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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm

Sundays
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

OUTDOOR COMMUNION

Sundays
12:30-1:00 pm
St John Activities Center

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday
7:00 am
12:05 pm

Saturday
8:00 am

CONFESSION

Thursday before 1st Friday 3:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm @ the Cathedral

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.



- Sunday March 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Readings: Mark 11:1-10 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philemon 2:6-11 / Mark 14:1—15:47
8:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am John Kucenski (*Wife-Mary Ann*)
5:00 pm Sean Lill *Anniversary (Evonne & Ed Homway)*
- Monday March 29 Monday of Holy Week**
Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11
7:00 am Ann Haluska (*Christa Everhart*)
12:05 pm No Mass
- Tuesday March 30 Tuesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38
7:00 am Robert Terek (*Sister-Vivian Elsner & Children*)
12:05 pm Beverly (Brothers) Rusnak (*Mike & Christine Brothers*)
- Wednesday March 31 Wednesday of Holy Week**
Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25
7:00 am Eileen Pohl Rengh & Family (*Estate of Eileen Pohl Rengh*)
12:05 pm James Ozbold (*Judith Keafer*)
- Thursday April 1 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15
7:00 am No Mass
12:05 pm No Mass
6:00 pm Robert F. Crookston (*Family*)
- Friday April 2 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
12:05 pm Lord's Passion & Communion
6:00 pm Lord's Passion & Communion
- Saturday April 3 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**
Readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Exodus 14:15—15:1 / Isaiah 54:5-15 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 / Ezrah 36:16-17a, 18-28
11:30 am Blessing of Food
5:00 pm No Mass
8:30 pm Father Chuck Bridges (*Dee Dee Osborne*)
- Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord**
Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9
8:00 am Mary Ann Sabo (*Husband, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild*)
11:00 am Anita Bischof (*Mr & Mrs Mark Stumpo & Family*)
5:00 pm No Mass

Passion (Palm) Sunday

“Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.

Philippians 2: 6-11



And when they had mocked Jesus, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

The glory of broken Bamboo

The Chinese have a beautiful legend about Bamboo.



When the splendid Garden of the earth was first created, Bamboo was the most beautiful and noble plant of all, the Master of the Garden's favorite. Not

only was Bamboo beautiful, but Bamboo was among the most modest and gracious of all plants.

One day, the Master of the Garden came to Bamboo. "Bamboo, I must use you," the Master said gravely.

"Master, I am ready. Use me as you will."

"Bamboo, I must cut you down."

Bamboo was stunned. "Cut me down? Can I not serve you as I am?"

"Beloved Bamboo, I cannot use you unless I cut you down."

Bamboo bent her head. "Master, if you cannot use me unless you cut me down, do as you must."

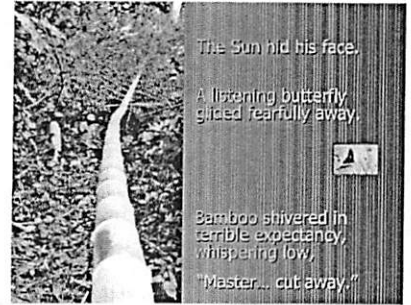
"Bamboo, I must also cut away your branches and strip you of your leaves."

Bamboo pleaded, "Must you take my beautiful branches and leaves?"

"Bamboo, if I do not cut them away, I cannot use you."

The Garden grew still, and the wind held its breath; the sun hid its face. A listening butterfly glided away.

Bamboo shivered in terrible expectancy, whispered low, "Master, cut away."

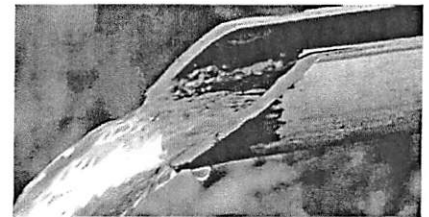


Thus, the Master of the Garden took the beloved Bamboo and cut Bamboo down. The Master cut off Bamboo's branches and stripped Bamboo of her leaves, then cleaved Bamboo and cut out her heart. The Master of the Garden then gently carried Bamboo to a spring of freshwater. The Master put one end of broken Bamboo in the spring and laid Bamboo into the water channel. The clear water raced through Bamboo's torn body into the waiting fields. Then the rice was planted and, as the days went by, the shoots grew, and the harvest came.

On that day, Bamboo, once so glorious in stately beauty, became even more glorious in her brokenness and humility when Bamboo became the abundant life channel in the great Garden the Master.

[Adapted from **Year of the Heart** by Daniel O'Leary and **In the Shadow of Nine Dragons** by Eric Hague.]

In the second reading for this Palm Sunday, St. Paul beautifully expresses the mystery of this Holy Week: in Jesus, God "empties" himself of his very divinity to take on the cross for the sake of his beloved but fallen humanity. In the Chinese creation tale, Bamboo "empties" itself of its beauty and nobility and so brings life-giving water to the parched earth, transforming the fields into a harvest of rice. As we walk with Jesus this Holy Week, may we learn to "empty" ourselves of our egos, our wants, and expectations in order to "redeem" our lives in the liberating love of God, and then become that love for others who are crushed under the weight of their crosses. May we fill our new "emptiness" with the spirit of Jesus, enabling us to build the Kingdom of God in this time and place of ours.



Preparing for the Pasch: O Pasch, sanctify all believers

Reconciliation Services

Saint Benedict, Geistown Monday March 29 5:00 pm

Triduum: The Three Holiest Days

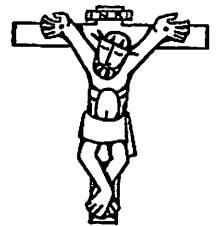
Holy Thursday, April 1

The Mass of the Lord's Supper with Bishop Mark	6.00 pm
Adoration in Saint Anne Shrine until	10.00 pm
Night Prayer	9.45 pm



Good Friday, April 2

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Communion	12.00 pm
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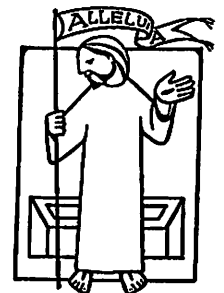
Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, April 3

Blessing of Easter Table Food (Main Church)	11.30 am
Exsultet, Readings, Eucharist	8.30 pm

Easter Day

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunday of the Pasch	Mass	8.00 am
	Mass with Bishop Mark	11.00 am



(No 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
& Audio Operators: April 3rd & 4th

Saturday April 3 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: Fred Oliveros Charlotte Amenti
Gloria Stephens Dixie Lochrie
Christine Brothers Vi Najjar
Patricia Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Jodie Hall
Servers: Rachel Hall Volunteer Needed
Audio Operator: Volunteer Needed

Easter Sunday April 4 8:00 am

Readers: Irene Ott Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server: Rich Ott
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Easter Sunday April 4 11:00 am

Readers: Beth Stem Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis Valerie Wilson
Server: Levi Giffin Zachary King
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Easter Sunday April 4 5:00 pm

No Mass

Religious Education News:

Saturday, April 17 – 10th grade *Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat* – 1:30-4:40 pm @ St Benedict's school gym. Please register by April 10th. Parents are required to attend retreats.

The Upward Bound Program at Saint Francis

University has openings for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders from Cambria County high schools. Upward Bound is a college access program that helps eligible students learn more about the college application process, prepare for the SATs, and apply for financial aid and scholarships. From September through May, students participate in Saturday follow-ups at Saint Francis and afterschool tutorials in their communities. Additional activities include college visits/fairs, SAT cram sessions, and FAFSA completion nights. During a six-week residential summer program, students attend classes in lab sciences, math, foreign languages, and humanities. Upward Bound also sponsors a work-study component, volunteer opportunities, and cultural events. *All of the program's services are provided free of charge.* Want to learn more? Contact the Upward Bound staff at upwardbound@francis.edu or (800) 457-6300/(814) 472-3023.

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Cash	\$ 586.26
Envelopes	4,485.00
Maintenance	43.00
Catholic Relief Services	45.00
Easter Flowers	524.00
Rice Bowl	50.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Candlemas	5.00
New Years	5.00
Total	\$ 5,753.26