

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS

During Holy Week – The soldiers hearing Jesus cry out soaked a sponge in wine and presented it to Jesus but He refused to drink. A spear was used to pierce His side to verify that He was dead but His legs they did not break.

Mt 26:48 – Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed; gave it to Him to drink. Mark 15:36 – One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take Him down.” John 19:28-29 – After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, - Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to His mouth.

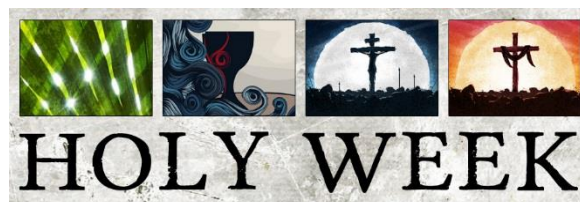


John 19:32 – So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you may also come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: “Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another passage says” “They will look upon Him Whom they have pierced.”

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. APR. 6 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>		+Bernie LaBuda Bernie Golojch	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
TUES. APR. 7 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>		+Bob Petrysyah Weible Family	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED. APR. 8 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>		Agony in the Garden Joe & Dolores Fatula	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
THURS. APR. 9 <i>Holy Thursday</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
FRI. APR. 10 <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>			Is 52:13 – 53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1 – 19:42
SAT. APR. 11 <i>Great Vigil of Easter</i>		+Special Intention	Gn 1 – 2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15 – 15:1 Is 54:1-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15; 32 – 4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10
SUN. APR. 12 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

Stewardship Reflection... “Jesus’ mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted. He not only perfectly accomplishes this task, but also, in calling Disciples, empowers them to collaborate with Him in the work of redemption for themselves and on behalf of others,” [Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, USCCB, 1993]

God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents, the breath of life and the means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world.



PALM SUNDAY – “Those preceding Him as well as those who followed kept crying out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.’” – Mark 11:9

Offer a prayer with your family, asking God to guide your journey through Holy Week.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK – “Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil ...and anointed the feet of Jesus...” – John 12:3

In today’s Gospel, Mary of Bethany does something generous for Jesus when she anoints His feet with perfumed oil. Go out of your way to do something kind for someone else today. At the end of the day, ask for God’s blessing on that person.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – “Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny Me three times.” – John 13:38

In today’s Gospel, Jesus predicts that Peter will deny Him three times. What makes it hard to stand up for your Faith? Name three ways you can demonstrate your love for Jesus this week.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” – Matthew 26:21

In today’s Gospel, Jesus names Judas as the one who will betray Him. Talk about or reflect upon how hurtful it is to betray someone you love. Write a prayer asking for God’s forgiveness for any ways you have hurt someone.

HOLY THURSDAY – “Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the Disciples’ feet.” – John 13:5

Brainstorm ways to be of service to people in your home, school, workplace, neighborhood, or parish. Choose one act of service to carry out before Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY – “And bowing His head handed over the spirit.” – John 19:30

Pause for five minutes today to reflect in silence about Jesus’ death.

HOLY SATURDAY – “For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God...” – Romans 8:19

Make an Easter card for a family member or a friend. Decorate it with signs of new life and write a message that tells about New Life with Christ.

Families and the Gospel... Matthew 26:14-27:66 – The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guarno, USCG; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major **Melinda Rován Corallo**, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1st Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1st. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2nd Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2nd Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Senior Airman Anthony Rosage**,

USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken, USAF**, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Spc. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **Sgt. Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.

To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

