



Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Regular Liturgy Schedule with Palm available at the end of Mass.

Palm will also be available on Palm Sunday afternoon from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in front of Entranceway to Conlan Hall.

***Reservations will be required for all Triduum and Easter Masses.**

***Doors will open 30 minutes before Triduum Services.**

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m.

(In person and Virtual)

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Private Prayer ending at 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Passion of the Lord

Noon (In person and Virtual)

Church will be open for private prayer from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. (In person and Virtual)

(Reservations not required)

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. (In person only)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:00 a.m. St. Ignatius Church

8:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church **(In person and Virtual)**

10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church

12:30 p.m. St. Ignatius Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The last opportunity for Confession before Easter is Monday, March 29th from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 3rd.

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish:

“The Easter bells ring... we proclaim “The Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!”

We now enter Holy Week preparing to celebrate Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. The Light of Christ will be proclaimed as we rejoice in the reality of God’s deliverance and the blessings of salvation at our Easter Vigil! We will ring the bells and sing Alleluia – Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

The events of the next few days invite us to share in the Lord’s passion and death, and finally in his glorious resurrection. Why are these days so meaningful? Only because they call us to remember and celebrate his promise of eternal life for all of us!

Let us, like Mary and the apostles, rejoice in the thought that Jesus is alive, raised in glory, and victorious over sin and death!

The last year has been truly an unprecedented time as we have experienced what seems to be an endless challenge for our community, our nation, and our world. Our families and so many throughout the world have experienced hardships created by the global pandemic – COVID-19. We have had to adjust to a different way of living in all aspects of our daily lives – church, work, school, community, activities, events, etc... all either cancelled or adapted to provide for the health and safety of all of us. We will celebrate Easter, but not all at one time or in one space as we have in the past. Please God, with the distribution of vaccines, we have new hope for an end to this deadly pandemic, and one day soon we will hear one another sing, “Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!”

As I myself reflect on the goodness of the Lord and the faith that is ours, I want to express to you my deepest gratitude for the constant expressions of your own faith-filled lives. You continue to encourage me in my role as priest and pastor. And, I am grateful and edified by your examples of support and service to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish especially throughout these past months. It is my hope that we continue to be for each other examples of Christ’s love and compassion. Our parish is blessed daily by your overwhelming generosity especially for your commitment to serve those in need and I am most appreciative of your prayers for our parish. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and our community to be living examples of our Risen Lord.

It is a privilege for me to express my gratitude to the faithful priests who serve our parish. I am most grateful to Father Joseph Mosley, our Parochial Vicar, who ministers in so many ways to our parish community. My appreciation is also extended to Father Andrew Sinnott, Father Dan Issing, CSC, Father Robert Sickler, and Father James Alco who assist us in the celebration of the Eucharist. These priests are genuine examples of dedication; I value their priesthood and their presence among us. Please pray for them, for me, and all priests, that we may remain steadfast in our priesthood and ever faithful to the Church.

So, my friends, as the Easter bells ring, and as we listen to the proclamation that Jesus is alive and among us, let us share the peace and joy of his victory...let us reflect on the words of St. Augustine: “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us!” May we live as true disciples for one another and our world! This is my hope and prayer for all of us!

May the blessings of the ***Risen Lord Jesus*** be with you today, tomorrow, and always!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

David L. Tressler

Monsignor David L. Tressler
Pastor



LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us throughout this season of Lent to open our hearts and minds to follow you more faithfully. We know that you died for us when we were still sinners, and we know we are sinners still. But you have given us a longing to be the people you want us to be: faithful, hope-filled, and loving. Help us to make the most of these 40 days marked by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving so that we might draw near to you and give you greater glory.
Amen.

Reflection on the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:9

In today’s Liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! “Hosanna!” they cried out. “Hosanna in the Highest!” Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement. But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today’s readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And with that, “Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.” At that moment, the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ’s death.

How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death?

The deepest answer to this question is one that we may not expect. The answer is that the Father willed it. The Father willed, by His permissive will, that so many would turn on Him, abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified. This is so very important to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn’t. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn’t do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father’s perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 Office Closes at Noon
Good Friday, April 2, 2021 Office is Closed
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 Office is Closed
Easter Monday, April 5, 2021 Office is Closed

DAILY MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 5th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 5th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Masses on that day and also the office will be closed due to the Easter Holiday.**

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS-EASTER MEDITATIONS

The Little White Books are available on the table at the entrance of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy. We would ask that you not return it to the table due to health precautions.

Prayers for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday

Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always. Amen.

Holy Thursday

Faithful God, Jesus gave us the gift of his own
Body and Blood that we might have food to
sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus
Christ, let us become eucharist for one another. May our lives be blessed, broken and
given that your people may live. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our living Bread.
Amen.

Good Friday

Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through
the mystery of your death and resurrection.
Make us one in you. Transform us into people
of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this, as
a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Saving God, all creation waits with groaning
and longing for the salvation promised to our
ancestors and revealed in the resurrection
of your Son, Jesus. Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power
when all will be reconciled to you in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope, O God. We wait in
the company of all the angels and saints of heaven. Through their intercession may we
have the power to say: Holy,
Holy, Holy is our God. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your
death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of
the earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people we ask this day for the
power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of
Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen

Mass Intentions Week of March 29th – April 3rd

Monday
7:30 AM – Francis Leeson <i>Peggy & Family</i>
12:10 PM – Richard E Kane, Jr. & Diane Kane <i>Mother & Daughters</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Madalyn Falchek <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Josephine Sabalesky <i>Children & Grandchildren</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Nancy Deutsch <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – William Mikelski <i>Cindy Koziel</i>
Holy Thursday
7:00 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
12:00 PM – Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil – Easter Mass Intentions
Easter Sunday
7:00 AM – Easter Mass Intentions
8:30 AM – Easter Mass Intentions
10:30 AM – Easter Mass Intentions
12:30 PM – Easter Mass Intentions

Church Candle for the Week of March 29th

In Memory of Nancy Deutsch – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of March 29th

In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$9,859.50

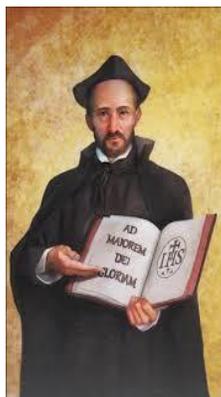
E-Offerings
\$1,571.00

Total
\$11,430.50

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,950.00**

Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, and I continue to be most grateful for your generosity and support during these challenging days. Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped in mailbox on front of rectory porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will be celebrated the Week of March 29, 2021 on the following days and times:

Monday, March 29th 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30th 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31st 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Please note there will be no daily Masses celebrated on Thursday, April 1st, Friday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 3rd. Please refer to front page of this update for Triduum Liturgical Schedule.

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS - 1:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday

The traditional blessing of Easter Baskets will be done differently this year. Any parishioner wishing to participate in the Blessing of their family's Easter Basket is asked to gather in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. Please **remain in your cars**, the priest/deacon will come to each individual car to bless baskets.

HOSPITALS, LONG TERM FACILITIES, AND HOME VISITATION

All visitations to homes and hospitals remain limited based upon restrictions of individual health care facilities protocols. CDC guidelines must be followed.



HOLY WEEK 2021 RESERVATION PROCESS

Please note that **reservations are required** for all Triduum services and Easter Sunday Liturgies. Parishioners are invited to make a reservation for **one** Triduum Service (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday) and **one** Mass on Easter Sunday. Parishioners desiring to attend an additional service during the Triduum can go on a waiting list for other services. If there are openings you will be notified by rectory staff of the opportunity to attend an additional Triduum Liturgy.

Reservations will be accepted beginning:

Monday, March 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Please note that reservations close on Wednesday, March 31st at 3 p.m.

Capacity will be 80 people in Church and 50 people in Conlan Hall. It is important to note that parishioners may be required to participate in a Triduum or Easter Service by viewing the service live in Conlan Hall on our new large screen television. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will distribute the Eucharist at the appropriate time in Conlan Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with our reservation system. First, and foremost in our minds is to keep everyone safe and healthy; as well as having an opportunity to participate in our Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgical Celebrations.

PROTOCOLS FOR DAILY AND WEEKEND LITURGIES

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued cooperation and support of the health and safety protocols which remain in effect as we gather and pray as a faith community.

Please continue to follow the guidelines listed below for the wellbeing of our entire community.

- Face masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face masks must cover the **nose and mouth** at all times while in the church and during the celebration of Mass.
- Church doors will open **20 minutes before** Mass begins. Doors will close when Mass begins. Please be punctual. Thank you.
- Entrance to Church will be through the center doors of the Church.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with the touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Please follow the directions of the greeters for seating. All are asked when taking their seats to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closest to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. This process is necessary since some masses are nearly at capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. This process enables us to allow as many people as possible to attend mass.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes are located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle for your donations.
- Holy communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and **all must exit the Church after receiving via the side doors on the porch.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive holy communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line in order for the priest to follow the appropriate protocols for sanitizing his hands.**
- **The Church is sanitized after each liturgy including the restroom and elevator.**
- Confessions will be held on Saturdays at 12:00 noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.

These guidelines are in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and are in place to provide a safe and healthy environment for us to worship together. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all of us. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended.

Thank you again and God Bless You.