

THE EASTER TRIDUUM: Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy

As we have journeyed as a parish through **Lent**, we have heard and responded to Jesus' message of mercy. On Ash Wednesday, we embraced the Lenten disciplines of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. This **Tuesday, April 11**, there will be a **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** led by Robert Assaly at 7:30 p.m.

This week, we enter into the heart of the liturgical year: the **Paschal Triduum**, a single symphony in four distinct movements, from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. **Holy Thursday** evening, we celebrate the self-gift of Christ. We imitate Jesus' gesture of humble, foot-washing service; "in memory of Him", we celebrate the Eucharist, sharing the bread and wine which become his Body and Blood, keeping vigil with him in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On **Good Friday**, we reflect on Christ's Passion and Death: venerating the Cross in the solemn afternoon liturgy, re-enacting the Way of his Cross in the evening service led by the youth of our parish. Saturday is spent in the tomb with Jesus – in prayer and fasting, in anticipation of the **Easter Vigil**: the "Night of all Nights", in which the new fire is blessed, the Paschal Candle raised up to the chant of the Exsultet, and fragrant flowers fill the sanctuary to the return of the Gloria and Alleluia chants. Along with our RCIA candidates **Isabella and Michael**, we will renew the vows of our own Baptism and Confirmation, celebrating with them the gift of the Holy Spirit and the call to the Eucharist. The joy of the Resurrection carries over onto **Easter Sunday** morning, continuing with special solemnity for a week, and through the fifty days of the Easter season, culminating with the Feast of Pentecost.

The Easter Triduum is the high point of the whole liturgical year. It is indeed the "greatest show on earth": please take part as much as you possibly can! Invite a friend or family member, especially one who does not come to church regularly, to share this special time with us. Together, let us celebrate Jesus, our Crucified and Risen Lord, our source of grace and mercy. Blessed Holy Week to you all!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord's mercy in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This **Tuesday, April 11**, there will be a **Reconciliation Service** led by Robert Assaly starting at 7:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!

"HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE"

April 11	Tuesday:	Reconciliation Service	7:30 p.m.
April 13	Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 p.m.
April 14	Good Friday:	Confessions	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
		The Passion of Our Lord	3:00 p.m.
		The Way of the Cross	8:00 p.m.
April 15	Holy Saturday:	The Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m. (No 4:00 p.m. Mass)
April 16	Easter Sunday:	Morning Masses	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

SPIRIT AND TRUTH IN DAILY LIFE:

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that the day was coming when God would be worshipped "in spirit and in truth." What is the connection between "life in the Spirit" and "living in the truth"? How does authentic, Spirit-guided transformation in our life flow from embracing the truths of our faith? What might this look like in our daily life, and in the life of our community? Join **Robert Assaly** on **Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall to explore the answers to these questions, and their meaning for our life. Please register by **April 24**. **Note:** This presentation is the culmination of our 2016-17 Adult Faith Education program dedicated to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We hope you are able to join us!

VIDEO DIVINA: This year, Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies - and life - through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him on **Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view the movie **Unfinished Song**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow!

Please refer to our website and posters at the Church entrances for additional info. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or call Anna at the office.

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 8 TO 16, 2017

Saturday, April 8: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Italo & Anna Mariani and By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
Italo Falcone
Alessandro Palladini By his Wife & Family
Nick Vietri By Ken & Josee-Nadine

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday / Passion of the Lord

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti,
Emma & Colombo Salavati, Fulvio Silina.
11:00 Giacomo Fiori By wife Berardina & Family
Leonardo Ricciardi By his son Giovanni & Family

Monday, April 10: Monday of Holy Week

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Tuesday, April 11: Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 Aniello D'Addio By his wife Franca

Wednesday, April 12: Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 Emilo Ullauri By Elcira leon

Thursday, April 13: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14: THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord (1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Confessions)

8:00pm The Way of the Cross

Saturday, April 15: EASTER VIGIL

8:00pm Easter Vigil Service

Sunday, April 16: EASTER – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 Morning Easter Mass (Christ is Risen)

11:00 Morning Easter Mass (Christ is Risen)

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of March 25-26, 2017 totalled \$3,187.55. Collection for weekend April 1-2, 2017 totalled \$4,498.65 and Maintenance Collection \$223.00.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

Over the past few years, the **Holy Thursday Collection** has gone to support our Food Pantry project. There are envelopes for this collection in your envelope boxes. If you do not have a box, please place any donation you wish to make in the St. Monica's Food Pantry envelopes available around the church entrances. If it is inconvenient for you to make a contribution on Holy Thursday, you can donate to the Food Pantry any time during the Easter season. **Also, as a sign of sharing, please bring a food donation for St. Monica's Food Pantry to mass on Holy Thursday. These food donations will be brought up during the offertory procession. Thank you for your generosity!**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 2017

General Operating Fund – March 31, 2017

Budget Estimates for year 2017:	\$	369,960.00
Monthly Revenue Goal:	\$	30,830.00
March Sunday collection:	\$	17,163.90
March Online collection:	\$	1,148.47
Year to date Revenue:	\$	59,226.65
Year to date Expenses:	\$	62,490.20
Difference: Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(3,270.45)

GOOD FRIDAY

“WAY OF THE CROSS”

Join us for a traditional Stations of the Cross service as we walk in solemn reflection in Jesus' footsteps,
Friday, April 14 at 8:00 PM.

FAIR TRADE ON SALE

WEEKEND OF

APRIL 22/23, 2017

**LOONIES AND SPARE
CHANGE COLLECTED
FOR ZAMORAN**



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PALM CROSS FUNDRAISER

This weekend, April 8/9, we are having our annual Palm Cross Fundraiser in support of the Jason Fund. All donations welcome. The Jason Fund is a non-profit organization which was established in 2006 to help young adults battling cancer and promote the advancement of treatments for them.

You are invited to bring from home “BELLS” to ring during the Easter Vigil Celebration on Saturday, April 15, and also on Easter Sunday at both morning masses.

FAITH FIRST CLASSES & LITTLE GIFTS

There are no Faith First Classes or Little Gifts program during the Easter weekend of
April 15 & 16, 2017