

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! We have come to perhaps the most poignant part of the Church's year, in which she presents to us Our Lord's triumphant entry to Jerusalem, followed within the week by His passion and death.

"Jesus, who had always been opposed to any public manifestation and who had fled when the people wanted to make Him their king (cf. Jn 6:15), allows Himself to be born in triumph today. Not until now, when He is about to die, does He submit to being publicly acclaimed as the Messiah, because by dying on the Cross, He will be in the most complete manner Messiah, Redeemer, King, and Victor. He allows Himself to be recognized as King, but a King who will reign from the Cross, who will triumph and conquer by dying on the Cross. The same exultant crowd that acclaims Him today will curse Him in a few days and lead Him to Calvary; today's triumph will be the vivid prelude to tomorrow's Passion.

"Jesus enters the holy city in triumph, but only in order to suffer and die there. Hence, the twofold meaning of the Procession of the Palms: it is not enough to accompany Jesus in His triumph; we must follow Him in His Passion.... As we receive the blessed palm, let us renew our pledge to conquer with Jesus, but let us not forget that it was on the Cross that He conquered." (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 392-393.)

As we enter this last, somber week of Lenten preparation, let us remember that by following Our Lord in this way, we follow Him also to His victory over sin and death. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P.



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13—APRIL 19, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 13, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Special Intention of the Allington Family
 10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, April 14, Monday of Holy Week

7 am For benefactors of seminarian Christopher Hattrup

TUESDAY, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week

7 am For Bill Watterson and his employees

WEDNESDAY, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

7 am Michael Murphy+

THURSDAY, April 17, Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

7 pm Celebrant's Intention

N.B. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until midnight.

FRIDAY, April 18, Good Friday

12 noon *Stations of the Cross*
 3 pm *Good Friday Liturgy*

SATURDAY, April 19, Holy Saturday

10 pm *Solemn Vigil of Easter*

SUNDAY, April 20, Easter Sunday

12 midnight *Pro Populo*
 8:30 am Special Intention of Danielle Werner
 10 am *Pro Populo*

Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confession and Devotions

Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 12 noon

Confessions in Holy Week will be heard one half hour before the 8:30 Palm Sunday mass and before the 7 am weekday masses (Monday through Wednesday), from 5-6 pm Holy Thursday, and from 11 am - 12 noon on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed a half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Monday 5 pm

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 Mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

Holy Triduum Confession Times: Confessions will be heard from 5-6 pm Holy Thursday, 11 am—12 pm Good Friday, and 11 am– 12pm Holy Saturday. Confessions will not be heard immediately before mass on Holy Thursday, nor prior to the Easter Vigil.

Divine Mercy Novena: Please remember that the Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, and ends Easter Saturday, the day before Low Sunday, which is the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Tenebrae: For the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday, the liturgical hours of Matins and Lauds are sung together, and are called “Tenebrae,” meaning “darkness.” Tenebrae will be sung at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary at 7:30 am on each of those days, and the faithful are welcome to assist.

There will be no Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

Catechism Schedule: There will be no children's Catechism April 16 or 23, and no Catechism for adults this Tuesday.

Annual Collection for the Holy Land: The annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken on Good Friday. This collection funds the work of the Franciscan Commissariat of the Holy Land, and especially to maintain a Catholic presence there. This work is most worthy of our support, to oppose the attempt to drive Christians and Christianity from the Holy Land; please be as generous as you are able, and may God bless you!

Easter Flower Donations: On Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Altar of Repose, and is adored until midnight. For those wishing to donate for flowers for this altar, and for the altar flowers for Easter, envelopes are available in the vestibule. Those wishing to bring their own spring flowers, please leave them in the dining hall by Wednesday evening. Thank you!

The Lenten Rosary Crusade will conclude on Holy Saturday. Please pray Rosaries for Our Lady's intentions as she made them known at Fatima in 1917. Tallies should be submitted to the box in vestibule by Easter Monday. Please pray, and may God bless you!

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues, until this Wednesday in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street. If you are able, please sign up to take an hour of the vigil this Wednesday between 6 am and 2 pm. God bless you!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, May 2, 2014. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Please Pray for the Sick: Michael Ostry, Shirley Bauer, Ryan Weaks, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, April 6:	\$2158.00
Collection counters April 13:	Philip McNeely and Troy Butcher
Collection counters April 20:	John Quinto and Volunteer

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.