



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (A)

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54



Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector:

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday April 2 from 5 to 6:30 pm. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.

Catholic Relief Services

Last week our parish had the second collection for Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Our parish collected \$ 177 for this collection. If you still wish to give you can make a contribution to our parish Rice Bowl located in the parish gathering space. Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowls

Decorating for Easter

Decorating for Easter will take place on Saturday April 8 at 10 am. If you are able to come help decorate that is greatly appreciated.

Sweet & Salty

Drop off a sweet or salty snack by Saturday for people to share following the Easter services.

Holy Week 2023- Ecumenical Services

The schedule is set for the Ecumenical Holy Week services. Each service starts at noon with a light lunch, music and short devotion.

Monday: New Hope

Tuesday: Hazard First Baptist

Wednesday: Mother of Good Counsel

Thursday: New Hope

Friday: Consolidated Baptist

Prepare for the Sacred Triduum:
Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM, Conv. and a Diocesan Schola Choir for a service of prayer and song reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for each of us:



Wednesday, April 5, 2023
8:00 PM
Cathedral of Christ the King
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

The word tenebrae itself means "darkness" in reference to the darkness that came upon the earth when the Lord died on the cross and the darkness held in the heart of the church during the days and hours of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Mass celebrates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. There will be a blessing of palms and a procession to the church weather permitting.

Easter Flowers

Would you be willing to bring some bright colorful flowers to help decorate the Church for Easter. Please drop flowers off this week by Saturday Morning.

Holy Week Cantata

6:00 p.m. at New Hope Church (407 Gorman Hollow Road, Hazard, KY,) Listen to singers and musicians from the community as they preform songs of Holy Week.

Holy Week Retreat

Wednesday April 5 Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting an evening retreat for those who are becoming Catholic from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at Mother of Good Counsel. This retreat is open to all parishioners as a time of prayer and reflection to prepare for the Holy Triduum Please register if you plan to attend this event.

Holy Week 2023 April 2-8, 2023

Holy Week is the most important time of the year for Catholics, there are many liturgies and events that happen that week. Can you help or contribute to Holy Week liturgies? See the sign up in the back of church for further ways to help.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...? There are only losses this way. Why not allow him to win?
ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

Upcoming Events

4/2: Palm Sunday with Procession
Holy Week Cantata 6 pm.

Teen Disciples 5 - 6:30 pm

4/4: Chrism Mass at Christ the King Cathedral 10:30 am

4/5: Holy Week Retreat 5:30 to 8 pm.

4/6 : Holy Thursday 7 pm

4/7 : Good Friday 7 pm

4/8: Easter Vigil 8 pm



Readings for the Week

Monday

April 3
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

April 4
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 5
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

April 6
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday

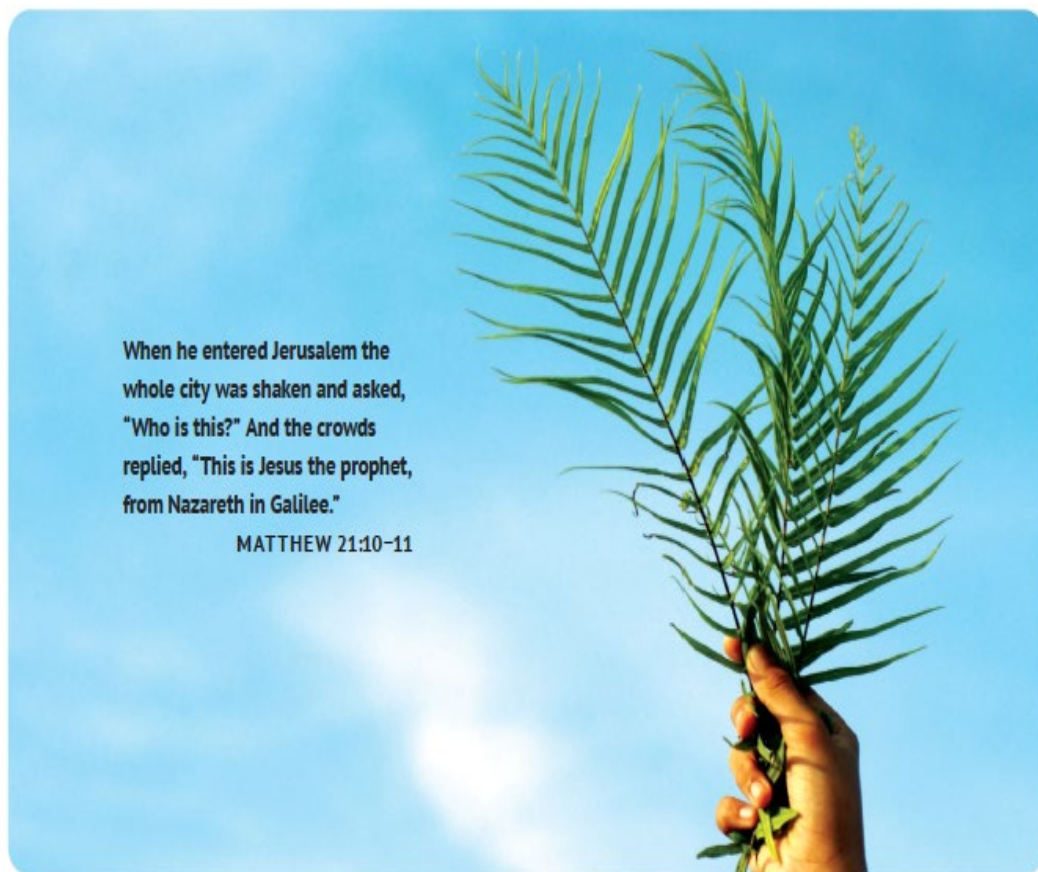
April 7
Friday of the Passion
of the Lord
(Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

April 8
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1-2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

April 9
Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection
of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10



When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

MATTHEW 21:10-11

The Art of Dying

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends about my age had the same experience.

There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us now over fifty thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance

has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death there is no life—in this life or in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week,

we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. ●

Reflect

Who has sacrificed for you? Have you "paid it forward" with gratitude?



Dear Padre,

Why do we call Jesus "the Lamb of God"? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn't that make him sound weak and helpless?

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father's plan. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We "eat his body" and "drink his blood." This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

for 3/26/23

Loose: \$67

Envelopes : \$1435

Easter Flowers : \$60

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$1637

Birthdays

4/2 Marlene Geryes - Elsoueidi

4/6 Cindy Combs

4/7 Fred Duke

Prayer Family
Arthur Neace



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Chris Pulliam, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intention for April:

For a culture of peace and non-violence
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.