

**April 2, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This week is the most important of the liturgical year. We refer to it as “Holy Week.” It is even more important than Christmas!!! However, it also coincides with the academic “spring break.” Because of this break, many families are visiting elsewhere or visiting us from different places. We express a sincere heartfelt welcome to our visitors or natives who are back in town, and invite you to come to Mass as much as your schedule permits it, especially during the Easter Triduum!

This week we begin with Palm Sunday. The liturgy for this day has two parts. The first part is the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as people have palms in their hands and shout with joy “Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” The second part is the long reading of the Passion Narrative. Since liturgically we are in Year A, we read St. Matthew’s account, next year-Year B (Mark’s account) and the following year-Year C (Luke’s account). However, every year on Good Friday we always hear St. John’s account. In this way, we listen to the Passion narrative from different perspectives.

On Holy Tuesday at 7 p.m., Bishop Kevin Rhoades will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to this Diocesan-wide Mass. If you have never gone please try to go with your family and friends. It is a very special Mass where we priests renew our priestly promises and two types of sacred oils are blessed (Oil of Catechumens & Oil of the Sick) and one is consecrated (Sacred Oil). The latter one is used at baptisms, confirmations, holy orders (priesthood & episcopacy), and during the consecration of altars and chalices.

Lent comes to an end on Holy Thursday before the Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m. and this is also when the Easter Triduum begins. The Easter Triduum consists of Holy Thursday (institution of the Priesthood and Eucharist), Good Friday (passion, death, burial), and Holy Saturday (the morning is a time of mourning). However, at 9 p.m., it is a time of ecstatic joy at the Easter Vigil as we celebrate the reason we exist as Catholic Christians. During the Easter Vigil we will have four of our five RCIA members receive the rest of the sacraments of

initiation, (not including baptism- which they have already received), and the exemption of two who will be conditionally baptized in private. One RCIA member will be baptized by Bishop Rhoades along with our youth (he is the ordinary minister of confirmation for baptized Catholics). The adults, who will make their Profession of Faith, will be confirmed and will receive the Eucharist for the first time, were not baptized as Catholics and one was not raised as one. Bishop has delegated me to confirm this latter one. In a word: there is reason for rejoicing!

**Collections for March 26, 2023**

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,197.00
Loose	\$ 790.80
Candles	\$ 15.00
Repair Fund	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
Total in pew	<b><u>\$ 3,107.80</u></b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,461.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 105.00
Total Online:	<b><u>\$1,621.00</u></b>

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Mass Intentions**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 9:00 a.m. Dominic Domenico & all being Confirmed
- 5:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of the Lawrence Reed family
- 8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners
- 2:00 p.m. † Flora Enit Vega

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)  
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

**April 3rd Monday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Ness family

**April 4th Tuesday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 a.m. Melinda Crump & Living & deceased members of her family

April 5th Wednesday of Holy Week

5:00 p.m. † Francis Alles

April 6th Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

April 7th Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. April Pama & Living &  
deceased members of her family

(Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
every Friday)

### **St. Vincent De Paul Corner**

Week of March 27, 2023

The food pantry served **6** families, **14** people, **1** new **0** gas cards. Please share our information with anyone needing help about our times and location. Thank you to Washington Center Church for their donations of food. Thank you to all who have so kindly donated food and paper products. You may contact Sara St. Clair through the church office. Our pantry hours are Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may drop off donations in the baskets in the church narthex.

## **Religious Education Announcements**

### **Religious Education Classes**

There will not be any religious education classes on April 9th. The catechists and myself want to wish each of you a very blessed and joyful Easter.