



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 14, 2019

The Lord God is my help, therefore,
I am not disgraced.

-- Isaiah 50:7a



Daily Mass

Week of April 15th – 20th

Monday: 8:00 Larry Daggett+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Sharon Meagher+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Jack Boothman+
 Thursday: 8:00 **Holy Thursday - No Daily Mass**
 Friday: 8:00 **Good Friday - No Daily Mass**
 Saturday: 8:00 **Holy Saturday - No Daily Mass**



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Holy Week Schedule 2019

Celebration of the Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 18th

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19th

12:30 p.m. - Passion of the Lord
 2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

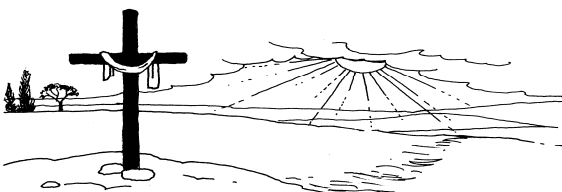
Holy Saturday, April 20th

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 21st

Easter Liturgies
 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is **not** celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.*



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

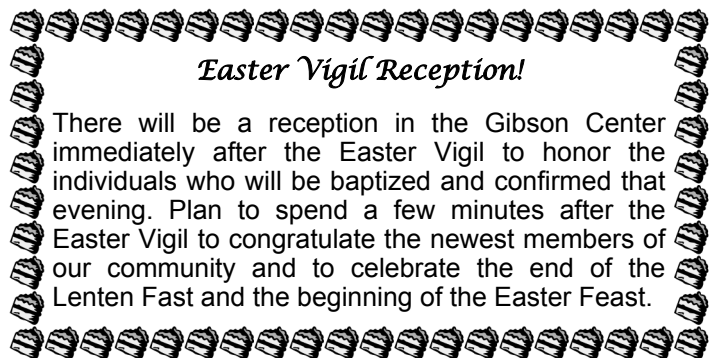
Five weeks ago, we began our Lenten journey. We received ashes and were reminded that our time on earth is limited, our ultimate reality awaits us. We were encouraged to fast and abstain, to pray and reflect. We were asked to examine our lives; to seek healing for our brokenness and forgiveness for our sinfulness.

As we enter into Holy Week, our Lenten journey reaches its goal. Thursday evening at sunset marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the holiest of days, the Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. These days represent our past, our present and our future.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus offers us his life as a sacrifice for our sins. His self-giving act of love conquers all our sins, past, present and future. On Good Friday, Jesus dies and, in doing so, destroys death's power over us. On Holy Saturday night, Jesus rises from the dead and recreates our reality. Because of Jesus, sin cannot control us; death cannot destroy us and eternal life is our destiny.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that we gather as a Faith Community on Holy Thursday night to celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday afternoon to celebrate our Lord's Passion and on Holy Saturday night to celebrate the Liturgy of Light and Resurrection.

Love, Fr. Leo



Easter Vigil Reception!

There will be a reception in the Gibson Center immediately after the Easter Vigil to honor the individuals who will be baptized and confirmed that evening. Plan to spend a few minutes after the Easter Vigil to congratulate the newest members of our community and to celebrate the end of the Lenten Fast and the beginning of the Easter Feast.

Rice Bowls!

Rice bowls will be collected on April 18th, Holy Thursday, at the evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. A receptacle will be placed by the Altar to gather the little boxes. We appreciate the Lenten sacrifices you have made and wish to thank you in their name for your charitable concern and help.

Annmarie Mota and Allison Quantz have decided to call Corpus Christi Church their spiritual home. Both women have been a part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process this year and are preparing for their sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

They, like many of us, have questions how faith relates to daily life. How do we live out our faith at work when we work in a secular job? How are we called to care for the earth because of our faith? How do we reconcile it when we disagree with what the Church teaches about a particular issue?

Do you have similar questions? Are you looking for others to discuss them with? Are you searching for a spirituality that is life-giving rather than constrictive or irrelevant? If so, you are welcome to join the Corpus Christi group which is exploring such things from a faith perspective. Please contact RCIA Director, Ann Naffziger, at: 521-8011 or email her at: ann@gospelliving.org for more information.

An Evening at the Oakland Zoo!

Please join us in celebrating Katie Murphy and her distinguished forth-seven year career in Catholic education on Saturday, June 8th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the California Trail at the Oakland Zoo. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, with partial proceeds funding a School scholarship in Katie's name. Purchase your tickets early as they are expected to sell out. Please visit: www.auctria.com/auction/happytrailsKatie for additional information.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14--23:56[23:1-49]).

Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday



On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, leave the paper unread. Turn off the computer, radio and TV. Eat little. If possible, stay home or in Church. Don't shop. Don't work. Don't make others work. Meditate on Chapters 13 to 19 in St. John's Gospel. Read the Bible's Song of Songs. Open eyes and ears to sunsets, sunrises, the beauty of darkness and light, the beauty of one another. Gather with the Parish community (and help others to gather) to pray, fast and keep watch. It is the Passover of the Lord!

Special Collection!



The Outreach collection for April and May is for new and gently-used infant and toddler clothing to 2 years. The clothing will benefit clients of the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Please be as generous as you can!

The Face of Jesus!

In all the readings for this Sunday, we can look at the face of Jesus. There are two Gospel passages, both from the Gospel of Luke. The first tells of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Crowds greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!" The second tells of Jesus' departure from Jerusalem, carrying the cross on his back. The same crowds derided him and shouted for his crucifixion. We first see a face shining with glory, but in a few short days a face dark with blood and sorrow. Set between these two contrasting Gospel passages are equally contrasting readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Isaiah describes a suffering servant who willingly submits to beating and humiliation, not even turning away his face. He knows he belongs to God and will not be put to shame. Paul writes to the Philippians of Christ Jesus, the true Suffering Servant, who willingly emptied himself to become human. But this man, with a very human face, has now been exalted by God above all others.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.