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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Worship Services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

April 6, 2025: Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 13, 2025: The Passion of Our Lord - Palm Sunday
April 20, 2025: The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday
April 27, 2025: Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS – Cycle C

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jesus turns the tables on those who condemn the sinful woman, saying, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” He wants us to pursue God’s call to holiness. We are not to condone sin but realize that *God is doing something new*: extending mercy. We are asked to do this, too! (Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11)

April 13, 2025 – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ – Palm Sunday: Although Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph to shouts of “Hosanna!” he is forced to leave beneath the weight of the cross and cries of “Crucify him!” What brought about such a change of opinion? We will certainly follow his sacred journey through the liturgy. On our knees we will adore him, thank him and “confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” (Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56)

April 20, 2025 – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday: Today’s Gospel highlights Peter and Mary Magdalene, both of whom found new life in their relationship with Christ. They both needed a second chance, and both found blessing in the miraculous happenings of Easter. Their faith became as “the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” May we, too, “think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” (Acts 10:34a, 37-43, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, John 20:1-9)

April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday: How wonderful it would have been to witness the many signs and wonders that took place in the early Church. Yet, each year at this time we see the wonderful sign of more and more believers, man and women in great numbers, being added to the Lord. Through God’s mercy, we, too are part of the great body of believers. Let us support and pray for them! (Acts 5:12-16, Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31)

Palm Sunday Commemoration

THE OPENING of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called “The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem.” The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.

From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Congratulations! Congratulations to our parishioners who have a special reason to celebrate this month!

Birthdays: Jan Williamson – 4/9
 Emily Jacobi – 4/19

Anniversaries: +Carl & Rosann Swaringim – 4/3 – 54 years!

Blessing of the Altar and St. Joseph Bread: On Sunday, March 16, +Fr. Bob blessed the Altar and St. Joseph Bread. Thanks to Mr. Michael Vitale, Owner of Vitale's Bakery ("On the Hill") and Vitale's Deli ("Off the Hill" in Glendale, Mo.) for his very generous donation of specially baked bread for the occasion. Everyone at mass that day took home the delicious, blessed bread for their homes.



Bulletin Inserts (page 3): We continue "getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues" with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the "what, how, and why" of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Palm Sunday Commemoration.***