

## 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, and grant you His peace!

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

APRIL 9—15, 2017

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, April 9, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, April 10, Monday in Holy Week

7 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, April 11, Tuesday in Holy Week

7 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY, April 12, Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

7 am Arias Family

### THURSDAY, April 13, 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 14, Good Friday

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

### SATURDAY, April 15, Holy Saturday

10 pm *Solemn Easter Vigil* Celebrant's Intention

### SUNDAY, April 16, Easter Sunday

8:30 am Bill Bergfeld  
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

**Holy Week Schedule of Liturgies:** See above.

**Stations of the Cross :** Good Friday, 3 pm

**Confessions** 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. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Holy Thursday, from after Mass until Midnight.

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

**St. Martha's Guild (formerly "Altar Guild")**

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:30 mass on Sunday

**Catechism for Children** (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers** (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

**St. John Bosco Youth Group**

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

**Altar Boys' Meeting** (September-May)

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!

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.

**The Stations of the Cross** will be made on Good Friday at noon.

There Will Be No Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

**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.

**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!

**Mass Requests:** For the time being, anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, May 5, 2017. 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!

**St. Martha's Guild** (formerly Altar Guild) will begin hosting potluck luncheons one Sunday per month beginning April 23, 2017. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule.

**Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering:** Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday April 2:	<b>\$3294.00</b>
Collection counters April 9:	Philp McNeely and Frank Feuerborn
Collection counters April 16:	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.