

# Holy Week

**A Palm Branch** — to represent the events of Palm Sunday.

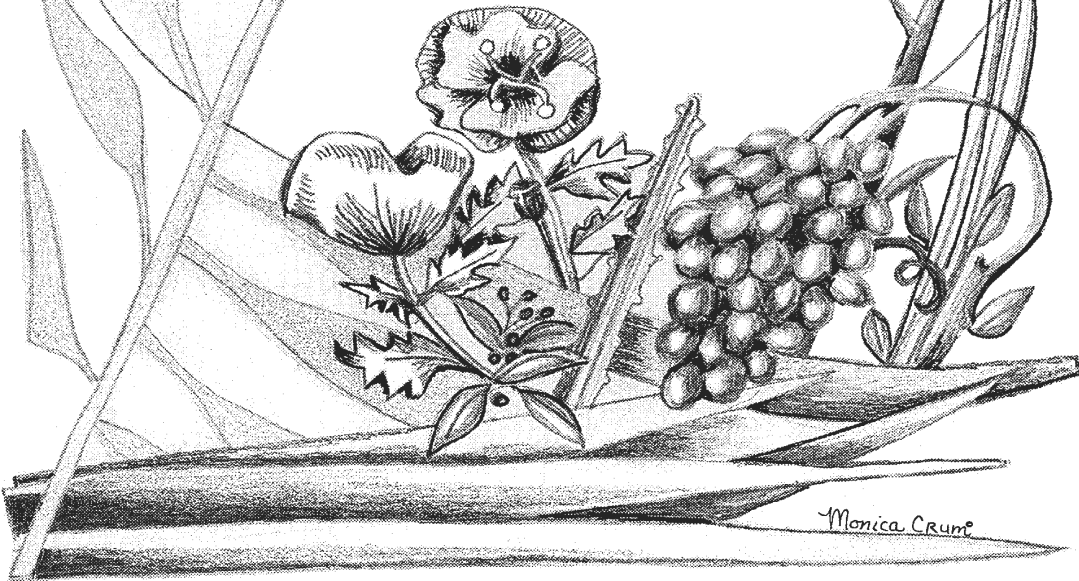
**Grapes and Wheat Stalks** — to symbolize the Last Supper.

**A Reed of Thorns** — to depict the mocking of Christ.

**A Passion Flower or Poppy (the source of gall)** — to represent the Crucifixion.

**Aloe, Myrrh or Other Spices** — to symbolize the Resurrection.

Taken from "The Fragrance of Easter", Sue Monk Kidd



# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 04

8:00am: For the Unborn  
5:00pm: +Ada Carden

SUNDAY, APRIL 05

**Palm Sunday**

8:15am: +Allen Johnson  
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 06

7:00am: +Louis Hart Anders, Jr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 07

7:00am: +John Rourke, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08

7:00am: +Rosemary Breithaupt

THURSDAY, APRIL 09

**Holy Thursday**

7:00am: +Rigoberto Colon

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

**Good Friday**

7:00pm: +Mahlon Boren

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

**Holy Saturday**

8:00pm: +John Harvilla, +Gerald Pohl

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**Easter Sunday**

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Jorge Ayala

**Note: All Masses are private, no public attendance**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, James McGee, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Sally Purvis, George Wertz, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrison Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Traci Moore, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Margie Sanders, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, Clayton Gatewood and David Boren.

**Note**

This is our new, updated prayer request corner. If you wish to add someone to the list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the most sacred time of the Church Year, I thought that this explanation might be helpful, whether we celebrate together as a Church family or separately.

“Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore, the preeminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, has its center in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Sunday of the Resurrection” (**Universal Norms 18-19**)

The following was found in the ORDO (Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2020). The following was taken from *The Three Days of Pasha*, by Nathan Michell, in *Assembly*, Volume 18:1 – Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, Indiana.

### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

What, really, do the liturgies of the Triduum celebrate? Most all of us believe that we know the answer. We assume that Holy Thursday commemorates the day Jesus instituted the eucharist; Good Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the Easter Vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume, further, that the liturgies of these days are dramatic “reenactments” of events – by turns, touching, tragic and triumphant – which happened during Jesus’ last days and culminated in his victory over death. We assume, in other words, that the Paschal Triduum is simply springtime’s parallel to winter’s Christmas. As it gathers on these days, liturgical assembly is often thought to be engaged in acts of historical “reconstruction” that recreate scenes in the “upper room,” on Calvary, and at the tomb. People are encouraged to imagine they are “actually present” at these events – comforting Jesus during his fearful watch in Gethsemane, walking with him along the via crucis, and witnessing his miraculous “return to life” on Easter morning. This view may frequently be reinforced by popular hymns that focus on the “historical facts” of the celebration.

But is “history” the central focus of celebration during the Triduum? Certainly, the early Christian creeds anchored belief in the historical, this-worldly circumstances that accompanied Jesus’ suffering and crucifixion “under Pontus Pilate.” Jesus’ life, career and death were, in other words, attached to a specific time, in a specific place. His proclamation of God’s arrival in the present moment (God’s “reign”), his bold challenge to understand God as one’s neighbor, his rejection of “religion” as a means of social or political control – all this took place not in some cosmic cloud of unknowing, but in a remote province of the later Roman Empire at a time sociopolitical transition.

Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or “reenacted.” That is why the church’s long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into mystery of the assembly’s liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the Paschal Triduum actually celebrates is mystery, not history; anamnesis, not mimesis. The liturgies of these days do not “take us back” to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus’ life, nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter’s dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus, but what is now happening among us as the people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God’s taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world’s life – a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.

You continue to be in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless each of you with the very best.

**Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe**

The parish office is open Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm, closed during lunch 12:30-1:30pm, and can be reached at 256-534-8459. Submit all bulletin announcements to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior at 12:00pm.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 John 12:1-11	Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:2 <i>Easter Vigil</i> Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Romans 6:3-11 ( <i>Epistle</i> ) Matthew 28:1-10 ( <i>Gospel</i> )	Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 25 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Ps Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Ps Isaiah 12:2-3, 4-6 Ps 19:8, 9, 11 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 John 13:21-33, 36-38	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9	
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Matthew 26:14-25			
Thursday	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15			
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 <i>Good Friday</i> Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42			

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ROBERT BAKER** On March 31, 2020, Bishop Baker issued a directive about the distribution of Holy Communion for the parishes in the Diocese of Birmingham. Following is an excerpt.

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Dear Priests, Deacons, Brothers and all ministering in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama:

With this letter, I wish to appeal to your pastoral sensitivity and ask that you find an appropriate way to distribute Holy Communion to your people **on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020**—the day on which we recall the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood. I am very conscious of the hardship that the suspension of public worship has caused for our people, who are so devoted to our Lord in the Eucharist. I commend all of you who have found appropriately creative ways to offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick during this time, even as we all take the extra health precautions required to slow the pandemic.

It may be best to offer Holy Communion outdoors that day, weather permitting, with people driving in their cars during a specified time frame. You should respect local rules on crowd size—thus, you may want to have ushers assist in controlling the line and flow of people.

If you choose a drive-up option, I ask that you have people exit their vehicle before receiving.

This should be understood to be a one-time event. The suspension of public worship currently goes through April 18. Thank you for all you are doing to reach your people in these circumstances.

This is not a matter I have taken lightly. I arrived at my decision after much prayer and reflection. I am concerned not only with the physical health of our people, but more importantly, with their spiritual health. Thank for praying for me during this time. We will get through it with our reasonable precautions and the good Lord's help.


With gratitude for your pastoral zeal and your consideration of this humble request, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator of Birmingham in Alabama

**NOTE: We will offer a similar drive-up option for Communion on Holy Thursday. Details to follow early next week.**

	<p><b>SANCTUARY FLOWERS</b></p> <p>If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.</p>	<p><b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b></p> <p>Regular Collection                   \$ 6,979.10 Other Designated Funds           \$ 1,040.00</p>
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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

*Public Masses are currently suspended, so there are no scheduled liturgical ministers. The new schedule, which runs from April 4 to July 26, 2020, is posted on the church website and will go into effect when we return to Mass.*

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

### NOTICE

All Formation sessions and classes are cancelled for the rest of this school year. This includes Religious Education, all sacramental preparation, RCIA and adult education classes.

We will celebrate First Communion and the Initiation of our RCIA candidate at a time that is safe and meets the directives of our diocese. We will notify you as we know more.

Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume when we return to the celebration of Sunday Mass.

Please pray for all those affected by this crisis and for our medical staff who are working so hard to care for the sick.

#### WORSHIP AT HOME

**Worship@Home Liturgy of the Word: Dynamic Family Services...Until We Gather Again** - <http://worship.pastoral.center>

Liturgical Press is providing free access to a digital file for *Give Us This Day*, including the daily Mass texts at <https://giveusthisday.org/free>

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** In addition to the uncertainty created by Covid-19, some students attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Birmingham face even more stress. They have been told their tax-credit donation funded AAA scholarships from other organizations might not be renewed next year. **We need your tax-credit donation or pledge ASAP to make sure this doesn't happen.**

Business and individual income taxes will still be paid this year in Alabama. Can we count on you to direct up to 50% of your liability to support scholarships for income-eligible kids who want a Catholic education?

How you can help:

- Make a tax-credit donation up to 50% of your Alabama state income taxes or make a pledge by May 1.
- Receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit you can use this year or in the future.
- Share this information with friends or colleagues who support Catholic education.

If you have any questions or need assistance reserving your tax credits, please contact Julie Emory-Johnson, Executive Director, C<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Scholarships, at 205-835-1508.

**CANCELLATIONS** For safety and precautionary reasons, the April 24 Bunco event and the Easter Egg Hunt normally held on Easter Sunday have been cancelled. Have a blessed, safe and happy Easter.

#### ST. JOSEPH 2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

##### TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday, April 9**

**No Public Mass**

Outdoor Holy Communion Distribution  
12pm-1pm, 2-3pm & 4-5pm

**Mass of the Lord's Supper (taped)**

available at [www.saintjosephcc.com](http://www.saintjosephcc.com)

**Good Friday, April 10**

**No Public Service**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion (taped)**

available at [www.saintjosephcc.com](http://www.saintjosephcc.com)

**Holy Saturday, April 11**

**No Public Mass**

Blessing of Easter foods at 9:00 a.m.  
in front of the church

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

**No Public Mass**

**Easter Sunday Mass (taped)**

available at [www.saintjosephcc.com](http://www.saintjosephcc.com)

**Note: the church will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday.**

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

**There will be no scheduled Masses or other parish events, activities or meetings until further notice.**

#### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym  
SFH = St. Francis Hall  
SJC = St. Joseph Church  
LMR/LIB = RE Center  
BEA = Beasley Hall  
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel  
BRZWY = Breezeway