



ZION GATE
JERUSALEM

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

MATTHEW 21:9

APRIL 5
2020

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

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The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and

violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4, 2020

5:45 pm CANCELLED

Sunday, April 5, 2020

9:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

Monday, April 6, 2020

9:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

Tuesday, April 7 – VIEW ON-LINE

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – NO MASS

Thursday, April 9, 2020 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 Pm VIEW ON-LINE

Friday, April 10, 2020 - Abstinence –GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross – CANCELLED

7:00 pm Services - VIEW ON-LINE

Saturday, March April 11, 2020 – EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm VIEW ON-LINE

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – EASTER

9:00 am VIEW ON-LINE



HOLY LAND COLLECTION, 2020

The current pandemic concerns prevent us from the normal celebration of Holy Week. Christian communities in the Holy Land also experience this risk. They continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence. For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the Collection for the Holy Land, for this year, take place on Sunday, September 13 (near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

For our On-Line Givers: - The date for this collection has been changed to September 13.

For our Boxed envelope Givers: - Just move your envelope back to September 13.

Thank you all for you continued support.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, March 29.....\$1,310.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

St. Patrick Parish depends on you, especially during this difficult time, to continue our daily operations . Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. For those not using Online giving, and would like to, please go to our website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online giving link. We have just updated our format to make signing up easier. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. *Thank you*



We are operating on a very small scale; the only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address, you can just e-mail the office at stpatrickwilton@aol.com to add it. Thank you

If you are unable to leave your home because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know and we can put you on our prayer list. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.

BLESSED PALMS CAN BE PICKED UP
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 ON THE
FRONT STEPS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH
BETWEEN 9:30AM – NOON





Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection. Please mark on a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the "shelter in place" mandate has been lifted.

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars. Please pray this chaplet in your home.



With our shelter-in-place mandate still in effect you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given below. **My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

(composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

You need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so! The Baltimore Catechism notes that a Spiritual Communion "is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God."

The Senior Assistance will be closed on April 16, 2020. Calls will continue to be returned to messages left at 708-258-6917.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard,
Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ul-
man; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole
Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler;
Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob
O'Neil; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi;
Steve Niemiec

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE
PRAYER LIST.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF APRIL**

- We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Holy Week
Tuesday: Holy Week
Wednesday: Passover begins
Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
APRIL 5, 2020**



Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13
Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35 66 [27:11-54]



ENDURING HOPE

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1–11; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11;
Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11–54]

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