



Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor

Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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**Palm Sunday
March 24th**



“I Do” to Our Faithful God, Who Always Waits For Us

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It’s usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **“looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve”** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God’s people. Israel’s God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us. — *Father John Muir*

**TODAY’S
READING**

First Reading: I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull— (Mk 15:22)

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: *Chrim 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, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/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 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday: *Easter 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 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

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 Mk 16:1-7

**READINGS
FOR THE
WEEK**

**Events
of the
Week**

Monday, March 25, 2024 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:25 am Rosary - CHAPEL - 8:00 am Mass - CHAPEL - 10:00 am HFC Prayer Group - Chapel - 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - CHAPEL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reconciliation - CHAPEL - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church - 7:00 - 9:00 pm Living Last Supper Rehearsal - Church
Tuesday, March 26 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm RESCUE Project - HFC Conf. Ctr. - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm The Living Last Supper Rehearsal - Church 	NO MASS AT CHAPEL
Wednesday, March 27 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men’s Group - Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosary - CHAPEL - 8:00 am Mass with Moms - CHAPEL - 9:00 am Bible Study -Parish Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 pm Special KOC Wednesday Night - Fish Fry - HFC Conf. Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Living Last Supper - Dress Rehearsal - Church - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Youth Core Team Mtg. - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm Confirmation Class - Multipurpose Rm - 6:30 pm OCIA - Parish Hall
Thursday, - March 28 – <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7:00 pm The Living Last Supper Mass - Church 	NO MORNING MASS
Friday, March 29 – <i>Good Friday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm SVdP Society - Parish Hall - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross - Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MORNING MASS Parish Office Closed
Saturday, March 30 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10:00 am Rehearsal for Easter Vigil - Church - 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Church 	

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Lois Audley, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Cecil Creel, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Morton Davis, Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Butch and Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Jimmy Wetzal, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin



In Memoriam



Thomas Frank Koppe, Andrew "Burt" Barrett, David G. Bishop, Paula Taylor, Ernest Bethea

Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

March 18, 2024

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:

Building Fund: \$12,682

Youth Ministry: \$18

Masses: \$130

Cemetery: \$5

Memorials: \$5

Easter Flowers: \$585

Building Fund: \$229

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly.

God Bless!" Fr. Mike

Pray For a Priest Each Day

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

Sun., March 24: For Fathers Henry McInerney and Ryan McCoy

Mon., March 25: For Father Paddy Mockler

Tuesday, March 26: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Wed., March 27: For Retired, Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons

Thur., March 28: For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

Fri., March 29: For Our Deacons and Deacon Candidates and Those Discerning

Sat., March 30: For Our Seminarians

March 30
and March
31, 2024

5:00 pm - Saturday,
3/30/24

8:30 am - Sunday,
3/31/24

11:00 am - Sun-
day,
3/31/24

5:00 pm - Sunday,
3/31/24

Lectors

See Holy Week
Schedule in this
Bulletin

EEMs

Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

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Altar
Servers



**Monday Morning
Fellowship, Coffee
& Donuts!**

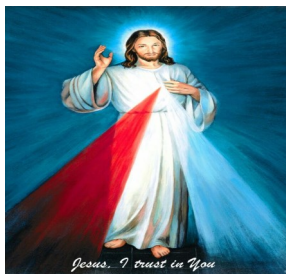
Start your first Monday morning of the month
with Mass at 8 am followed by
Fellowship, Coffee, and Donuts after Mass

HFC Parish Hall

Our next gathering is Monday, April 1st

Hope to see you there!

Please join us every
FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY
of the month for the
**CHAPLET
OF
DIVINE MERCY**



The next Chaplet is
Friday, April 5th
3:00 pm
St. Paul's Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**Holy
Family**
Mark your
Calendars!



**Holy Family
Altar Society Meeting**
Wednesday, April 10th, at 10:00 am
in the Church Multi Purpose Roo

New members are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 23	5:00 pm <i>(Spring and Summer months)</i>	†Paula Taylor †Richard Blum †Thomas Koppe Healing for Jim Bradley
Sunday, March 24	8:30 am 11:00 pm 5:00 pm	†Deacon Ray Vrazel †Frank and Patricia Schmidt Special Intentions for Thomas Schmidt †Ryan Hall †Bodie Michel Special Intentions for the Green Family Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy
Monday, March 25	8:00 am	†Knost Family †Alan Noonan Healing for Brenda Valles
Tuesday, March 26 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	†Bill and Jean Collins †Alan Noonan
Wednesday, March 27	8:00 am	Healing for Brenda Dubuisson Healing for Mike Papania
Thursday, March 28 (Chapel)	8:00 am	†Knost Family †Patricia Kelly
Friday, March 29	8:30 am *† The Repose of the Soul	†Sam and Minnie Jones Healing for Brenda Valles

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EARLY BIRD: 6:30 PM
BINGO: 7:00 PM

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The Parish Office will be closed, Good Friday, March 29th, and Monday, April 1st.



**Created.
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Response.**



As we come to the end of this year's Lenten mission, a BIG THANK YOU to Holy Family's *Rescue Project team* lead by Evangelization Director Trip Goris! It has been a moving eight weeks of digging deep into our hearts to answer the deepest cries of the human heart.
Thank you so much Trip and team!

2023 HFC Contribution Statements

If you would like us to mail you a copy of your 2023 Holy Family Contribution Statement, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686. **THANK YOU.**



Celebration of Holy Baptism



Congratulations to **Matthew Stevens**, child of **Philip and Whitney Stevens** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on March 2, 2024

"Let the children come to me, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

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April 27-28 *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*
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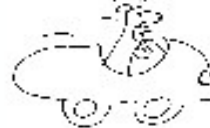


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