

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Passion (Palm) Sunday
March 28, 2021

At the Procession with Palms - Gospel

Mk 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

Reading I

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading II

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Please see Handout

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am
Monday through Thursday at 8:00am (school only)

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday, and Saturday
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm
Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The church is open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 2:30pm.
Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm,
Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Public praying of the Rosary is suspended.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Before the Second Vatican Council, these two celebrations were broken apart. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, the church would celebrate Passion Sunday and, on this Sunday, Palm Sunday. The Church today combines these two events on this Sunday.

At the beginning of Mass, we hold up our palm branches and proclaim Jesus to be our Lord and King. By the end of the Gospel, we see Jesus on his throne as soldiers nailed Him to the cross, and we understand the meaning of His Kingship: love to the point of death. These events prepare us for the Holy Week to come.

In the evening, we will have our last Sunday night Evening Prayer and a talk focusing on Divine Mercy. This will begin at 5:30pm in Church and on our YouTube channel.

Monday-Spy Wednesday

Our schedule on Monday through Wednesday this week will be the same as it has been in past weeks. We will have Mass at 7:00 and 8:00am each day. On Tuesday, we will have confessions from 6:45-6:55am and 6:15-6:45pm with Mass following at 7:00pm. This will be our last Tuesday evening of confessions and Mass.

On Spy Wednesday, we recall the day on which, tradition tells us, Judas Iscariot betrayed Our Lord. In remembrance of this, many do an extra penance or a time in prayer to be close to the Lord as one of His closest followers betrays Him.

As a parish community, we will mark this day by having Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00-9:00pm in the rectory chapel. Please sign up online or contact the parish office.

Holy Thursday- April 1

This day begins without Mass, as all of the priests will be gathered at the Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. At this Mass, we, the priests of the Archdiocese, will renew our commitment to priestly service and assist the bishop in blessing the oils used in the liturgy throughout the year.

On Holy Thursday morning, we will gather as a community for Morning Prayer at 7:00am. Confessions will precede our praying of Evening Prayer from 6:45-6:55pm.

We will receive the holy oils as a parish community that evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. As we gather that evening, we will remember that this is the night Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood.

Following the Mass, a procession moves to the Altar of Repose to remember the journey of Jesus and His followers to the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest. A time of Adoration will follow the Mass until 10:00pm that night. We will conclude our time with Our Lord with the praying of Night Prayer at that time.

Good Friday- April 2

This day is Good, for it is the day Christ paid for our sins on the cross. Traditionally, Mass is not celebrated on this day.

We will remember this solemn day with many opportunities for prayer. We will begin with Morning Prayer at 7:00am. At noon, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the prayers for the first day of the Novena of Divine Mercy as well as the Stations of the Cross. At 3:00pm, we will solemnly remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. This celebration includes reading of the Passion, offering special intentions for the world, venerating the cross, and receiving Holy Communion. Our day of prayer will conclude with a Reflection on the Cross, songs, and prayers, beginning at 7:00pm.

Holy Saturday- April 3

"What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages." - From an ancient homily on Holy Saturday.

This day is eerily silent, as Christ descends into hell to preach the Good News to those who died before His death and to bring them to life in heaven.

We will meet for Morning Prayer at 7:00am. Last Call confessions will be heard from 11:00am-1:00pm in church. **THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS OR 4:30pm MASS THIS EVENING.**

We will begin to celebrate the Easter Season on Holy Saturday evening at 8:00pm with the Easter Vigil. Though long, it is very beautiful, meaningful, and sheds new light on the entire liturgical year. We begin by blessing the fire, and singing the great Exsultet of Easter victory. We then hear four readings from the Old Testament that recall salvation history. Finally, the lights come up for the great singing of the Gloria, the first time since before Lent began. (Continued on page 8.)

We hope that you will join us for this liturgy of liturgies.

We are pleased to announce to you this week the schedule for Holy Week, 2021, and the Easter Octave.

All of the Masses and services will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel except for the following:

- 7:00pm Mass on March 30
- Eucharistic Adoration on March 31
- Eucharistic Adoration on April 1
- 10:00pm Night Prayer on April 1
- “Were You There” on April 2, at 7:00pm
- Noon Mass on Easter Sunday from the parking lot
- 5:00pm Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday from the parking lot, Sunday, April 11

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us live or via YouTube for one or more of these special Masses and services!

Sincerely,

Fr. John, Msgr. Stehly, and Deacon Jerry

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OCTAVE SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28

- Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am
- Evening Prayer at 5:30pm followed by a reflection on Divine Mercy

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30

- Confessions from 6:45-6:55am
- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am
- Confessions from 6:15-6:45pm
- Mass at 7:00pm

Spy Wednesday, March 31

- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am
- Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00-9:00pm

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

- Confessions 6:45-6:55am
- Morning Prayer at 7:00am
- Chrism Mass streamed from the Cathedral Basilica at 10:00am
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
- Church Open After Mass for Private Adoration until 10:00pm.
- 10:00pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 2

- Morning Prayer at 7:00am
- No First Friday Adoration due to Good Friday
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Traditional Stations of the Cross at noon
- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3:00pm
- “Were You There” Live in Church Only 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

- Confessions at 6:45am until all are heard
- Morning Prayer at 7:00am, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- “Last Call” Confessions 11:00-1:00pm
- NO CONFESSIONS 3:45-4:20pm
- NO 4:30pm Mass
- Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

- Holy Mass in Church 8:00am and 10:00am
- Holy Mass on the parking lot at noon
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena (prayed privately)

Easter Week

- Regular Weekly Mass Schedule
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily after 7:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

- Holy Mass at 8:00am and 10:00am in Church
- Drive-Thru Confessions 3:30-4:30pm
- Holy Mass at 5:00pm on the parking lot



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28

8:00am Joseph Losos
10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 29

7:00am Jane Simon
8:00am Laura Majac

Tuesday, March 30

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am Mary Domijan, SI
7:00pm Eugene Buckley

Wednesday, March 31

7:00am Eva Ruggeri
8:00am Ella Goepner

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

7:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Nino Vitale

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

7:00am Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

7:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 4 - Easter

8:00am Agnes Cross
10:00am Marcia Matreci

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Let us pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

PRAYER NETWORK

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information was not available when the bulletin went to print.



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, April 2, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, April 9, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF ST. ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; 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; Mk 16:1-7

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 Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. During Lent, through your gifts, the Society was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting many families by providing food and paying utility, rent, and other bills. God bless you!



Come join us for SRA summer camp

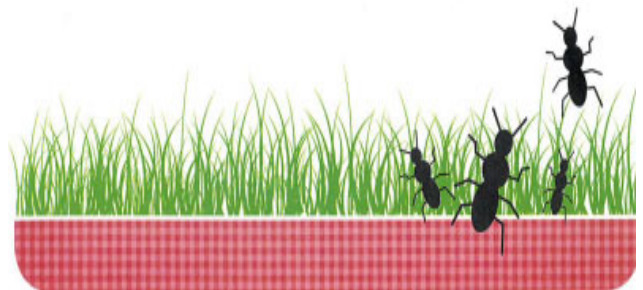
Have fun playing with our experienced staff.
Join us for swim days, field trips, science and many more activities!

June 7th— July 23rd

Visit the SRA web site or

Contact Molly Indelicato

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WEDDING BANNERS

There is a promise of marriage between Laura King and Nicholas Janson to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 17, 2021.



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO SRA!!!

The SRA Parish and Home and School Association have partnered to welcome the Easter Bunny in a socially-distant manner. We won't be hunting for eggs this year, so come snap a pic with the Easter Bunny and receive a goodie bag after 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday.

When: Sunday 4/4 11:15am-11:55pm

Where: Portico at the Jamieson/Highfield corner of church

Please maintain an appropriate distance between families in line while waiting to take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Masks are required to be worn while in line and when taking pictures. Goodie bag contents are allergy friendly.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph
Third Joy: The Holy Name of Jesus. (Matt. 1:25)

Easter Sunday, April 4

This day is why we are Catholic-Christians. We celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death through His Glorious Resurrection. We will have Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and Noon Mass on the parking lot.

As you can tell, I love Holy Week! If you have not attended the liturgies of this week, I encourage you to make it a point this year! It will become a new tradition for you!

Ways to Keep Holy Week Holy

- Read the accounts of the Passion from the four Gospels throughout the week.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary each day.
- Spend more time in silence during the week, perhaps turning off the radio on the way to and from work.
- If you have children, encourage them to play quietly on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to remember Christ's suffering and death.
- Spend time praying in church after the Holy Thursday liturgy (the church will be open until 10:00pm) or stop by during the week.

Latin-American Apostolate

Due to the impending priest shortage, the Archdiocese is closing the Archdiocesan mission in Bolivia. With this closure, the August collection for the Latin American Apostolate will cease. If you have scheduled a gift online for this collection, you will soon receive a notice via e-mail that the collection has been deleted. Thank you for your generosity over the years to the priests of the Archdiocese who have generously served the people of Bolivia.

I will see you online or in Church! Fr. John
#SRAstrong

And he did not know her until she brought forth her first born son. And he called his name Jesus.

O glorious St. Joseph, you faithfully obeyed the law of God, and your heart was pierced at the sight of the Precious Blood that was shed by the Infant Savior during His Circumcision, but the Name of Jesus gave you new life and filled you with quiet joy.

By this sorrow and this joy, obtain for us the grace to be freed from all sin during life, and to die rejoicing, with the holy Name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips.

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory be



We want to extend a welcome to anyone coming back to church for the first time after the lockdown, as well as to any family, friends, or visitors who are celebrating this Holy Week with us. We are happy to welcome you to our parish. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to you and hope that you find God's love alive in the midst of our community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the parish office, 314.352.8100, for more information on our parish.



WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
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Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner **Please Contact Me**
 New Phone/E-mail/Address **Please Do Not Publish #**