



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 4—April 10

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SATURDAY, APRIL 4**
4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marlene Morris; Catherine J. O’Connell; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Jennifer Johnsrud; Leona O’Dwyer
- SUNDAY, APRIL 5**
8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick’s Church (Propopulo)
9:30 a.m. Barbara Brennan; Roberta W. Bruley; Francis Castjohn; Charles P. Chaisson, Sr.; Jane O. Chatelain; Maurice J. Hartson III; Bob Keyes; Norma McClellan; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome Triche, Sr.
11:00 a.m. Camden Boatright; Mona Centola; Joseph Dellucky; Charles Kenney; Beverly Orillion; Roy A. Robichaux, Sr.; Sara C. Romano; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
5:30 p.m. Philip C. Bouchon, Sr.; Leona O’Dwyer; Martha C. Schiaffino; Mario Scramuzza, Jr.
- MONDAY, APRIL 6**
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Leona O’Dwyer; Catherine J. O’Connell; Bryan Wolff
- TUESDAY, APRIL 7**
11:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gerald J. Lannan; George Markey; Barbara Rush
12:00 p.m. Leona O’Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**
11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee
- THURSDAY, APRIL 9**
7:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Rosalie R. Ory; Elisabeth Robert; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Good Friday, April 10, 2009
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Church open for visitation.
Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009—Mater Desolata
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. A pious devotion in which the faithful keep vigil in prayer and reparation with the Mother of Our Lord, in her abandonment and profound sorrow, while she waits with unwavering faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION—Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 29, 2009
First Collection \$ 10,993
Second Collection* \$ 2,217
* Maintenance and restoration

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009
9:00 a.m. Prelude music — 9:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Procession and Solemn Mass. Procession by clergy and congregation will start from St. Patrick’s private car parking alley.

ST. PATRICK’S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Confessions will be heard for 30 minutes before all Masses

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009
7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose.
Watch at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
(Security provided)

Good Friday, April 10, 2009
Special blessing with the Relic of the True Cross at all Good Friday services.
7:30 a.m. Church opens for visitation.
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross.
3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Veneration of the Cross.
7:30 p.m. **Voices From the Passion** (A Sacred Cantata).
(Security provided)

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009
4:00 p.m. No Vigil Mass.
5:30 p.m. No Vigil Mass.
8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil.
(Security provided).

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009
8:00 a.m. Mass.
9:00 a.m. Prelude music.
9:15 a.m. Mass (**Rheinberger Mass in C**).
11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass.
5:30 p.m. Mass.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
For Vocations, Our Seminarians, the Mission of the Seminary, and all of Our Priests

Saturday, April 25, 2009
Notre Dame Seminary Chapel—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
In a spirit of *Unity And Prayer*, all the faithful, lay communities and groups are invited to join in Eucharistic Adoration for vocations; our seminarians and the mission of the seminary; all of our priests. Mass and Morning Prayer; Holy Hour; Rosary; Confession; Eucharistic Adoration; closing with Benediction, Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, presiding. For more information visit the seminary’s website at www.nds.edu or contact Mélida: 504.247.7724

EASTER FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES
Envelopes are available in the vestibule for donations to purchase Easter flowers for the high altar. Please complete the envelope before the final date: **Monday, April 6, 2009**. and return it to the rectory office or place it in any collection basket.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL
For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Barbara Brennan; Tony Clesi; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; Melvin Ferlita, Sr.; Mimi Finley; John Fulcher; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Mary A. McKay; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J.Van Provosty; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Alyssa Vingan

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE PASSION OF JESUS IS OUR REASON FOR HOPE

The Passion, suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord are the very themes that unite us as a Christian people and a Church during Holy Week.

This year on Palm Sunday, we listen attentively to Mark's Passion story of Jesus' final days and hours on earth. It is a story of striking contrasts. As we hear anew this moving story, Jesus' passion penetrates the numbness of our lives. This week in particular, we have a privileged opportunity to learn from what happened to Jesus and discover not only the identity of those who tried, condemned and killed him long ago, but also what killed Jesus and what vicious circles of violence, brutality, hatred and jealousy continue to crucify him today in his brothers and sisters of the human family.

Mark's account (Mark 11:1-10) of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is the most subdued version of the event in the New Testament. For some reason the evangelist places much emphasis on the donkey in this account. It was the custom for pilgrims to enter Jerusalem on foot. Only kings and rulers would "ride" into the city -- most often on great steeds and horses and in ostentatious processions, in order to make their presence known. Jesus, a different kind of king, chooses to ride into the city, not on a majestic stallion but on the back of a young beast of burden.

By being led through the city on the back of a lowly donkey, Jesus comes as a king whose rule is not about being served but serving. His kingdom is not built on might but on compassion and generous service. The donkey Jesus mounts sends us back to the words of the ancient prophet, Zechariah, who foretold this scene five centuries before: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey . . ."

In Mark's jarring Passion story, we witness the anguish of Jesus who has been totally abandoned by friends and disciples. Jesus is resigned to his fate. He makes no response to Judas when he betrays him nor to Pilate during his interrogation. In Mark, Pilate makes no effort to save him, as the Roman procurator does in the other three Gospels.

As he does throughout his Gospel, Mark depicts the utter failure of the disciples to provide any support to Jesus or to even understand what is happening. The enigmatic, young male disciple who flees naked into the night when Jesus is arrested is a powerful symbol in Mark's Gospel of his followers who initially left family and friends behind to follow Jesus. Now that the heat is on, they leave everything behind to flee from him.

When we remember the events of that first Holy Week - from the upper room to Gethsemane, from Pilate's judgment seat to Golgotha, from the cross to the empty tomb, Jesus turns our world and its value system upside down. He teaches us that true authority is found in dedicated service and generosity to others; greatness is centered in humility; the just and loving will be exalted by God in God's good time.

In the midst of Mark's stories of betrayal and violence, the evangelist inserts a dramatic story of exquisite fidelity. While Jesus visits Simon the Leper in Bethany on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives, an anonymous woman breaks, open her alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and anoints Jesus' head in good, royal, biblical fashion (14:3-9). As the fragrance of the oil fills the room, those with Jesus are shocked at the

woman's extravagant gesture. But Jesus defends her. She had performed an act of true fidelity and love, he tells them, "for she has anticipated anointing my body for burial" (14:8). For this, Jesus promises, she would be remembered wherever the Gospel would be preached (14:9). This woman is the only one in all of the New Testament to be so greatly honored.

While his male disciples and apostles clearly manifest a bold track record of failure, betrayal and abandonment, this anonymous woman embodies boldness, courage, love and fidelity. What an example! Though she may not fully understand the significance of her symbolic and prophetic act of anointing him, nor the timeliness of her action, she only desires simply to be with him and to express to him lavish love and attention.

Is this not what each of us is called to do during Holy Week in particular? Is it not to love Jesus and to be attentive to him throughout the final tragic movements of the symphony of his earthly life, and in the midst of all of the setbacks, failures and betrayals of our own lives? Our lives must be like the woman's jar of expensive ointment poured out so lavishly on the Lord in the final moments of his life on earth.

At the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum on Good Friday night in the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II spoke these moving and powerful words:

"Who, if not the condemned Savior, can fully understand the pain of those unjustly condemned?"

Who, if not the King scorned and humiliated, can meet the expectations of the countless men and women who live without hope or dignity?"

Who, if not the crucified Son of God, can know the sorrow and loneliness of so many lives shattered and without a future?"

What a Savior we have! He truly understands our human condition. He walks with us and shares our sorrows, loneliness and suffering. How do we respond to such outlandish love and genuine solidarity? Passion Sunday invites us to put on what Paul calls the "attitude of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:6-11) in his passion and death: to "empty" ourselves of our own interests, fears and needs for the sake of others. May we reach out to heal those who are hurting and comfort the despairing around us despite our own denials and betrayals.

During the moving liturgies of Holy Week, we are given the special grace to carry on, with joy and in hope, despite rejection, humiliation and suffering. In this way, the Passion of Jesus becomes a reason for hope and a moment of grace for all us as we seek the reign of God in our own lives -- however lonely and painful that search may be. Holy Week gives us the consolation and the conviction that we are not alone.

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To all the parishioners and friends of St. Patrick's Church, Father Klores extends best wishes and prayers for a grace-filled Holy Week.