



When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

MATTHEW 21:10–11



The Art of Dying

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends about my age had the same experience. There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us now over fifty thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance

has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death there is no life—in this life or in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week,

we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. ●

Reflect

Who has sacrificed for you? Have you "paid it forward" with gratitude?

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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A P R I L 1 & 2, 2023

CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM
www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton
[@shprinceton](https://www.instagram.com/shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos
Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 1, 4pm - ✠ **Antonio & Fannie Constantino** by Virginia Manley
Sunday, April 2, 11am - ✠ **Irma Del Valle & Juan I. Colon** by Maria Franco
Tuesday, April 4, 6pm - ✠ **Souls in Purgatory** by Maria Franco
Thursday, April 6, Noon - ✠ **Souls in Purgatory** by Maria Franco
Saturday, April 8, 4pm - ✠ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Sunday, April 9, 11am - ✠ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

Upcoming Church Events

Thu, Apr 6, 4 pm Holy Thursday
Fri, Apr 7, 3 pm Good Friday
Sat, Apr 8, 8 pm Holy Saturday
Sun, Apr 9, Easter
Tue, Apr 11, 6:45 Parish Council meeting
Thu, Apr 13, 6 pm Finance council meeting
Sun, Apr 16, 11 am Youth Sunday
Apr 17-21, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian out of town
Sat, Apr 22, St. Joseph Work Day
May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council
Sat, May 6, Confirmation Retreat

Tue, May 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council meeting
Fri, May 19, 6 - 8 pm Murder Mystery Dinner
Sun, May 20 Faith Formation Family day (after Mass)
May 22 - 23, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest Retreat

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Dear beloved parishioners:

Peace and grace to you as we celebrate Palm Sunday and enter into the Holiest Week of our church calendar. In our Palm Sunday readings, we see Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he rode on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel. Jesus is portrayed as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, which symbolizes war. This image of a servant-king who comes to save his people is a powerful reminder of Jesus' mission to redeem humanity through his sacrifice on the cross. The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Jesus' humility and obedience is emphasized, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation.

This year for Palm Sunday, we will meet in our Prayer Garden, bless the palms and process up to the church. I humbly encourage our children and their families to attend Palm Sunday Mass and lead our procession.

To arrive at the joy of Easter, we must first journey through the suffering that preceded it. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and continues through the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine and washed the feet of his disciples. I invite you to attend our Holy Thursday Mass at 4pm.

Good Friday is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It encompasses Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. We will commemorate the Passion of the Lord at 3pm on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday recollects the day which Jesus spent resting in the grave. We contemplate a world of darkness that would exist without the hope and redemption of Christ's resurrection. Our Easter Vigil will be held at 8pm.

Easter Sunday is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Our Easter celebration will be at 11am.

The events of Holy Week summons us to reflect on our own commitment to following Jesus' example of love, humility, and selflessness. We are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by considering our own response to Jesus' sacrifice and our own willingness to follow his teachings. I pray for each of you this Holy week as we accompany Jesus through his death and resurrection. God bless you!

The Prisoner Divine
In dungeon dark, in silence still,
He's kept in custody.
Abandoned to his Father's will,
He turns and looks at me.
His face all bathed in spit and sweat
And bruised from brutal blows,
His eyes with grief and tears beset,
And from his lips blood flows.
His cup is filled unto the brim
Throughout this night of pain.
No words have I to comfort him,
So simply I remain.
Ineffable his suffering,
By love the Lamb is bound
To free the sheep from wandering
And let itself be found.
Awaiting trial patiently,
Until the break of morn,
When he'll be hailed in mockery And crowned with cruel thorn,
Condemned to die upon
a tree,
For all these sins of mine. O may I not abandon Thee,
The Prisoner Divine. -Fr. Timothy J. Draper

Fr. Sebastian



Holy Thursday: Self-Sacrificing Love



NATIONAL
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THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus will draw me ever deeper into that intimate union with him through my reception of the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child... rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me believe that you will draw me ever closer to you, who have loved me from all eternity, through my reception of the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3-4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD...This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Lord, as a perpetual institution." (Exodus 12:11, 14)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

The Passover was a profound moment in salvation history: God set his people free from the bonds of slavery to Egypt, and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper was foreshadowed. Ask Jesus to help you recall the celebration of your First Holy Communion. Try to remember how it felt and what that day was like. Whether your memories are beautiful or painful, vivid or distant, ask Jesus to show you how he saw you on that day. Let him reveal to you how he has been accompanying you all the days and years since then on your pilgrimage to heaven—especially in the Eucharist.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3-4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

"Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:12-15)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Jesus makes a great demand of us this night: we are to be at the profound service of one another. Just as he has loved us, so we are to love one another—even unto death! Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to give you the courage to participate deeply in his self-sacrificial love.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect: Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Holy Thursday, offer your desire to share in the sacrificial love of Jesus.

A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the outside of the church on Saturday, April 22

We will be picking up debris, refreshing our flower gardens by planting some new flowers, placing some mulch, trimming a few bushes and trees, and taking care of anything else that needs attention

If you plan to volunteer please bring a rake, shovel, trimmers, or your favorite piece of garden equipment.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our church a beautiful place for all to worship!



Holy Week & Easter.

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses
Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 2 - 11:00 am

Holy Thursday
Thursday of the Lord's Supper at the Evening Mass
April 6 - 4:00 pm

Good Friday
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
April 7 - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Saturday, April 8- 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 9 - 11:00 AM



Sacred Heart
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Kenneth	Holtzman	2
Elisabeth	Black	6
Anthony	Bisaha	7
Angelica	Dumapit	7
Matthew	LaMothe	7
Aida	Rago	7
Avri	Coleman	8
Loren	King	8
David	Prox	8
Carly	Romano	11
Erlinda	Dumapit	12
Samantha	Gonzalez	12



Charles	Blankenship	15
Patricia	Cox	16
Smith	Lilly	19
Esther	Piconi	20
Atticus	Boggess	21
Carrie	Yurkovich	22
Jacinda	Smith	23
Becca	Carter	24
Gordon	Harman	24
Delia	Neri	28
Jameson	Douglas	29



April 19 - Victoria & Charles Blankenship

April 29 - Chastity & David Basile



Lets make **Esther Piconi's 99th birthday**, April 20, a special one by sending her birthday cards and wishes at:
Stonerise Princeton
1924 Glenwood Park Road
Princeton, WV 24739

Easter Egg Hunt



Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!
Join us as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden
throughout the prayer garden.

Sunday, 9 April 2023
AFTER MASS
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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BE WARY, MY FRIENDS

A Vegas Murder Mystery Dinner

Friday, May 19, 2023


6:00 in the evening |
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Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral
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Friday:
7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception


Saturday:
9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts
10 am - Morning Prayer Service

- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from
all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and
our lives)


5:30 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as president

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Fr. Joe Freedy

RSVP and more info: <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses/>

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Religious Education



Faith Formation:

K-2

Lesson Theme:

Jesus gave his life for us.

Word of the Week:

Holy Week

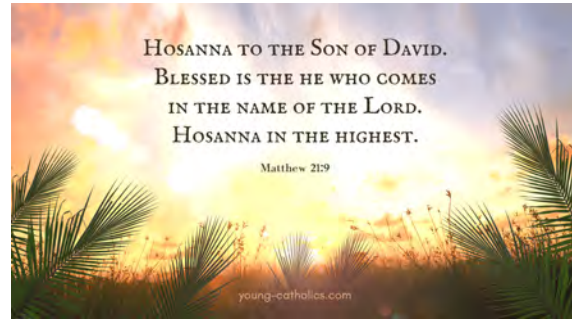
Grades: 3-6

Lesson Theme:

We celebrate Jesus' love for us.

Word of the Week:

Hosanna and Jesus



If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

John 13:14-15

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Schedule:

Faith Formation

Apr 2

Apr 9 & 16
No Class

May 7

Youth Sunday:

Apr 16

May 21

Youth Ministry:

Mar 31

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

Youth Ministry

April 9 after Mass

Join us for our annual
Easter Egg hunt.



Save the Date!

**Spring Progressive
Dinner**

April 23

More info to come.

**Faith Formation
Family Day**

May 21 after Mass

Please join us for a
lunch to end our
faith formation year.
If you would like to
volunteer to help out
contact

Eileen Kisiel at
304-464-4575

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

Thursdays at
10:15 am in the
Conference Room

Men's Group

First and Third
Thursday at 10
am in the Narthex

Book Study

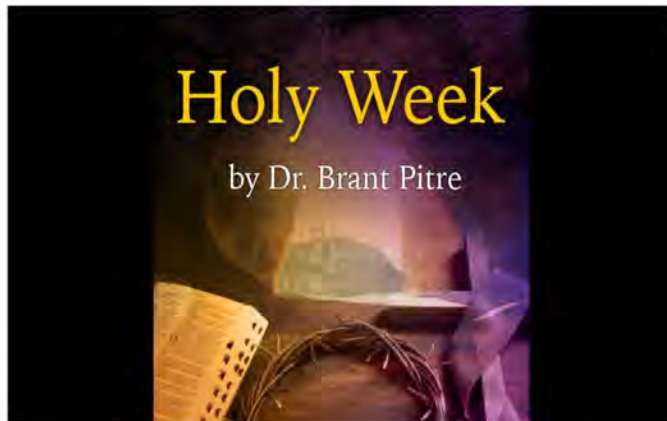
April 5, 9
May 3 (last
session) in the
Conference Room
at 6 pm



Our next RCIA
lesson will be
Sunday, **April 2 at
9:45 am.**

All are welcome to attend.
Any questions contact Laura Wyatt at
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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history.

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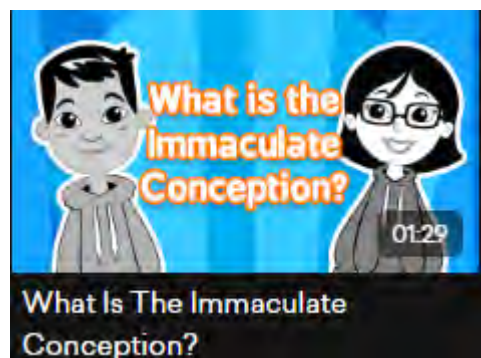


CATHOLIC ALL YEAR WITH KENDRA TIERNEY

How We Do Holy Week | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

It's Holy Week. You can do this! Even if you haven't planned or started to plan yet. Even if you've never done it before. Catholic All Year is here to help.

Short Answers to Big Questions



Questions for God - FORMED



Ep. 7 - God, Who Did Jesus Save Us?

Jesus assembled his disciples and worked many mysteries. After Jesus is crucified and resurrected, He opens the Gates of Heaven. The souls of the faithful are taken to Heaven.

**PALM SUNDAY YEAR A –
PASSION SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 2

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday) focus on the stark contrast between the crowds love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment. So these readings would lead us to reflect on Jesus' act of sacrificial love

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6

On Holy Thursday, Catholics remember the last supper of Jesus Christ with his apostles. This marks the establishment of the sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). This day also commemorates the establishment of the priesthood. The washing of the feet reminds us how Jesus instructed us to love and serve one another.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7

On Good Friday, Catholics remember the death by crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This is a solemn day of fast and abstinence. Traditionally mass is not celebrated on Good Friday. Instead a service with a reading of the passion of Jesus Christ, veneration of the cross, and distribution of communion (consecrated on Holy Thursday) is held.

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday is the day between Good Friday and Easter. It is a mix of both sorrow for the suffering of Jesus Christ and expectation of his rising. There is no "Holy Saturday" mass. A prayer service, such as morning prayer from Liturgy of the Hours, may be offered.

EASTER

Sunday, April 9

Easter is the most significant celebration in the church year. Catholics celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Easter is actually an octave, lasting eight days. Easter tells us that death does not have the final word and that God never abandons us.

Weekly Offering



Fifth Sunday of Lent
Music for
April 1 & 2, 2023

Mass of Remembrance
Mass Readings on pg. 223
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G498
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Responsorial Psalm: G33
My God, My God

Presentation of Gifts: G512
"O Sacred Head Surrounded"

Communion: G475
"Tree of Life"

Closing Hymn: G510
"Jesus, Remember Me"

	weekend Mar 25-26	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,226.00	45,869.16	40,000.00
Loose Offertory	103.00	1,246.40	1,100.00
Easter Flowers	50.00	1,071.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 48,186.56	\$ 42,100.00
Kroger Fund Raisers	233.35	487.78	0.00
Tender Mercies	40.00	605.00	750.00
Priest Retirement	100.00	930.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	4pm: 52	11am: 135	

Second Collection - April 7
Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
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Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	

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Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

April Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
4/1 4p	B. Schumacher J. Gaspersich	V. Manley	C. Prox M. Gaspersich	n/a	C. Pace T. Byron M. Shay	T Settle
4/2 11a	John Cox G. Saffell	G. Richardson	V & C Blankenship	W. Picknally	T. Byron M. Shay D. Richardson	
4/6 4p H. Thursday	Gina Boggess	Mary Jane Albin Mike Flanigan Jim Cosgrove	Kim Hickman	TBA	T. Byron M. Shay D. Richardson	Cosgrove
4/7 3p G. Friday	A. Dumapit John Cox	H. Cofer	Kim Hickman	TBA	C. Pace B. Fanning	
4/8 8p Vigil	M. Gapersich M. Flanigan	Anthony Heltzel Kirt Suehs Yvonne Suehs	S. Neri	N/a	T. Byron M. Shay D. Richardson	
4/9 11a Easter	G. Boggess	Harold Cofer G Richardson Gerry Cosgrove	Wyatt	T Wyatt	C. Pace B. Fanning	

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton
Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan

Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger
Rochelle Rene
Deborah Saffell
Jacob Santon
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall



Friends and Family

Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Mary Berentes,
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)
Linda Cunningham
Rachel Denton
Kimiko Fetto (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Allan Perry
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Dear Padre,

Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?

There are only losses this way.

Why not allow him to win?

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

MONDAY

April 3
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

April 4
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

April 5
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

April 6
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

April 7
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

April 8
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–44
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mt 28:1–10

SUNDAY

April 9
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

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