead to a sense of peace. It was eerie. Nonetheless the blessing was powerful and a way for God to touch the whole world.

Jesus in a most special way can touch the world as He was born into the world. The Incarnation changes everything. Holy Week calls us to a deeper understanding of that simple event in Bethlehem so that we can more fully understand the event that happened on Mt. Calvary. It was a very human body that was nailed to the cross. Yet Jesus is truly God. He did all that for each and evervone of us.

We are also a sacramental people. Things have value to us, meaning that lifts up our hearts and minds beyond this world. Thus we have the blessing of palms this Sunday. These blessed palms are kept in our houses all year long. Do we realize the power/value that they have?

Sacramental too are the crucifixes that we have in our homes. Do we look at them as only decorations that hang on the wall? To help us look again I offer you part of Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P. "Veneration of a Crucifix" reflection.

--"Beloved Jesus Crucified, I offer you my heart. I am sorry that it is broken.

It is the result, not of a soldier's lance, like yours, but of my neglect of it---not taking seriously my need for happiness, for true hap-

. I ignored my heart by selfishness,

My vanity,

My resistance,

My "knowing better,"

My arrogance,

My fear,

My doubt,

My distraction,

My egoism.

My presumption,

My fascination with the ephemeral--pleasures that could never satisfy.

....may I see the love that moved you to sacrifice everything for me. For my heart is made for you alone."

As we read the Passion this week, may we look again at a crucifix and know it as a sign of Love. Make that love for us real and incarnate in our world gripped by fear and division by your actions towards others. The Cross is a powerful image. But the Cross does not win, Love rises from the dead!!

Father John

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Our church will be open everyday 8:00 AM—6:00 PM for individuals who wish to spend time in prayer. Please be respectful of each other, maintain a safe distance and remember the limit of 10 people.

WEEKEND MASSES

Cancelled

WEEKDAY MASSES

Cancelled

DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

As advertised

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Cancelled

Blessed Palms will be available in the gathering area after noon on Sunday, April 5th. You make stop any time the church is open and pick some up during Holy Week.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Cemetery Clean Up will take place in early May. Please removed any items that you wish to save by May 1st. You will be able to replace your items before Mothers' Day.

Formed ~ Looking for good Catholic movies to share with your family while you're at home? Try FORMED! There are 1000's of movies and audio recordings available for your whole family.

This week's PICK OF THE WEEK ~ Symbolon: The Paschal Mystery ~ Do we understand what the "Paschal Mystery" means in the greater story of Salvation, from the Passover in Egypt to the Last Supper and Crucifixion of Jesus?

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

HOLY WEEK MASSES

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral will be Live Streaming Holy Week Masses. Bishop Callahan will be celebrating all Masses. You may follow them by going to: diolc.org/live

Live Palm Sunday (April 5) – 9:30 a.m. Live Holy Thursday (April 9) – 5:00 p.m. Live Good Friday (April 10) – Noon Live Holy Saturday (April 11) – 7:00 p.m. Live Easter Sunday (April 12) – 9:30 a.m.

Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral Mass in English – 8 a.m.

Mass in Spanish – 8:30 a.m.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart

and unite myself to You completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from You.

Amen.

SCRIP IS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY. WE ARE AT THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 5, 2020

Sat. Apr. 4 For our Parishioners

Sun. Apr. 5 For the repose of the soul of John Kueppers

Mon. Apr. 6 For the repose of the soul of Leo Hamm

Tue. Apr. 7 For Jim and Deb Bires

Wed. Apr. 8 For the repose of the souls of Rose & Laverne Schaller

Thu. Apr. 9 For the repose of the soul of Shirley Craine

Fri. Apr. 10 NO MASS

Sat. Apr. 11 For our Parishioners

Sun. Apr. 12 For the repose of the soul of *Andy Petrowitz*

Many people are understandably experiencing uncertainty and anxiety due to the spread of COVID-19. The severity of the situation has forced our leaders to make significant changes in our daily lives including suspending publicly celebrated Masses. Recognizing these changes likely leave us even more in need of God's grace, The USCCB and other Catholic partners have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. A sense of community is of the upmost importance. We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our Faith during this time of social distancing. Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus can be found at: catholiccurrent.org/covid19

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

All of us have been facing an abrupt change of lifestyle due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This unprecedented situation has caused a tremendous amount of anxiety. Of course we must take care of ourselves, our families and others we are called to serve with proper food, hydration and sleep. In addition, and just as important, we need to turn to God in prayer. To download a simple Prayer Card for parents and children, go to diolc.org/prayer. For individuals or empty nesters, go to diolc.org/deeper.

All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via https://diolc.org/tvmass, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

If you are in need of sacramental assistance during this time, please contact the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

Free Online Couple Retreat: Together with your spouse, watch these 4 short videos about the virtues that help us keep sanity in our life: Prudence, Justice, Courage, and Temperance. These habits help you mature as persons, grow in holiness, and strengthen your marriage. To access this free program, click this link. the-virtues.net/online-free-program/

Excellent Catholic Magazine Available Online: The Catechetical Review is granting free online access to anyone until April 30th . The theme of this Spring's issue is "Rediscovering Meaningful Leisure." This issue was planned a year ago, but how fitting for these difficult times when we are forced to stay at home. Leisure is not about "playtime." Many of us are taking "spiritual inventory," reprioritizing our lives, and realizing just how much of our regular "busy-ness" we can do without. To access this magazine, follow this link: https://review.catechetics.com/62

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: We are in an election year, making it that much more important to form our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and principles. For resources on this topic, visit wisconsincatholic.org/faithful-citizenship. Don't forget to vote next Tuesday!



Readings for the Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 5): Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Holy Thursday (April 9): Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1—15

Good Friday (April 10): Isaiah 52:13-53:12;

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday (April 11): Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:1-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (bolded readings will be the readings used at St. Patrick's on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday (April 12): Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on weekends. Parents may request baptism for their child by calling the rectory to schedule a preparation class for Baptism.

Marriage: Couples requesting marriage in the Church should contact the parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Individuals who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion should contact the rectory.

New Parish Members: All adult Catholics (who have turned 18) should be registered in a parish community. To register, please contact the rectory for this easy process.

Christian Initiation of Adults: We welcome those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please call the rectory for information on our welcoming ministry.

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