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ALL MASSES/LITURGIES

Closed to the Public

CONFESSION

*Suspended until
further notice*



Blessed Palm

For the safety of everyone,
Bishop Mark has directed
Parishes to NOT distribute
blessed palm this Palm Sunday



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Christ became obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross.
because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which
is above every name.



All Masses/Liturgies to be said privately by the Priests

Sunday April 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Matthew 21:1-1 / Phillip 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27
Helen Yuhas (*Anita, Barbara, & Chris*)
Toni Kay Metzgar (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)
People of the Parish

Monday April 6 Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12: 1-11
St Anne Society
Joseph Yambor (*Family*)

Tuesday April 7 Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 12:21-33
Living & Deceased Members 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies
Deacon John Concannon (*Daniel Hutchison*)

Wednesday April 8 Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25
Charles "Butch" Huffman (*Cynthia & Ron Britt*)
George Najjar (*Wife, Children, & Grandchildren*)

Thursday April 9 Holy Thursday Evening of the Lord's Supper

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15
Leo Klug (*Denny & Pat Heptner*)
Robert Crookston (*Family*)

Friday April 10 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1-19:42

Saturday April 11 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Readings: Genesis 1:1-22 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Exodus 14:15-15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17A, 18-28 / Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10
Rita Bailey Birthday Remembrance (*Joyce & Jerry Karafa*)

Sunday April 12 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34A, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9
John McInchok (*Daughter, Nancy & Family*)
TV Ministry

Reflection on the Suffering Servant of Palm Sunday It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings he endured, upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

Twenty years from now, if you were to ask Italians to think back about what images stuck in their minds from the coronavirus, it is a good bet that many would give the same answer:

“Papa Francesco standing alone in St. Peter’s Square, under the rain, praying for it to end,” they would likely say.

It was a powerful image – maybe you saw on YouTube or joined in from your laptop or tablet on March 24. Pope Francis stood alone on the steps of Saint Peter’s Basilica, the vast basilica square eerily empty. He blessed the sick and dying and terrified people of Italy from the steps of Saint Peter’s: “From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the world, may the blessing of God, like a consoling embrace, descend upon you,” the pope said.

A historian and critic wrote in one of Italy’s major newspapers: “One day, we will remember these sad times we are living with many other images: the daily count of the dead, the lines at the hospitals, the frantic challenge to an invisible enemy. Nevertheless, the prayer for the end of the pandemic, the solemn *Urbi et Orbi* blessing, the solitude of the pope, will end up as one of those decisive moments in which television captures our history, our anguish, in real-time.”

“The wind that blew the pages of the Gospels during the funeral of John Paul II, or the helicopter ride of Pope Benedict when he resigned, both moved us, but they are nothing in comparison to the shock of seeing the empty square surrounded by the colonnade of Bernini.”

[From “Francis on Friday delivered an iconic image that stirred a country’s soul” by John L. Allen, CRUX (cruxnow.com), March 29, 2020.]

The sight of Pope Francis praying in the empty square evokes the Gospel image of the solitary figure of the abandoned and condemned Jesus during his Passion. On this Palm/Passion Sunday, we are experiencing a similar sense of emptiness, of detachment, of abandonment in a way many of us have never known before. We are stumbling under the weight of the crosses of anxiety, of fear, of illness, of death in ways we have never felt before. However, the “goodness” of the Lord’s Passion is the realization that we do not bear our crosses alone. The God who created us came to live among us and suffer among us and die among us.

Our God knows the pain and despair and fear that is part of the human experience.

Our God has experienced the anger, the brutality, the selfishness that human beings are capable of inflicting on one another.

Our God — who possesses a love we cannot begin to fathom — refuses to let death be the victor or have the final word. God makes his presence and love known to us if we embrace the grace to realize it.

In the shadow of the cross, may we take up our crosses during this challenging Holy Week, trusting that Easter will dawn, and, with such hope, may we be the shoulders of Christ helping one another bear our individual crosses. *Never alone.*

Pastoral Care Anointing of the Sick for those in grave danger contact Fr. Jim 934-9605. Individual Confession contact the rectory, 536-0117.





A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen

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Envelopes	\$ 1,127.00
Cash	23.00
Easter	20.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Easter Flowers	120.00
Catholic Relief Services	55.00
Total	\$ 1,350.00

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