

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, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

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

MARCH 29—APRIL 4, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 29, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Thomas Kinney+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 30, Monday in Holy Week

7 am Frank & Liz Feuerborn

TUESDAY, March 31, Tuesday in Holy Week

7 am James Jerome Fix

WEDNESDAY, April 1, Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

7 am William George Bauer+

THURSDAY, April 2, 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 3, Good Friday

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

SATURDAY, April 4, Holy Saturday

10 pm *Solemn Easter Vigil*

SUNDAY, April 5, Easter Sunday

12 midnight Celebrant's Intention
8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Rauert
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

Regular Mass Schedule

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 one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Not currently meeting

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 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.

There will be no Coffee Social after mass on Easter.

Holy Triduum Confession Times: Confessions will be heard from 5-6 pm Holy Thursday, and 11 am – 12 pm Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Confessions will not be heard 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.

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 keep 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: For those wishing to donate for flowers for the Altar of Repose, and for the altars for Easter, envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you; God bless you!

Catholics Come Home: Blessed Sacrament Church will host a three-part series "Catholics, Come Home", intended for any inactive Catholic, or anyone considering himself a "former Catholic". There are some who attend mass at St. Francis who have returned to the faith with the help of this series! Information is posted in the vestibule.

Mass Schedule During the Rector's Absence in April: Please note that during Fr. McCambridge's upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land, there will be four weekdays without mass at St. Francis: Thursday, April 9, Friday, April 10, Saturday, April 11, and Monday, April 13. (The other days' masses at St. Francis will be as usual.) The faithful may attend mass at the seminary on those weekdays; mass will be at 8 am on each of them. Mass at the Carmel in Valparaiso is also available, at 7 am Monday-Friday, and 8 am Saturday. Fr. McCambridge regrets the inconvenience.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Leroy Peterson (brother of Bob Peterson), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 22:	\$2112.00
Collection counters March 29:	Philip McNeely and John Quinto
Collection counters April 5:	Volunteers requested

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.