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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org**

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square
Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lhayer@dioceseaj.org

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday**

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS IN

This Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mim Pufka Billman

Next Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Parishioners and Benefactors

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM +Anna Marie Jacobs (Kirk Dodson)
10:00 AM +Barry & Brian Elmers (Mom & Dad)
Noon PM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 29, Monday of Holy Week

6:45 AM +Msgr. Paul Panza (Ed & Lois Simanski)
11:00 AM +Deceased Clergy

March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:45 AM +Louise Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM +Amelia Seiler, Birth. (Husband, Jim)

March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:45 AM +Sheila Krape (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM +Mary Catherine Moran Aigner (Peg & Joe Serra)

April 1, Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Intentions of the Celebrant

April 2, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

April 3, Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Office of Readings

Vigil: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

7:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

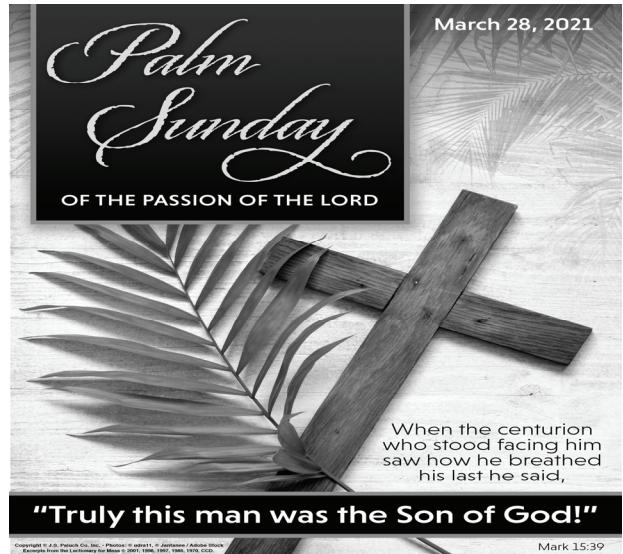
April 4, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
12:00 PM Parishioners and Benefactors
5:00 PM There is no evening Mass today.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of March has been donated by the Noel Villadolid Family. Other months are available for \$30.00.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: 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, c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 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



Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. Due to an early deadline, the contributions for Sunday,

March 21, will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Your generous offerings at Easter are particularly important to the wellbeing of our parish.

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World."

... Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 1917

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

... Sister Lucy
of Fatima



SUFFERING AND INTIMACY

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of



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

Our Lady of Fatima's **Catholic Ministries Drive** target for 2021 is \$9,168. The drive presents us with an opportunity to provide a message of hope to the people of our diocese. Please be generous in your support. Thank you.



Good Friday (April 2) is a day of **fast and abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent.