

Gathered Together: A Lenten Journey  
of Love and Belonging

April 13, 2025

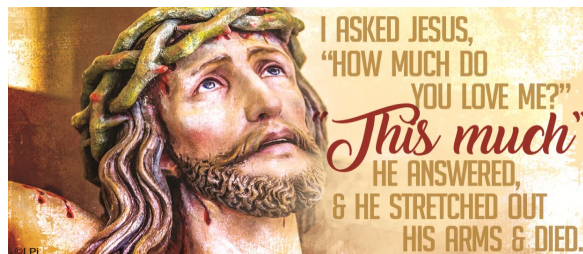
Theme for the week: The Journey to Redemption  
Reflection for Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we are faced with a striking paradox. At the Procession with Palms, we join the crowds in hailing Jesus as a powerful leader, shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Pharisees in the crowd want to silence the disciples, but Jesus tells them, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" It is a scene of joy, triumph, and anticipation.

Yet the tone shifts dramatically when we move into the Gospel at the Mass. We are now witnesses to Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and crucifixion. The same crowd that celebrated his arrival now calls for his death. The king who was hailed with acclamation is now mocked, rejected, and condemned to die on a cross.

This week, we walk with Jesus through the betrayals, sorrow, and surrender, fully aware of how the journey will end—with His ultimate victory over sin and death. As we reflect on His sacrificial love and perfect obedience to the Father, we are also reminded of our own need for redemption and the burdens of sin we carry. Jesus bore the weight of humanity's sin on the road to Calvary, embracing the suffering and isolation of the cross to reconcile us to God. In doing so, He shows us how to accompany those who feel lost or abandoned with the same mercy He offers us.

During Holy Week, let us respond to the invitation to receive His grace and share it, proclaiming the Good News that Easter's triumph brings hope and healing to a world longing for salvation.



Daily Challenges

4/13/25—Reflect on moments when your faith has wavered. Pray for courage to remain faithful even in times of difficulty or doubt.

4/14/25—Jesus was accompanied by crowds but stood alone in his Passion. Offer silent companionship to someone who is struggling.

4/15/25—Jesus foretells his betrayal but continues to show compassion. Today, perform an anonymous act of kindness for someone in need.

4/16/25—Reflect on Judas' betrayal and Christ's mercy. Consider how you respond to hurt and disappointment. Pray for the grace to forgive someone who has hurt you.

4/17/25—Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, calling us to humble service. Today, do a simple, humble task for someone without seeking recognition.

4/18/25 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion—Jesus carried his cross and suffered for the sins of the world. Fast from a personal comfort and offer it as a prayer for the lost and lonely. Don't forget: today is a day of fasting (one full meal and two small meals that don't equal one meal) and abstinence (no meat).

4/19/25 Holy Saturday—Spend 10 minutes in silent prayer in quiet preparation for the resurrection. Then, prepare for Easter by reading the Gospel, John 20:1-9

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Weekend Worship Sunday 9 am

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We welcome new members. To enroll, call the Parish Office or contact Connie Fitch.

Coordinator of Religious Education  
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Sacramental Minister  
Fr. Darvin Winters

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Date	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 18 Good Friday	April 20 Easter Sunday
Lector	Patty Curley	Steve Norris	Steve Norris
Server	Dallas Thralls & Cora Fagg	Owen Ramsey	Lane Norton
Gift Bearers	Michael Callahan Family	N/A	Cegielski Family
Ushers	Bob Curley Scott Thralls		Steve Norris Waylon Robertson
EMs	Krista Toney Marylu Thralls	N/A	Carol Cummins Bonnie Warn
Counters	Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick	N/A	Patty Curley Colleen Meyers
Cleaners			Sheila Stultz

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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## Sisters of Providence

Join the Sisters of Providence for this year's **Way of the Cross** scheduled for 11 am—noon on **Good Friday, April 18**, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. For more info, call (812) 535-2952.

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## HOLY WEEK Schedule

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> APRIL 13 9 am	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> APRIL 17 6 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> APRIL 18 3 pm	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> APRIL 20 9 am

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## Finance Report

Description	April 6	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,134	\$ 2,308
Galvin Fund	\$ 285	\$ 115
Easter Flowers	\$ 75	

## Deanery Schedule

### Holy Week

Location	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter
St. Patrick	None	Living Way of the Cross 6:30 pm	8:30 pm	9 am
St. Margaret Mary	6 pm	3 pm	None	11 am 1 pm (Spanish)
St. Benedict	7 pm	3 pm	9 pm	8:30 am 11 am
St. Joseph University	6:30 pm	3 pm	8:30 pm	9 am 11:30 am
Sacred Heart of Jesus (TH)	6 pm	None	None	10:30 am
St. Mary's Village	None	3 pm	None	10:30 am

## Mass Intentions

4/13 **In Loving Memory of Amanda Pugh**  
By Jody & Kelly Stafford

**Easter Sunday Collective Mass Intentions**  
In Loving Memory of

**Lena Bird**  
**Ron Newbury**  
**Ralph & Marge Stafford**  
**Our St. Mary's Family no longer with us**

## Prayers For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson	Gary Garzolini
Jon Auterson	John Heck
Ray Edwards	Dan Kane
Jane Frazier	Rosie Meehan

## BIRTHDAYS

Rose Meehan	19
Randy Wyrick	19
Grace Vest	23
Kaitlin Wrin	24

## Ministry Updates

An email introducing our new ministry scheduling was sent this week. This will allow our volunteers to pick the dates that are most convenient for them and the system will send you a friendly reminder two (2) days before the volunteer date. If you have any questions, need help, or didn't receive the email, please call Connie at (812) 535-1261.

Gift Bearers—We are bringing back an old tradition starting in May. In years past there was a key on the back table of church. If you would like to bring up the gifts that Sunday just take the key and Elizabeth will know that we have gift bearers.

Please come to church about 10-15 minutes early on the day that you are serving in your ministry. If you aren't here, Elizabeth will need to find a sub to ensure all ministries are covered for that Mass. Thanks!



## Bring Your Bells to Easter Mass!

We invite you to bring a bell from home and ring it during the Gloria! Help us make a joyful noise!