

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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April 5th. 2020 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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WITH THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ARE HERE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTENTIONS THAT YOU REQUESTED ARE BEING PRAYED FOR AT THE PRIVATE MASSES OFFERED.

MASSES FOR MARCH 22- MARCH 29

Saint Agnes

Sunday	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	+ Ralph & Marie Heidlage
Holy Thursday	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Good Friday	
Easter Sunday	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.
Wed.
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

EVENTS COMONG UP:

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 855.00

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

Gift Bearers

Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, , Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Linda Russell, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

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INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE: Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at www.dioscg.org or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. There is also a letter on the bulletin board.

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:

Gracious, merciful Lord, Be my guide always.

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You and all the saints.

Teach me to offer up my suffering to help those most in need.

Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater purpose You have in mind for me.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession: Matt 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14--27:66

Monday April 6
Isaiah 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday April 7
Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday April 8
Isaiah 50:4-9
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday April 9
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Good Friday April 10
Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1--19:42

The word "passion" has powerful implications. Theologically, we use it to describe the suffering love that Jesus endured for each of us when he was beaten, mocked and crucified as he willingly took onto himself the punishment and destructive forces of our sins.

The world counterfeits the word "passion" by applying it to strong feelings of romantic, even lustful, attraction.

We also use this word to refer to a strong motivation to do something that we enjoy or care about, and thus we can say that Jesus cared "passionately" about us while enduring The Passion.

The strong love that Jesus exhibited in his ministry and on Good Friday is a lesson on what it means to have "compassion" for others. We walk with them in their sufferings; we "suffer with" them. This is passionate love in its holiest

form.

Read the scriptures for Passion Sunday with an eye on how they reveal Jesus' passionate love for *you*.

See yourself in the passion of the people who enthusiastically welcomed Jesus as well as in those who rejected and denied him.

Consider how much compassion Jesus must have felt for you when he subjected himself to the excruciating pains of his final hours. He did this for you despite how much you've hurt him through any lack of compassion for others. Rejoice in his passionate love for you! This



will empower you to repent and grow stronger in holy love for others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Looking at the reading from Isaiah, what are some of the ways that good Christians sometimes beat on Jesus, pluck his beard, and spit on him?
2. How does your answer to #1 explain why Jesus emptied himself for you, as the reading from Philippians describes?
3. In what ways does the Passion of Jesus minister to us in our sufferings today?

Lenten Activity:

Bring to mind the most painful way you are suffering compassionately with or for someone else. Connect this to what Jesus did. How does this help you feel more intimately involved with God's salvation plan? How does it make your life a modern Gospel?

PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK IS UPON US. WE WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AND HOLY WEEK ARE COMING UP QUICKLY. WITH NO PUBLIC MASSES, THERE WILL NOT BE PROCESSION WITH PALMS. I WILL BLESS THEM THOUGH. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BISHOP, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE CRISIS IS OVER. I WILL TRY TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM FROM DRYING OUT OR MOLDING. ALTHOUGH WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER PHYSICALLY AT MASS, I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT ON THE STUPID JOKE THAT I WAS GOING TO START THE SERMON WITH THIS YEAR. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT LAST YEAR, IT WAS, 'I HAVE PAINTED SOME OF THE PALMS THE COLOR OF BLOOD, SO THAT I COULD ASK, DO YOU WANT YOUR PALM RED?' THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE WORSE.

IF I MAKE A PILE OF THESE STRANDS, BIND THEM TOGETHER AND PUT THEM BETWEEN THE FRAME AND THE AXLE OF A TRUCK BED, WHERE WOULD WE BE? ANSWER: PALM SPRINGS! (AND THIS IS WHY YOU PAY A MONTHLY FEE FOR INTERNET SERVICE?). WE ARE NOT CALLED TO BE IN PALMS SPRINGS. RATHER, WE ARE CALLED TO BE SPIRITUALLY PRESENT WITH CHRIST IN JERUSALEM DURING THIS WEEK. OF COURSE THIS IS USUALLY DONE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MASSES, THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AND THE EASTER VIGIL. THIS YEAR, IT MUST BE DONE BY MOST FOLKS AT HOME. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, SPIRITUALLY, THAT IT BE DONE. POPE JOHN PAUL II REMINDED US THAT THE HOME IS "DOMESTIC CHURCH." READING THE SCRIPTURES FOR THE MASSES AND SERVICES TOGETHER AS FAMILY, PRAYING TOGETHER, BRINGS THE GIFT AND REALITY OF OUR SALVATION HOME. THIS IS WHY, AT THE END OF THIS, I WILL LIST THE READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY, AND GOOD FRIDAY. HOLY WEEK UNPACKS THE MYSTERY OF OUR SALVATION THAT IS PRESENT TO US, AND WE TO IT, IN EVERY OFFERING OF HOLY MASS, IN THE MIDST OF MASS, EXCEPT FOR GOOD FRIDAY, THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR THERE IS NO MASS.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL REALITIES THAT IS AMPLIFIED IS IN THE "LACK" OF MASS ON GOOD FRIDAY IS; THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST IS MASS, MASS IS THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST. PERHAPS WE ALL HAVE COME TO A GREATER RECOGNITION OF THIS SALVIFIC TRUTH THROUGH THE LOSS OF PUBLIC MASSES. THERE HAVE BEEN, SPIRITUALLY, NUMEROUS GOOD FRIDAYS FOR ALL OF US. THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE REDEMPTIVE BLESSINGS WE WILL RECOGNIZE DOWN THE LINE.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14 - 27:66.

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I Corinthians 11:23-26. John 13:1-5

GOOD FRIDAY Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12. Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25,
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WINDING IT UP FOR THE TIME BEING.

-I AM ABOUT 80% FINISHED SAYING 1 - OUR FATHER, 1 - HAIL MARY, 1-, GLORY
BE TO THE FATHER.... FOR EACH OF YOU, AND I AM NOWHERE NEAR PRAYED
OUT!

-REMEMBER: ACT OF CONTRITION FOLLOWED BY SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
-ROSARY FOR THE INTENTION OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE VIRUS AND/OR
THOSE WORKING TO OVERCOME IT, CARRIES A PLENARY INDULGENCE. CAN BE
RECEIVED ONCE A DAY.

THE BRANCHES BLESSED AND USED ON PASSION SUNDAY WILL BE HERE FOR
YOU AFTER THINGS GET BACK TO NORMAL. I WOULD NOT THINK OF TRYING TO
PALM THEM OFF ON ANYONE ELSE! GOD BLESS - FR. MATT