

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Mass Times

Saturday: Confessions—4:00p.m.
Vigil Mass--- 4:30p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.

**Weekday Masses: --- 8:00a.m.
First Friday Healing Mass**

Office Hours Mon & Wed-Fri 2-5PM

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---6:00p.m.
Confessions—7:15p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass—9:30a.m.

**Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.
Monday & Thursday**

**Office hours: Mon & Tues 8:00-12:00
Wed 9-11AM**

Mass Times

Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m.
Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.

**Weekday Masses: -----
Wednesday 6:00pm.**

**1st Saturday: Rosary & Mass---
8:00a.m. Confessions----- 9:30a.m.**

**Office hours: Sun 9-5
Mon 3:30-5:30PM**

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The Passion of Christ



“What is written about me is coming to fulfillment”, Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Indeed we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the New Covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked, as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced (see Isaiah 53:5), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Psalm 32:17-19), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (compare Matthew 27:40; Mark 15:30)

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end; He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident in the words Isaiah prophesied in today’s First Reading: “The Lord God is my help... I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see Romans 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-5; 1-2,6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we, like the good thief, will be with Him in paradise.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

St Helen Parish, Oracle

Saturday Vigil Mass April 12th, at 4:30 PM



Palm Sunday April 13

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Maundy Thursday April 17

Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Holy Mass at 6:00 PM



Good Friday April 18

Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

Passion & Liturgical Rites at 1:00 PM



Easter Vigil April 19

Dying He destroyed our death. Rising He restored our life.

Holy Mass at 7:00 PM



Easter Sunday April 20

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Victory over death.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Holy Thursday

*“What I am doing,
you do not understand now,
but you will understand later.”*

— John 13:7

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave His friends the ultimate sign of His humility and love for them by washing their feet. He then demonstrated the full meaning of His life and death—breaking the bread of His Body and drinking the wine of His Blood with them. Yet this very night He would weep alone in the Garden as His Apostles slept. We reflect on what Christ did so willingly for us.

Prayer for Maundy Thursday

O Lord, the King of Kings, who led and taught not as a mighty ruler, but a servant leader, show me how to lead and live through love. Teach me how to love and serve others with a gracious and humble heart. Help me to always remember your words, being reminded each time I come before your table to share in the cup and the bread. As I come before you to eat the bread of redemption and drink the cup of your salvation, may I recommit my heart to serving you and leading through love. To you, O Lord, who are mighty to save, pour out your mercy and grace and lead me in your way Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

**April 12 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –Stefania Maraston
(Health)**

**April 13 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
+Marina M. Flores, +Celestino M. Flores**



Good Friday

*"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me
in Paradise."*

— Luke 23:43

While our hearts are heavy on Good Friday, it is not a day of despair. Our sins and weaknesses are being forgiven, healed, and completely redeemed by the body of Christ now being broken on our behalf. We are to take heart and draw strength from Christ's example of placing Himself completely in the Father's hands. Let us commit to remembering Jesus' compassion, even in the midst of His painful death, as He forgave those who were crucifying Him and the thief who hung beside Him. We can do no less than forgive those who have offended us.

Prayer for Good Friday

O Jesus, on this day we remember your death, the day your light went out from this earth. We sit in the darkness today, remembering the trials you faced on our behalf. You have borne our sin and made the ultimate sacrifice to save us. Today, as we recall your final hours, we consider a world without you and hold onto the hope we know we have in you. I want you and your light in my life. I believe in you and want to follow you all the days of my life, even knowing the road ahead will be difficult. Come, Lord Jesus, come and fill this world with your light. Amen.



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Holy Saturday

*"The Son of Man will be handed
over to the chief priests and the
scribes, and they will condemn
Him to death and hand Him
over to the Gentiles who will
mock Him, spit upon Him, scourge
Him, and put Him to death,
but after three days He will rise."*

— Mark 10:33-34

Today, Jesus, the Light of the World, lies lifeless in His tomb. We rest this day, just as the women who followed Jesus did before going to anoint Jesus' body. Mary is our example today. She quietly mourns, but she does not despair. We mourn with her. But our hope is in Christ and in His Apostle, St. Jude. Even on the darkest day of the liturgical year, we can look to tomorrow with hope.

Prayer for Holy Saturday

Heavenly Father, what great love you have for me that you would send your only begotten Son to die for my sins. How can I ever doubt your love or your ways? Yet in these dark moments, I start to question and doubt. I wonder what comes next and I fail to recall your great faithfulness. Lord, forgive my unbelief and help me believe. Help me to trust you in all things, in all times, even through the valleys and dark seasons of my life. For you are my rock and my refuge, my strength in the storm. Your love never ceases, your mercies never end. You are enough for me- more than enough. Help me to remember that all the days of my life. Lead me to walk in love, as a shining reflection of our love into this world. And help me live the life you desire of me, bringing glory to you in all that I do, Amen.



Please pray for the homebound

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Saints of the Day April 2025

April 14 St. Lydwina...Holland...Patron saint of ice skaters and chronically ill...d.1433

April 15 St. Paternus...Ireland...Bishop...550

April 16 St. Bernadette of Lourdes...Visionary...France...d. 1879...Incorrupt

April 17 St. Stephen Harding...Cistercian...England (d.1134)

April 18 Bl. Marie of the Incarnation...Widow and Carmelita...France d. 1618

April 19 St. Elphege...Archbishop of Canterbury...Benedictine...Martyr (954-1012)

April 20 St. Agnes of Montepulciano...Dominican Nun...italy...(1268-1317)

St. Bartholomew Fiesta



Saturday, May 3, 2025

11:00AM-10:00PM

Mass @ 11AM

Entertainment:

**Mariachi Valenzuela:
2:30-4:30PM**

**Mariachi Genaro Moreno:
4:30-6:30PM**

DJ Johnny Hernandez: 6:30PM-10PM

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