

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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A Blessed Holy Week to All!



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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 3, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Nanny Wai-Nay, Joseph, Philomena & James Lau, requested by the Lau-Ranger Family
3. For the Repose of Rebecca Nazal, requested by the Family
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Rodrigo Lemus, requested by the Alejandro family
5. For the Repose of Nadia Shepherd, requested by the Esposto Family

Tuesday, April 4, 9am

1. For the Repose of Andrew John Abesamis, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin & Sandra
3. For the Return to Church of All Youth, requested by M. Marino

Wednesday, April 5, 9am

1. For the Repose of Aurea Esteron, requested by Bing Esteron
2. For the Repose of Antonio "Cooty" Coutinho, requested by His Wife & Family

Wednesday, April 5, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Ron Pacini, requested by the Pacini-Thibodeau Family

Sunday, April 9, 8am

1. For the Deceased Members of the Farrell & Scully Families, requested by Linda & Sean
2. For the Repose of Alcide Gervais, requested by the Gervais Family

Sunday, April 9, 10am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Rhonda Remedios, requested by Tim Remedios
2. For the Repose of Antoni Swalinski, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
4. For the Repose of Eugenio P. Corpus Jr., requested by Sharlyne & Virgilio Cometa
5. For the Repose of Ann Ottemiller, requested by the Rodgers Family
6. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
7. For the Repose of Raymond D’Cunha, requested by the D’Cunha family

Sunday, April 9, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Peter Kien Hoang, requested by Le Hoang

Sunday, April 9, 4pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Vieira Family

CHURCH		
Mon	Apr 3	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Tues	Apr 4	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Apr 5	Band Practice 8:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM		
Mon	Apr 3	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Apr 4	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	Apr 5	SVDP Meeting 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL		
Mon	Apr 3	CWL Exec Mtg 6:00pm
Tues	Apr 4	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Apr 4	Parish Women’s Group Letting Go 7:00pm
Wed	Apr 5	CIC 6:00-7:00pm

BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having a bundle up collection on April 15-16. They are accepting clothing, draperies, footwear, beddings, towels, and toys.

RCIA Adults and Children

Thank you for picking a name and praying for the Elect. They will be baptized next Saturday during the Easter Vigil and become members of the Church and of our community. Please feel free to leave a Card of Welcome or a token of appreciation in the basket located on the table in the rotunda. Thank you!



PARISH SUMMER CAMP IS BACK!



Week 1: August 14—18
Week 2: August 21—25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Details will follow.

GOOD FRIDAY 
A day of Fasting and Abstinence

Sunday, April 2, 2023

LENTEN PARISH SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1st, 5pm

Sunday, April 2nd: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6th, 8:00pm– 12:00am Holy Eucharist and Washing of the Feet followed by Adoration in Nessinger Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7th

10:00am—Stations of the Cross

3:00pm—Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross (Youth)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th, 8:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 16th: 2:45pm—Exposition & Benediction

3:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Blessing of Divine Mercy Icon

Holy Mass at 4pm

Coordinated by the Parish Prayer Group



Meditate on Jesus' words:

I thirst.



Building Fund Envelopes

will be collected this weekend for the basement renovation and for the building of our Adoration Chapel.

Thank you for your generosity!

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY!



HOLY WEEK

Hi guys, do you ever wonder why next week is called Holy Week? It is called Holy because it shows us Jesus immense love for all people—a love willing to suffer, a love that has no end, a love that conquers death itself with his Resurrection. Let's see on

Holy Monday—Mary anoints Jesus feet with perfume, on

Holy Tuesday—Jesus predicts Judas betrayal and Peter's three times denial of Jesus

Holy Wednesday—Judas betrays Jesus with thirty pieces of silver

Holy Thursday—Jesus gives the new commandment of love and institutes the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and of Orders during the Last Supper

Good Friday—the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ

Black Saturday—contemplation of Jesus in the tomb in silence and adoration

Easter Sunday—Jesus triumphs over death, sin, and evil with His Resurrection, proving He is God.

Come to as many services as you can with your mom and dad, boys and girls, especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil on Saturday, at 8pm.

Hope to see you all there!

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all women in the parish for an 8-week journey on **Daring to Walk the Walk**, an inspiring program designed to help us develop and nurture characteristics of virtues and to truly walk in Love, Forgiveness, Humility, Faithfulness, Prayerfulness, Sacrifice, and Thankfulness.

Planned start: May 2nd, every Tuesday,
7:00pm-8:45pm

Register after all Masses this weekend.

Registration Fee: \$30

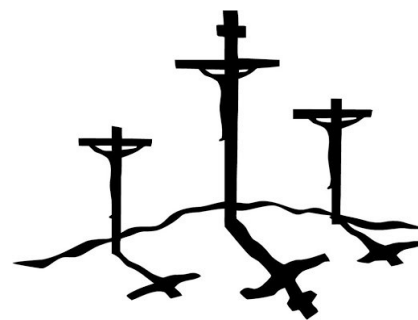
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Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Our journey through Lent takes a major shift this week as we begin the Holy Week. The road to Calvary over these forty days will be marked by confusion and concern, sadness and yes, even moments of joy – not the passing happiness we think of when we hear the word but pure joy, the kind that resides in our hearts when we put our trust in Jesus. The stories that mark our path from here until Easter are powerful and familiar, sometimes so familiar they fail to move us, or more accurately, we fail to be moved. We've heard it all before. There is nothing new here, but God makes all things new and the scriptures are alive with the Spirit, who blows through the ancient texts to make a word, a phrase, a scene jump out at the exact moment we need it, if only we'd settle down and pay attention.



We need reminders, someone or something to point out what we're missing. Holy Week is that reminder, affording us the time and space to go deeper, to sit with stories and let them speak to us as if for the first time. What is calling you to transformation? What speaks to your heart?

We walk this journey together, even if we think we are walking alone. Faith and grace bind us to each other and to our God, and that is the stuff of which pure joy is made. Begin down the path today, and, if you get sidetracked, dust yourself off and begin again, knowing that you have companions, seen and unseen, lifting you up, a communion of saints, in which we all get to stake our claim. Stop, look, listen. Joy is hiding in plain sight, even on the road to Calvary, even on the cross, because joy is not fleeting, joy is not a feeling; joy is the knowledge that we have been saved by Jesus Christ, who invites us to join him on the Way today.

Praying that the Lord fills all your Heart with peace; Holds you in His Love and Blesses you with His grace ... On this Holy Week and Always. Let us begin

Fr. Joyson

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Easter Vigil: Mother of All Vigils

The Easter Vigil, the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday, is, as the Roman Missal says, the “mother of all vigils” and the greatest and most noble of all solemnities. It is the night we rediscover and renew our own identity in Christ while celebrating with those who are coming into the Church through baptism and confirmation.,” said Josh Perry, director of worship for the Diocese of Burlington. There is a beauty in the Easter Vigil that is not seen in liturgical celebrations any other time of year. “The Church saves the oldest, most powerful ritual symbols for the most important times of the year, and the Easter Vigil gives us the opportunity to be immersed in these once-a-year beautiful expressions of our faith: the fire, candlelight illuminating the entire church, our history as told in Scripture, the Solemn Blessing of Water, along with the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and the renewal of our own baptism,” he explained.

The Easter Vigil is loaded with symbolism. It must take place after dark and begins with the lighting of the fire outside and the inside lighting of the Paschal candle, whose light is passed on to individual candles. There are seven Old Testament readings telling the salvation history, sung responses between readings and the Exultet.

The Mass also includes the baptism, confirmation and first Communion of catechumens who are joining the Church, having prepared through the RCIA. Candidates, who are already baptized, receive Confirmation and First Communion at the vigil to enter full communion with the Church.

Paulist Father Larry Rice, director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin, said the idea of the Easter Vigil, by its nature, means “staying up through the night waiting and watching for the Lord’s resurrection.”

Part of the reason so many people love the vigil, he said, is that it “hits us on a primal level,” noting that the vigil is a sensory experience with the smell and the crackling of the fire, the music between readings and the stark images of darkness and light.

Perry invites Catholics to celebrate this night: “There’s no other night like it.”

(Excerpts from Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/world/easter-vigil-mother-of-all-vigils/>)

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am
Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 7:00pm
Additional Mass on 1st Fridays: 7:00pm
Additional Mass on Fridays during Lent:
7:00pm with Station of the Cross.
Sundays:
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

RECONCILIATION

6:00-6:45pm before the Wednesday 7pm Mass or by appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:
9:30am-4:30pm and 5:30-8:30pm
Saturday:
9:00am -12:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm
Sunday: 8:30am-1:30pm

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

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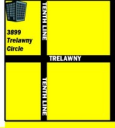
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