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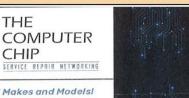
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This week at Holy Family...

Sunday, March 17th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex.
- OCIA 11:00am in Church Hall

Monday, March 18th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

Tuesday, March 19th:

• Mass 8:30am

Wednesday, March 20th:

- No Mass today!
- No Confession or Holy Hour
- 1st Communion/Confirmation Class 4:00pm in South Annex

Thursday March 21st:

- Mass 8:00am
- Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Lenten Penance Service at All Saints at

Friday, March 22nd:

- Mass 8:00am
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in the Church followed by Soup and Bread in the Church Hall.

Saturday, March 23rd:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, March 24th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in the South
- OCIA 11:00am in the Church Hall

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	3/16/2024	4:00pm	Jerry Kazda†
Sunday	3/17/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	3/18/2024	8:00am	Josh Hanley & Daniel Esser
Tuesday	3/19/2024	8:30am	Wayne & Georgia Burnam†
Wednesday	3/20/2024		No Mass
Thursday	3/21/2024	8:00am	Mary Lou Scharnhorst
Friday	3/22/2024	8:00am	Rich & Shannon Eggleston & Family
Saturday	3/23/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	3/24/2024	9:00am	Special Intentions

Ministries Schedule

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday March 23rd 4:00pm	Linda Kazda	Lynette Ausman	Addy Aceveda Emma Aceveda	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday March 24th 9:00am	Don Tuschoff Joan Baune	Cindy Nightingale	Gabe Arnzen Thang Dao	Mark Ackerman Brian Babino Ron Gosselin Thomas Stapleton



Palm Sunday Mass The Passion of the Lord	Sunday, March 24th	9:00am
Holy Thursday	Thursday, March 28th	6:00pm
The Passion of the Lord Good Friday	Friday, March 29th	3:00pm
Holy Saturday	Saturday, March 30th	8:15pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31st	9:00am

March Ministry Schedules are out and in the south entrance. Make sure you use your MSP App to sign up for this coming Holy Week and Easter Ministries.

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Bob Sheppard
Dona McCann
Stapleton Family
Pat Williams
Erica Pena
Sue Buratto
Russ Bashore
Nick Menegas
Linda Entel
Betty Eggleston
Jo Čaetano
Nancy DiMeo
Evelyn Nanik
Liz Šamayoa
Manya & Bill Bebiff
Dan Grassel

Week 2
Pat & Melva Boyle
Sheila McDougall
Wessels Family
Dave Massaro
Dave Massaro Kauffman Family
Michael Cheek
Yvonne Pecora
Dick Jacobs
Lisa Carey
Tina Flerchinger
Vivian Piatt
Gayle Williams
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Mary Gocke
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Week 3 Marty & Chierie Nelson & Family Mary Ellen Hill Caitlyn Graves Christian Morgan Verla Day Thelma Fales Melanie Stellmon Tim Wanta Shannon Dee Tuschoff Val Godwin Adakyss Rivis Mary Lou Scharnhorst Mary Kinzer Melissa Lowe Wes Clizer Marguerite Sitton

Week 4
Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Eileen Jeffreys
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks
Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Joy Nye
Keela Carter
Vivian France
Courtney & Adeline
Paterson
Gene Breeding
Richard Fanning
Larry & Patty Dwyer &
Family
Melissa Lowe
Sebastian
Dee Johnson

Preparing for Palm (Passion) Sunday (Next Weekend)

What is this day called?

The day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday."

The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:13).

The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday (it otherwise wouldn't be read on a Sunday, since the next Sunday is about the Resurrection).

According to the main document on the celebration of the feasts connected with Easter, Paschales Solemnitatis:

Holy Week begins on "Passion (or Palm) Sunday" which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the passion. The connection between both aspects of the Paschal Mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day.

One of the notable features of this day is a procession before Mass. Why do we do this and how is it supposed to work? According to Paschales Solemnitatis:

The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem has, according to ancient custom, been celebrated with a solemn procession, in which the faithful in song and gesture imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna."

The procession may take place only once, before the Mass which has the largest attendance, even if this should be in the evening either of Saturday or Sunday. The congregation should assemble in a secondary church or chapel or in some other suitable place distinct from the church to which the procession will move. . . .

The palms or branches are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession. The palms should be taken home where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ be given which they celebrated in the procession.

What was Jesus doing at the Triumphal Entry? Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI explains:

Jesus claims the right of kings, known throughout antiquity, to requisition modes of transport.

The use of an animal on which no one had yet sat is a further pointer to the right of kings. Most striking, though, are the Old Testament allusions that give a deeper meaning to the whole episode. . . .

For now let us note this: Jesus is indeed making a royal claim. He wants his path and his action to be understood in terms of Old Testament promises that are fulfilled in his person. . . .

At the same time, through this anchoring of the text in Zechariah 9:9, a "Zealot" exegesis of the kingdom is excluded: Jesus is not building on violence; he is not instigating a military revolt against Rome. His power is of another kind: it is in God's poverty, God's peace, that he identifies the only power that can redeem 「Jesus of Nazareth, vol. 27.

(To read more please visit:

https://www.ncregister.com/blog/9-things-you-need-to-know-about-palm-passion-sunday-q4j3z8q3)

"The Eucharist ... is the sacrament par excellence of love. Christ offers himself and breaks him-CRS Rice Bowl self for us and asks us to do likewise so that our life might become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters." -Pope Francis

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Commentary for the Mass Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34*. In today's extract, the prophet is fore-telling the setting up of a New Covenant, to replace the Old Covenant made between God and his Chosen People on Mt. Sinai, a covenant which the Chosen People had not kept. The New Covenant would not be written on tablets of stone but on each individual's heart. It would be a covenant of love rather than one of obligation.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 5:*7-9. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the converts in the Christian faith which they have accepted.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 12:20-33*. On the first Palm Sunday, as Christ entered Jerusalem not as a conquering king on a charger but "riding on an ass" to show that he was the humble servant of all men, he clearly foresaw the sufferings and torments that would be his in that city, before the week was out. Among those who waved palm branches to honor him and who sang aloud: "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," there were perhaps some who, urged on by the leaders, would be shouting the following Friday, "away with him, crucify him," and "we have no king but Caesar." Such was the fickleness of human nature then. Unfortunately it has not changed much, if at all, in the two thousand years that have since elapsed. We are still fickle when it comes to choosing between Christ and the things of this world. Yet he knew all of this, and was still willing to carry the cross for us who are such unworthy mortals!

This very thought should put us all to shame, for what repayment does the very best of us make for the incredible love he has shown for us? We grumble and complain when some small cross is laid on our shoulders; we are full of laments if life is not running smoothly for us; we cannot understand why God should let certain things happen to us, his friends! But see for a moment what the lot of his beloved Son was on earth. Born and reared in extreme poverty; insulted and offended by those he wanted to teach; quickly forgotten by those he benefited by his miracles; hounded by his enemies and betrayed by one who had been his disciple for over two years and who had sat at table with him that same night; deserted in his moment of trial by those very ones who had sworn undying allegiance to him. Then followed the torments wished on him by his enemies—those he had come to save; the mock trial and illegal condemnation; the scourging at the pillar; the crowning with thorns; the carrying of the cross and finally the three hours of intense torture and agony while his body hung on the cross! The next time we are tempted to grumble and complain about our sad lot. Let us look thoughtfully at a crucifix for a few moments!

"He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ at the solemn moment when he was speaking of the purpose of his own painful death. He died so that we might live, not for sixty or even a hundred years on earth, but forever in heaven. We can, we know, lose the eternal life Christ won for us if we are too attached to our transitory, earthly life. If we love our own comforts, pleasures, temporal gains, our own worldly will, more than we love our unending, happy future, then we are loving our earthly lives wrongly, and we are gravely risking the loss of the future, true life.

If, on the other hand, we do our best to be faithful servants of Christ, we shall always judge all our actions with eternity in view. We can use the things of this life which God gives us, and still be close followers of Christ. The lawful possession of the goods of this world, the enjoyment of the licit pleasures of life, are allowed to the fervent Christian. If these possessions and pleasures are accepted with Christian gratitude, they will become stepping-stones that will help us across the river of life to our everlasting home beyond.

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today, and try to compare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Letter from Father

17 March 2024 5th Sunday of Lent The Prayer of St. Patrick

Greetings,

It is an unusual occurrence that St. Patrick's Day and a Sunday of Lent coincide, but here we are. I am reminded of the prayer of St. Patrick (also known as the Breastplate of St. Patrick and how relevant it is for us during Lent and, indeed, throughout the year. No, the prayer is not, "Whenever two or three Irishmen are gathered, there is a fifth". His prayer is a reminder for us that we are completely dependent on God and that we should reject all of the things that turn us away from Him. The part that most people know goes like this:

"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

As a prayer at the beginning of the day, you can't do better than this. Asking Christ to surround you as you go about the business of your day is a great start. It is but one of the nine stanzas of Patrick's prayer, which he wrote to encourage himself and others against the evils of paganism and the temptations of the world.

Throughout the whole body of his prayer, Patrick "binds" himself to various moments in the life of Jesus Christ and to various virtues needed to live a holy life. Events such as the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John, the sacrifice of the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross, and to the glory of His resurrection. He also recognizes the power of the intercession of the Blessed Mother, the Apostles, and the Saints. He unites himself to the glory of God's Creation, both on Earth and in the Heavens, recognizing our place within the grand breadth of the cosmos. And finally, he humbles himself before God and His power throughout the Universe.

St. Patrick then asks for protection from all of the evils of Satan. He reminds us that it is through our own decision that we give in to the sins and vices and unholy acts that distract us from God and His Love. He then calls upon the power of the Holy Trinity and the only source of happiness and salvation, such that the world cannot provide.

The Breastplate of St. Patrick is a beautiful prayer that calls those who use it to a greater dependence on God and less upon the world. It doesn't take us out of the world but reminds us that, even in the created glory of God, this world is so little compared to the Kingdom of Heaven. In the midst of corned beef and cabbage, green beer and Jamesons; we'll take a moment to remember that St. Patrick was an amazing spiritual leader who called the Faithful of Ireland, and calls us today, to a life of greater holiness.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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- 3/19 (Tues) Mass at 8:30 a.m. The Solemnity of St. Joseph by 8th grade
- 3/20 (Wed) 4th & 5th graders attend the Pow Wow at LC State College
- 3/22 (Fri) Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m. (by 4th & 1st graders)
- 3/28 Early Release Conferences (NO hot lunch, YES bus is available)
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- 3/27 Mass 8:30 a.m. by 6/7 grade
- 3/29 LIVE Stations of the Cross presented by MS, 10 a.m. in the church
- 3/29 Early Release Good Friday (NO hot lunch/NO extended care, YES bus is available)
- Spring Break April 1-7

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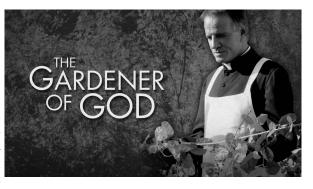


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This film tells the inspiring story of Gregor Mendel (1822 - 1884), who is considered the father of modern genetics, a science that changed the world. He was a Catholic priest and Augustinian monk who lived in the nineteenth century in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



Starring Christopher Lambert as Mendel, the movie reveals how he combined his vocation as a priest and training as a scientist to impact the world by courageously following his passion for the truth. From the beginning he realized that his great scientific discovery could be used in a wrong way, and he sought the help of a benefactor and friend, the princess Hanna von Limburg, who supported him in his work and vocation, and helped spread the knowledge of his discovery around the world.

Mendel was a man of contemplation and of action, a dedicated priest and visionary scientist who is an important witness for contemporary society on how faith and science are not in conflict with each other. Mendel also struggled to change the fiscal policy applied to the monasteries in his country and even asked for the Pope's help on this issue.

The film tells how he was invited by Pope Pius IX to the Vatican where they shared their views about the relationship of faith and science. The Pope recognizes the important scientific contribution of Father Mendel and speaks the prophetic words to him, "Father Mendel, your discovery will survive you and it will survive all of us."

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This week's topic at OCIA will be "The Structure of the Mass"

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program has started in the <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> at 11:00am after coffee and donuts. Please join us!

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