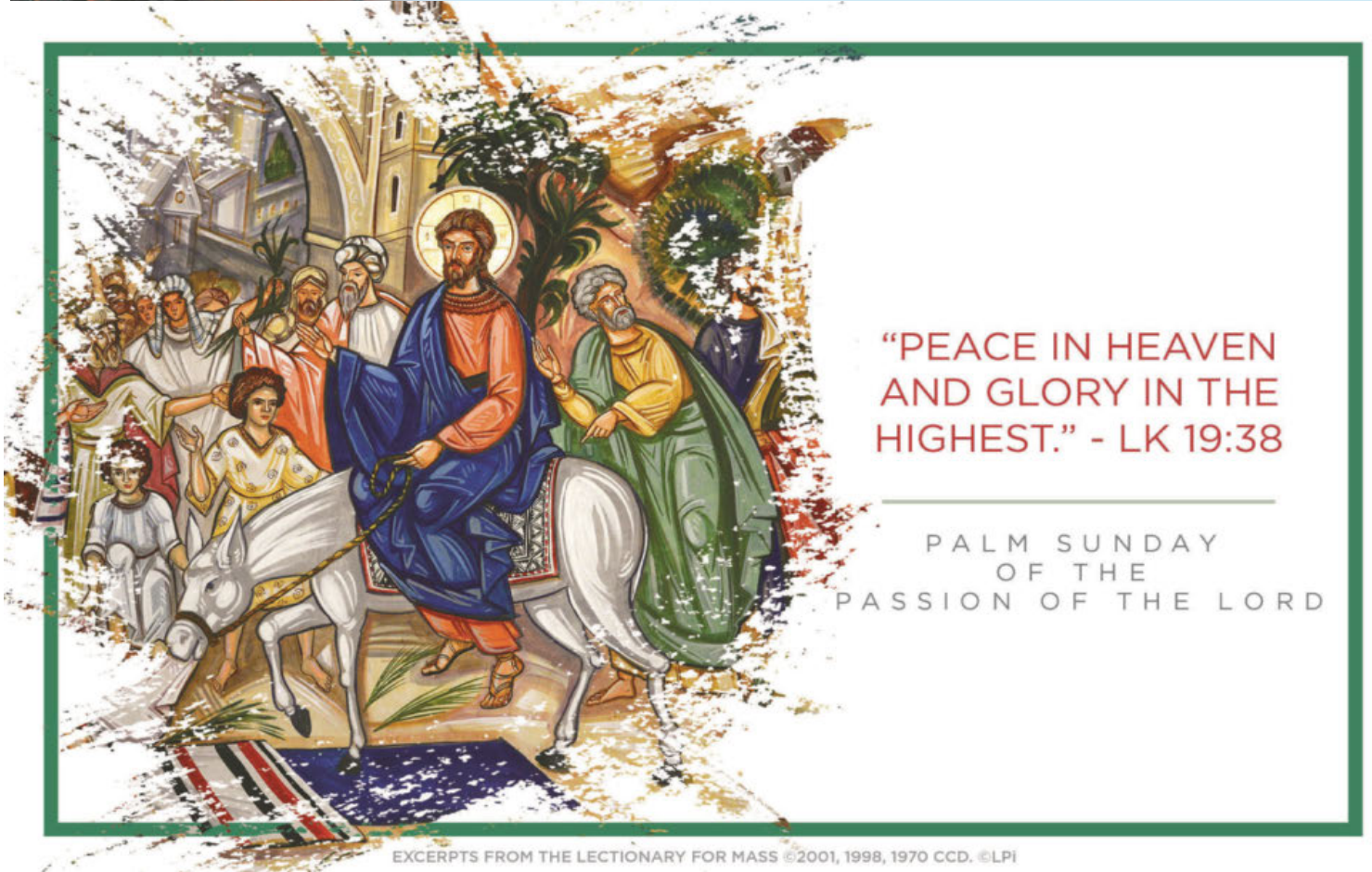




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PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

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April 10, 2022 ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 pm (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the Parish Office regarding *Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick*

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Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

We come to the annual solemn observance and celebration of the central mystery of our faith – Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the inaugural moment of our week-long observance. I encourage all of you to make the time to gather on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.

Invite your neighbors and friends and family to join you. These are days of great grace and opportunity to draw closer to Jesus. Perhaps you have family and friends who have been absent from church for a while; perhaps all that is needed is an invitation for them to join you. If a person has not been to church for a while, it can be intimidating to return – people often think that they will be judged, that we think of ourselves as better than they.

All are invited and welcomed; no judgments made, no expectations – just come and open yourself to the presence of God – God accepts you just the way you are, you don't need to do anything, just be you.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm
Celebration of the Supper of the Lord
Eucharistic Adoration for one hour after the Mass (Chapel)

Good Friday, April 15
noon - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:15 am
Easter Sunday Liturgy

Individual Private Confessions (in the Chapel)

Saturday, April 9: after the 4:15 pm Mass
Sunday, April 10: after the 10:15 am Mass
Monday, April 11: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 12: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 13: 3:00 - 4:30 pm & 6:00 - 7:30 pm

May this week be truly an occasion of grace for all of us.

Father Steve Adrian



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

GREETERS: Church of St. Matthew seeks additional “Greeters” for Sunday Mass. We welcome people who are able to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that’s needed. To help, contact: jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the Parish Office.

FISH FRY: The last Fish Fry for the season will be next Friday, April 15. Volunteers to help as **Food Runners** are always needed. You would bring orders to the kitchen and take completed orders out to the cars. Many of our parishioner and friends have helped prepare the bags that have cole slaw, brownie, rolls, etc. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

PARISH CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars to take part in the Parish Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 30 from 9 am to 11 am. We will gather to clean the inside of the church and chapel as well as the grounds around the buildings. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you prefer to use your own cleaning products, feel free to do so.

LAWN MOWING: We need a volunteer to mow the grass on parish property. This only includes the square block where church, school and parish center are located (**not Casa Guadalupana property**). Mowing would need to be done about once a week or when needed. Since the square block is mostly concrete and asphalt, mowing consists of the boulevards and the grass on Humboldt street side of school property and inside of the fence around the parish center. If you can help, please contact mleibl@st-matts.org.

THANK YOU: To all who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, April 2 and the 10:15 am Sunday mass. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue praying for the people of Ukraine. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements at both Masses. To our pianists **Brian** on Saturday and **Phil** on Sunday. Cantor **Linda** on Saturday and Sunday. We thank lector **Kathy** on Saturday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Maggie** and **Tom** on Saturday; **Dave, Alberta** and **Linda** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom, Kevin** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Ginny** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to all who took the Eucharist to family and friends unable to attend Mass!

THANK YOU: To all who came to the **Fish Fry** on Friday, April 1. **Over 250 meals** were served at the 5th Fish Fry of 2022.

THANK YOU: To all who attended the Communal Penance service last Sunday afternoon.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Parish Administrator's Note

PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

Our office voicemail is currently unavailable. To leave a message, please call during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm). You can also reach us by emailing Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

ADAPTING OUR WORSHIP

The pandemic is over. No, it's not. Well, maybe it is. For some people? What about those who have underlying health concerns? Wow! Anybody else find it hard to keep up, no matter how many articles and websites you consult?

Along with Jill Kilzer, our Music and Liturgy Director, I recently reviewed a long list of the latest liturgical guidelines from the Archdiocesan Office of Worship. Some things are changing. For example, masks are no longer required. (I still think they're a good idea for those with underlying conditions, or in crowds.) We will continue to offer free masks and sanitizer.

A noticeable change is that processing gifts at the Offertory is now permitted. Accordingly, we will restore this practice.

We will continue to distribute communion only on people's hands, not tongues.

There may be other changes—or changes back to pre-pandemic practices—in the future. Whatever they may be, we'll make them with health in mind. *Let Jill or me know if you have questions about how we worship.*

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We continue to mail out annual contribution statements upon request. If you would like one for 2021, please call the Parish Office.

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year. However you contribute, thank you!

Phil Grant

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If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the Parish Office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 pm Monday – Thursday.

News and Events

ROSARY SOCIETY

All adult women of all ages are invited to the next **Rosary Society meeting**, which is this **Tuesday, April 12th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. We will meet in the Chapel of the Church to pray the Rosary together and afterwards move to the Social Hall for refreshments and the remainder of our meeting. Come to pray together and enjoy the company of one another. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to participate in the praying of the Rosary or attend the meeting.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE FR. STEVE'S 80th BIRTHDAY!

Please help us honor Fr. Steve's service to St. Matthew's community and students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. There will be two opportunities to join the festivities at St. Matthew's:

**Saturday, April 23 after 4:15 pm Mass
in the back of the church**

**Sunday, April 24 after 10:15 am Mass until 2:00 pm
in the Social Hall**

To see Fr. Steve's invitatory video and learn more, visit www.st-matts.org/birthday.



PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially **Jeremiah Baker, Louise Breidel, Bernie Klein, Caroline Gomez, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Virgil Roethler and Lorraine Tabor.**



If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish Office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together*

Weekly Contributions for April 2, and April 3, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

Paypal QR Code: Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



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Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+Dorinda Martineau
+Rudy Saucedo Jr.

Sunday, April 10

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard
Living and Deceased Rosary Members

Monday, April 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Our Parish

Friday, April 15

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 16

7:00 pm Mass
Our Parish
+James Hobbie
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, April 17

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Ken Gilberg
+Joe Savard
+Annabelle Savery

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 11 - Thursday, April 14

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes
Meals are being served as take-out only at this time

Monday, April 11

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS
6:00 pm Parish Rosary with Rosary Society

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:30 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Celebration of the Supper of the Lord

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

12:00 pm, Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Fish Fry (dine-in or take-out)

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

10:00 am AA Meeting
7:00 pm Easter Vigil (in-person)

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

10:15 am Mass (in-person and livestreamed)

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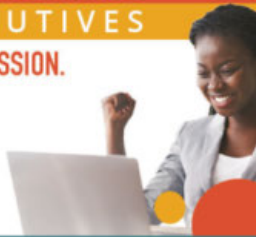
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