

**Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020**

The following intentions will be prayed for by Father Hansen or Father Becker during their daily Mass. If you scheduled this intention and would prefer to postpone it until we can have public Masses again, please contact the Parish Office right away. If our priests cannot pray for your intention on the date you chose, it will be rescheduled.

Monday, April 6

Cf. Ps 35:1-2, 140:8...Is 42:1-7...Ps 27:1,2,3,13-14...
Jn 12:1-11...Cf. Ps 1-2:3

No special intention scheduled

Tuesday, April 7

Cf. Ps 27:12...Is 49:1-6...Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,
15 & 17...Is 49:1-6...Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,
15 & 17...Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

No special intention scheduled

Wednesday, April 8

Cf. Phil 2:10, 8, 11...Is 50:4-9a...Ps 69:8-10, 21-22,
31 & 33-34...Mt 26:14-25...Mt 20-28

Intention – In Thanksgiving

Holy Thursday, April 9

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14...Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18...
1 Cor 11:23-26...John 13:34...John 13:1-15

7:00 PM - Mass of the Last Supper (livestreamed on FB)

Intention – In Thanksgiving +

Good Friday, April 10

Is 52:13—53:12...Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25...
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9...Ph 2:8-9...John 18:1—19:42

**7:00 PM - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
(livestreamed on Facebook)**

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil, April 11

Gen 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a...Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14,
24, 35...Gen 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-12, 15-18...Ps 16:5, 8,
9-10, 11...Ex 14:15—15:1...Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18...Is
54:5-14...Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13...Is 55:1-11...Is 12:2-3, 4,
5-6...Bar 3:9-15, 32—32—4:4...Ps 19:7, 9, 10, 11...Ez 36:16-
17a, 18-28...Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4...Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6...Ps
51:12=13, 14-15, 18-19...Rom 6:3-11...Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-
23...Mat 28:1-10

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass (livestreamed on Facebook)

Intention – Vince Sutera +

Easter Sunday, April 12

Acts 10:34a, 37-43...Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23...Col 3:1-4...or
1 Cor 5:6b-8...Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a...John 20:1-9

10:00 AM - Easter Sunday Mass (livestreamed on Facebook)

Intention – People of the Parish

This Coming Week

Food Pantry, ECC, School, and School of Religion closed
Parish Office opened 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Mon. - Thurs.

Monday, April 6

12:00 noon – 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
12:00 – 7:00 PM Church open for private prayer

Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper (livestreamed)

Friday, April 10

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (livestreamed)
7:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
and Death (livestreamed)

Saturday, April 11

8:00 PM Easter Vigil (1st Mass of Easter livestreamed)

Easter Sunday, April 12

10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass (livestreamed)

See the parish website (www.cathedralsj.org) on Monday for updated information on personal prayer times in Church, Confessions, and times that the Rosary will be livestreamed this week.

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. David L. Moyer, D.D.S., the father of David J. Moyer, nephew of Debbie Duncan and Chris Willoughby, great nephew of Norma Moyer, and cousin of Debbie Banks. Please pray for Dr. Moyer and his family.

Thank you to all who have sent in their contributions. They are posted daily. Some online-giving parishioners have asked about special collections. For those giving online, special collections can be done online by giving a new gift and clicking in that fund. For those using collection envelopes, feel free to mail them to the **Parish Office** if you can. **THANK YOU** for your continued giving as best you can during these difficult times. As you know, we still have expenses.

Cathedral Cash: The option to purchase **ScripNow** is always available, day or night, any day of the week. You can order virtual gift cards to use via the computer or your phone. However, HyVee, Price Chopper, and most local restaurants **are not** available for ScripNow purchase. To use ScripNow, you do need to be set up on Presto Pay or a credit card. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to set up and log in. Go to "Family Functions", then "Payment Types", then "add a bank account for online payments". Select "instantly link a bank account" and it will walk you through how to finish up. Each time you use Presto Pay, it costs 15 cents. Go to "dashboard", "my wallet", and cards will be available within minutes.

**Please watch the Masses, Liturgies, and Rosaries
livestreamed on Facebook.**

For easy access, go to Cathedral's website:
<https://www.cathedralsj.org>,
Look under "Mass Times" and click on "Click Here".
You will be taken directly to Cathedral's FB page.

OR

Go directly to Cathedral's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME		
Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00		
	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$11,039.75	\$ 1,227.50
Week 2	\$10,988.35	\$ 251.00
Week 3	\$10,888.23	\$ 220.00
Week 4	\$ 5,874.50	\$ 95.00
Week 5	<u>\$10,653.50</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Total	\$49,444.33	\$ 1,873.50

***"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel." (Mat 21:9)***

Father Hansen's message . . .

The plants lay hidden under the snow. And the farmer, the owner of the land, observed with satisfaction: 'Now they are growing on the inside.'

I thought of you: of your forced inactivity...

Tell me: are you too growing 'on the inside'?

These words of a canonized Saint who as a priest was in a small room with others for a period of time during the Spanish Civil War can speak to us today. As we begin Holy Week our "forced inactivity" - particularly regarding our normal Holy Week participation in liturgies and devotions – can allow us to grow "on the inside" in ways we couldn't if all was a normal Holy Week. God is our Father and all things can work out for good; God's hand is in it! Before the livestreamed Rosary on Tuesday I mentioned a 38-year-old doctor (Julian) who worked with others in Italy and said, even with the threat to their lives, he was thankful because he found God again. After years away from God as a doctor, he found Him again through the witness of a priest serving the sick who also died. God's hand was in Dr. Julian's experience as he returned to the Faith and He will be in our journey through Holy Week! Let's expect surprises; Pope Francis says our God is a God of surprises!

Join us for Palm Sunday – live streamed – at 10:00 am. The blessed Palms will be saved and distributed when the Bishop permits. See the website main page on Monday for updated private prayer times in the Cathedral, Confessions (Penance), and time for Rosary livestreamed.

Thursday Mass of the Last Supper will be livestreamed at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday there will be livestreamed Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm and Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 7:00 pm.

Also, on Good Friday we begin the Divine Mercy Novena. This web link, (on the right side of the page) will take you to the prayers. <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>. Please call the parish office if you want one mailed to your residence.

This Novena offered for health care workers, the sick, and those who have died due to the Coronavirus would be very appropriate. The nine-day Novena concludes on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter Sunday).

Easter Vigil Mass will be at 8:00 pm on Saturday and Easter Sunday morning Mass will be at 10:00 am. Both will be livestreamed.

Easter Thursday, April 16th, we'll have a livestreamed Benediction from inside the entrance of the Cathedral at 7:00 pm, followed by the Rosary.

Step By Step Instructions to watch the Masses/Rosary/Messages

You **WILL** need a computer or smart phone that is connected to the internet in order to watch the Mass on Sundays.

You **DO NOT** need a Facebook account to watch the Mass. The parish Facebook page is open to the public so you can see the videos without needing an account.

Step 1: Go to the Cathedral website at cathedralsj.org

Step 2: Scroll down to the section that says MASS TIMES.

Step 3: Under there you will see a link that says

[CLICK HERE](#)

It will take you to

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>

Step 4: This will take you to the Cathedral Videos Page. If you scroll down, you will see a section that has all of the videos in small squares. The most recent video will be in the upper left hand corner in the first spot. When we go live, the video will be in this first spot and it will have a red badge that says **LIVE** on it. Click on the video and it will automatically come up and begin to play.

If you would like to watch an **EASY How-To Video** from Deacon Josh, **[CLICK HERE](#)** or go to **<https://youtu.be/mulqYSNgLyI>**

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Joshua Fultz at: **deaconfatz@gmail.com**

CHECK THIS OUT . . . [The Good News of Cathedral](#)

- **Congratulations to Laddie and Jake Lilly**, Cathedral Class of 05 & LB Class of 09, on the birth of **Waylon James Lilly on March 27!**
- **Congratulations to Brad and Ashley Briscoe-Reynolds**, Cathedral Class of 02 & LB Class of 06, on the birth of **Olympia Nicole Reynolds on March 29!**

[School and ECC News](#)

- **Don't forget:** In order for the School to plan for the future, you are asked to please turn in your **school registration paperwork** as soon as possible! Please mail your completed packet with payment to school by **Friday, April 10** to receive a \$20 Early Bird Discount!

St. James School Annual Geranium Sale: Large selection of colors available in 6" pot. \$5 each. Orders and money are due **Friday, April 24**. Plants to be picked up in the basement of St. James Church on **Saturday, May 2, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**. To order, contact **Elizabeth Marek at 816-351-1672**.

Stewardship makes a difference...Thank you to Cathedral's Open Door Food Kitchen Team who continue to serve our community: **De Depastino, Marty Schnabel, Charlotte Duty, Ginny Coburn, Linda and Ernie Huber, Sue Prawitz, Sally Hoehn, Kitty Spafford**, and our subs: **Bea Stuck, Maggie Schnabel, Bill Carr**, plus some **Knights of Columbus #5067 members**.

Sacrifice of Praise

Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27:66



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Judas Not the Only One to Betray Jesus

Like Judas, sometimes we can allow our earthly desires to cloud our ability to see God's plans. We may also imitate Judas in putting our tasks ahead of receiving God's blessing. At the Last Supper, Judas received the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ then left before receiving the final blessing. Technically, Judas is the first person to leave Mass early. While legitimate reasons exist to leave Mass after Communion, every effort should be made to remain until we are sent forth — graced and blessed.

This Palm Sunday reading from Matthew's Gospel presents many other ways we, even unwittingly, betray Jesus. Many people do not accept the teaching of the Eucharist as the Real Presence — that is, Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist: body, blood, soul, and divinity.

Thousands of Jesus' followers turned away in response to his pronouncement, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and

FOR REFLECTION


- In what ways do you deny Jesus?
- Do you believe the Eucharist is truly Jesus Christ — body, blood, soul, and divinity?
- Have you ever participated in the Holy Week liturgies? How can experiencing Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies enhance your Easter experience?

the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). Jesus did not call after the retreating hoards saying they misunderstood. No, instead he turned to those who remained and inquired if they would accept this difficult teaching or also leave. Peter speaks for those remaining: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (v. 68).

This is the same Peter who will deny Jesus during the Passion. His declaration of fidelity reveals an intention to remain faithful; however, fear, confusion, and uncertainty rocked his faith.

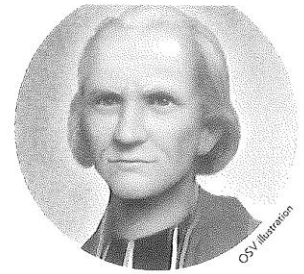
He, like the rest of the apostles, when their Shepherd was struck, scattered like sheep. At the foot of the cross stood four people with faith we would be wise to emulate — the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Evangelist, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the wife of Clopas. These are our examples for remaining faithful and trusting in God's plan, even when all seems lost.

Last, what about the question Jesus asks of his disciples when he finds them asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane: Could you not stay awake one hour with me? (see Mt 26:40). Could we not give even more than an hour to Jesus during Holy Week? We could do so by not only attending Palm Sunday Mass, but also Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. Maybe this will be the year you come as a family to the Easter Vigil, regardless of the longer length of the Mass, so to give God the glory he deserves. Are you ready to fully enter into Easter like never before, aware of the sacrifice Christ made for our salvation?



“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.”

– ST. JOHN VIANNEY



The Real Presence

“The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as ‘the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.’ In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*’ This presence is called “real” — by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be “real” too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.” — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374

HOLY WEEK LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

Palm Sunday

- Distribution and blessings of palms
- Gospel reading: the Passion of Our Lord

Holy Thursday

- Washing of feet
- Eucharistic procession — consecrated Hosts are reserved for Good Friday services and placed in a tabernacle on an altar of repose outside the sacristy
- After Mass, the faithful are encouraged to spend time in Adoration

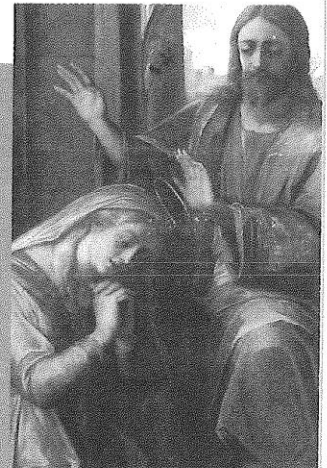
Good Friday

- Gospel reading: the Passion of Our Lord
- Veneration of the Cross
- Communion service (only day of year there is no Mass)
- Some parishes offer the Stations of the Cross or special prayer services between noon and 3:00 p.m.

At the Foot of the Cross

Mary Magdalene, traditionally counted among the women in Luke’s Gospel who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, accompanied Jesus throughout the time of his earthly ministry. Mary Magdalene had the unique blessing of being present during most of the events of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection.

She is the first to see Jesus alive following the Resurrection, documented in this remarkable exchange in John’s Gospel: “Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ She thought it was the gardener and said to him, ‘Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni,’ which means Teacher” (20:15–16). Mary Magdalene becomes then the apostle to the apostles, telling the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection. Do we not, too, wish to be apostles sharing this Good News as we celebrate Easter?



Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the glorious week of blessings that await us. We offer you the last forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in thanksgiving as preparation to fully receive your Easter joy! May I seek to participate fully in all activities and services my parish will offer this Holy Week. Inspire my heart, removing all obstacles, to make a good confession of sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Beginning with Palm Sunday, through the Triduum, and into Easter, may I seek to encounter you, Jesus, as never before. Amen.

