

## 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 acclaim 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.



*Our Lord's triumphal procession into Jerusalem*

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24-30, 2013

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, March 24, Palm Sunday

8:30 am Conversion of Freemasons  
 10 am (Solemn Mass) *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, March 25, Monday of Holy Week

7 am Isabelle Jarosz  
 8 am Celebrant's intention

### TUESDAY, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week (Passion of St. Mark)

7 am Donna Kruger  
 8 am Celebrant's intention

### WEDNESDAY, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday, Passion of St. Luke)

7 am John Schomerus  
 8 am Celebrant's intention

### THURSDAY, March 28, Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

7 pm Fr. Dudley Day, O.S.A.

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

### FRIDAY, March 29, Good Friday

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

### SATURDAY, March 30, Holy Saturday

10 pm *Solemn Vigil of Easter*

### SUNDAY, March 31, Easter Sunday

12 midnight *Pro Populo*  
 8:30 am Kok Chee Wong+  
 10 am *Pro Populo*

## Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

### Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday 7 am  
 Saturday 8 am  
 Sunday *Low Mass* 8:30 am  
                   *High Mass* 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 7:30 pm

### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee and rolls:** After the High Mass on Sunday

### Catechism

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 7:45 pm

### St. Joseph Men's Group

Second Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

### Confraternity of Christian Mothers

After Mass on the Third Saturday of the month

### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

### Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

### Choir

Wednesday 6-7 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-12 pm 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.

**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 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 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** runs through Good Friday, 6 am-10 pm. The faithful of St. Francis have been asked to keep the vigil on Wednesdays from 6 am—2 pm. If able, please assist at this prayerful vigil in defense of the unborn. May God bless you!

**Coffee Social Donations:** To cover the costs of coffee, sandwich ingredients, and disposable utensils and paper goods, donations from those who partake in the Socials are encouraged and appreciated. Additionally, donations of crackers, cheese, chips, graham crackers, and cookies are always welcome. Thank you for your consideration!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held on Friday, April 5; the sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to give some time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

**Note from the FSSP's School in Maple Hill, KS:** "St. John Vianney School is having its annual "Jog-a-Thon"! Each of our students will jog for your donations on April 27. Please sponsor our children and contribute to their Catholic education. Information is posted on the bulletin in the vestibule. Thank you!"

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Bauer, Terry Hornback, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Matthew Guevara.

## FINANCES

**Collection for March 17, 2013:**

**\$2223.72**

Collection Counters March 24:

**Sr. Stephen Larson and Troy Butcher**

Collection Counters March 31:

**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.