

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Matthew 21:9

| | OBSERVANCES | READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| Sunday April 5 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 | 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM | +Daniel and +Steven Pargas +Sue Asche +Isaac Rodriguez Andrea Romero +Hilda Perez |
| Monday April 6 | | Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 John 12:1-11 | 12:10 PM | +Dorothy Reilly |
| Tuesday April 7 | | Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 John 13:21-33, 36-38 | 12:10 PM | +Mary Reilley |
| Wednesday April 8 | | Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Matthew 26:14-2 | 12:10 PM | Theresa Rogakis |
| Thursday April 9 | Holy Thursday | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15 | 7:00 PM | +Fr. Bud Raney |
| Friday April 10 | Good Friday | Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42 | 3:00 PM | Good Friday Service |
| Saturday April 11 | Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil Mass: Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Exodus 14:15—15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Matthew 28:1-10 | 8:15 PM | Candidates preparing for Sacraments |

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

We will begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday and conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday.

DAY 1 - TODAY BRING TO ME ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE OCEAN OF MY MERCY. IN THIS WAY YOU WILL CONSOLE ME IN THE BITTER GRIEF INTO WHICH THE LOSS OF SOULS PLUNGES ME.

DAY 2 - TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, AND IMMERSE THEM IN MY UNFATHOMABLE MERCY. IT WAS THEY WHO GAVE ME STRENGTH TO ENDURE MY BITTER PASSION. THROUGH THEM AS THROUGH CHANNELS MY MERCY FLOWS OUT UPON MANKIND.

DAY 3 - TODAY BRING TO ME ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE OCEAN OF MY MERCY. THE SOULS BROUGHT ME CONSOLATION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS. THEY WERE THAT DROP OF CONSOLATION IN THE MIDST OF AN OCEAN OF BITTERNESS.

DAY 4 - TODAY BRING TO ME THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD* AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I WAS THINKING ALSO OF THEM DURING MY BITTER PASSION, AND THEIR FUTURE ZEAL COMFORTED MY HEART. IMMERSE THEM IN THE OCEAN OF MY MERCY.

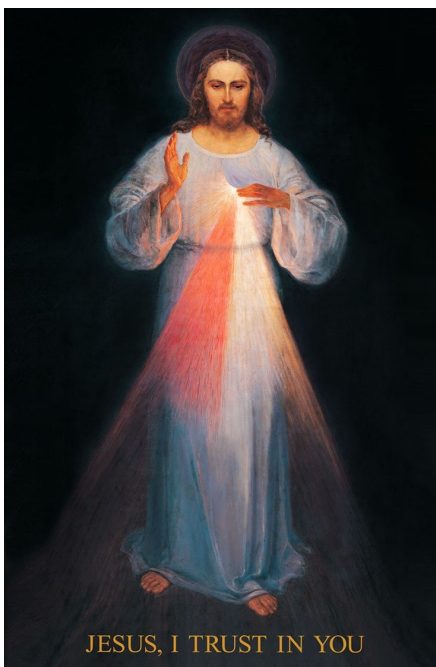
DAY 5 - TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH, AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE OCEAN OF MY MERCY. DURING MY BITTER PASSION THEY TORE AT MY BODY AND HEART, THAT IS, MY CHURCH. AS THEY RETURN TO UNITY WITH THE CHURCH, MY WOUNDS HEAL AND IN THIS WAY THEY ALLEVIATE MY PASSION.

DAY 6 - TODAY BRING TO ME THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN, AND IMMERSE THEM IN MY MERCY. THESE SOULS MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLE MY HEART. THEY STRENGTHENED ME DURING MY BITTER AGONY. I SAW THEM AS EARTHLY ANGELS, WHO WILL KEEP VIGIL AT MY ALTARS. I POUR OUT UPON THEM WHOLE TORRENTS OF GRACE. ONLY THE HUMBLE SOUL IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING MY GRACE. I FAVOR HUMBLE SOULS WITH MY CONFIDENCE.

DAY 7 - TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY, AND IMMERSE THEM IN MY MERCY. THESE SOULS SORROWED MOST OVER MY PASSION AND ENTERED MOST DEEPLY INTO MY SPIRIT. THEY ARE LIVING IMAGES OF MY COMPASSIONATE HEART. THESE SOULS WILL SHINE WITH A SPECIAL BRIGHTNESS IN THE NEXT LIFE. NOT ONE OF THEM WILL GO INTO THE FIRE OF HELL. I SHALL PARTICULARLY DEFEND EACH ONE OF THEM AT THE HOUR OF DEATH.

DAY 8 - TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE ABYSS OF MY MERCY. LET THE TORRENTS OF MY BLOOD COOL DOWN THEIR SCORCHING FLAMES. ALL THESE SOULS ARE GREATLY LOVED BY ME. THEY ARE MAKING RETRIBUTION TO MY JUSTICE. IT IS IN YOUR POWER TO BRING THEM RELIEF. DRAW ALL THE INDULGENCES FROM THE TREASURY OF MY CHURCH AND OFFER THEM ON THEIR BEHALF. OH, IF YOU ONLY KNEW THE TORMENTS THEY SUFFER, YOU WOULD CONTINUALLY OFFER FOR THEM THE ALMS OF THE SPIRIT AND PAY OFF THEIR DEBT TO MY JUSTICE.

DAY 9 - TODAY BRING TO ME SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM, AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE ABYSS OF MY MERCY. THESE SOULS WOUND MY HEART MOST PAINFULLY. MY SOUL SUFFERED THE MOST DREADFUL LOATHING IN THE GARDEN OF OLIVES BECAUSE OF LUKEWARM SOULS. THEY WERE THE REASON I CRIED OUT: "FATHER, TAKE THIS CUP AWAY FROM ME, IF IT BE YOUR WILL." FOR THEM, THE LAST HOPE OF SALVATION IS TO RUN TO MY MERCY.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

O BLOOD AND WATER, WHICH GUSHED FORTH FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNT OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU! (3x)

ON THE ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, THE CREED.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF YOUR DEARLY BELOVED SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR THE ATONEMENT OF OUR SINS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY 3 TIMES:

HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.



PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year.



HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve apostles, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood. The Paschal Fast begins with the Holy Thursday service and concludes with the Vigil, or whichever Easter Sunday Mass you attend. This fast is more intense than your Lenten fast.



GOOD FRIDAY

Today Jesus was crucified, just as the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple. In giving the Apostles the bread and pronouncing it His body, Jesus Himself became the Passover lamb at the Last Supper. A service is held at 3 pm, the hour He is believed to have died. There is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence as we show our love for Christ our Redeemer. The solemn and muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.



HOLY SATURDAY

Today is a day of waiting, of quiet and prayerful reflection on the gravity of the crucifixion and Jesus' redemptive sacrifice. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed because of the original sin of Adam. Today is the Jewish Sabbath, on which no work was done. This is why the women came to the tomb to anoint Jesus on Sunday morning.

Tonight the Vigil starts, the greatest Vigil of the Church Year. As we participate in Jesus' resurrected glory, we are able to closely relate to the Apostles, to Mary and to all the believers in Jerusalem on that first Easter morning. Sorrow turns to joy, darkness is transformed into new light and our joyous expectations of new and eternal life are renewed.

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

On Palm Sunday, we cannot but stare with the crowd at the humble Jesus riding a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. He is the main character of today's liturgy. He is left, right and center. We are witnessing the crowds of people *spreading their cloaks on the road, while others cutting branches from the trees and strewing them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David;"* By these actions people praised the Lord. To praise someone means to recognize that he is important to us. Therefore, when we give glory to God, we recognize that only He is important, that He comes first. If we understand and accept this, then we also discover and accept our own relation to God, but moreover to other people. Recognition that God has to always come first will help us better shape our relationships with others.

One of the diseases of modern society is the desire and appropriation of glory. If we praise ourselves, we have to admit that - by definition - we value others as less important, being in the background of our own importance. And that makes us look down on them, when the only circumstance when we should be looking down at someone is when we are approaching them to lift them up from their fall. It was that same sin, the sin of pride that blinded the hearts of those who, when they heard the words of truth from Jesus, instead of the joyful "Hosanna", began to shout ominously "crucify".

To glorify God with our lives, we must constantly unite ourselves to Jesus Christ through love. This path leads us from the triumphant "Hosanna" to trusting in the will of the Father who knows best what we need, even before we ask Him. We are to constantly sing "Hosanna" through our lives founded on the rock that is the Son of God. He helps us to survive life's storms, carry the cross of misunderstanding, sickness or rejection, find the meaning in life, overcome the pain of loss and make choices that will lead us to happiness. He helps us to choose truth, beauty and goodness, to tame foolishness, disrespect and destruction of our own life and that of others. "But each was great in his own way, and each in proportion to the greatness of that which he loved. For he who loved himself became great by himself, and he who loved other men became great by his selfless devotion, but he who loved God became greater than all." (Søren Kierkegaard, "Fear and Trembling")

As we begin Holy Week, the week of the greatest mysteries of our faith, we want to follow the prophecy which leads us to the recognition of the full truth about the surrounding world and ourselves. By choosing Jesus, we not only worship God the Father, but we also become exalted. By His grace we are cleansed of sin which blinds us, and we can serve Christ who is present in our neighbor. Everything for the greater glory of Him, *the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.* (Revelation 1:8)

Holy Week Schedule

Masses will be live streamed on
www.StPeterGreeley.org
Please join us at the times indicated.

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 9

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10

3:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 11

8:15 PM VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12

AVAILABLE AT WWW.STPETERGREELEY.ORG

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Sue Asche, Luke Barden, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, Kathryne Bonar, Diane Brown, Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Rose Pargas, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nuanes, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Carlos Pena, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Bob and Lorene Steele, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman