



## The Most Important Week of the Year

I came to the United States in 2009. Little by little I started not only to learn English, but also to learn about American culture. All of its traditions were new to me. Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, etc. Once, I was chatting with a friend, and he asked me about the celebration of Holy Week in the United States. Immediately, I started to remember the way that we celebrated Holy Week in Colombia, and of course, it was very different. Colombia has a lot of processions, a lot of people, activities for children, youth, and adults. Long lines of people waiting for their turn to go to the sacrament of Reconciliation, long ceremonies (people do not care about time), and even the Easter Vigil was a long celebration (around 4 hours). Of course, all of these flashbacks happened in a second. I then described the way Americans celebrate the Holy Week, which of course was very different. My friend said to me that Holy Week in America was "boring." I laughed and explained that Holy week in America is just very different.

I believe that even though there are not the same expressions of faith during the most important week of the year for all Christian people, the Americans have wonderful expressions of faith because they understand the real importance of this week (At least, I want to believe so).

We praise the Lord on Palm Sunday and recognize Jesus not only as the King of the Jews, but also as the King of the Universe. He is the King of our lives. We praise Him with palms saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the sacrament of Love, the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Our Lord Jesus Christ wanted to stay with us in the bread and wine. We need to say to the Lord "thank you" for all the wonderful gifts that the Lord gave us in this Supper.

On Good Friday Jesus died for us on the Cross. He cleansed us of our sins through His sacrifice because by the Holy Cross, He has redeemed the world. We call this day "Good" not because it was good to see a man die on a Cross, but by the act of Jesus through His death, He restored our friendship with God.

On Easter vigil the Christians rejoice at the triumphant Resurrection of the Lord. St. Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith" (1 Cor. 15, 14). Easter Vigil is the center of our faith. The resurrection of Christ gave us hope and the possibility to go to the house of our Heavenly Father.

Even though the way Christians celebrate Holy Week is different, we have the same spirit. The Lord Jesus saved all of us regardless of our traditions, nationality, language, or culture. We commemorate His passion, death, and resurrection. We live these sacred mysteries with faith and love. We say thank you to the Lord for His sacrifice on the Cross and His resurrection from death.

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin be with you always

Fr. Jorge Ramirez



**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:** If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call **(315) 604-8070**.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Saturday (vigil) **4:30 p.m.**  
Sunday **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.**

**DAILY MASS TIMES:** Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome new members! Please introduce yourself after Mass to the Pastor and stop by the Parish Office to register. Members moving to another parish, changing address or phone numbers, please notify the Parish Office promptly.

**FAITH FORMATION:** See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or [Tricia.Kull@dor.org](mailto:Tricia.Kull@dor.org)

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- RCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October - June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

### *Legion of Mary*

Our Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the leadership of our Blessed Mother and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Legion's work consists of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, homebound and nursing home visits, assistance at funerals and any other assignment given by our Pastor. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday @ 9:30 am. in the Marian Room.

The Legion also uses a **Prayer Chain** dedicated to those with special needs. **If you have a loved one or yourself who may be in need of prayers, please call the parish office @ 265-1616 or email [norazark@aol.com](mailto:norazark@aol.com)** to be placed on their prayer chain.

### *Becoming Catholic*

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.

### **FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY**

Palm Sunday (the Sunday immediately before Easter Sunday) is when we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. At the original Palm Sunday (which we can read about in Matthew 21:1-11), many people spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road to prepare a path for Jesus as he entered the city where he would ultimately be crucified. Today, our parish and many others will commemorate Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem by passing out palm fronds at all Masses.

#### **Do you want to learn how to fold a Palm Cross?**

Making palm crosses is an easy and fun way for children (and all of us) to remember Jesus's sacrifice on the cross. Many families will take the crosses home and display them all year long! It's completely optional but a lot of fun. Visit our Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space for an easy take-home flyer with instructions!



### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS**



**The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Thursday, March 28th and closed all day on Friday, March 29th in observance of the Triduum. The staff of Holy Trinity wishes everyone a holy and blessed Easter!**

### **Stewardship by the Book**

*"Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others."*

### **Our Mission**

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the Special Intentions of Jessica Bukowski, req. by Theresa Graff.

**Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle** will burn in Loving Memory of Bob Mason, req. by family.

**St. Joseph's Altar Candle** will burn in Loving Memory of Brett Bobak, req. by family.

If you would like a candle in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

**A REMINDER:** If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

## Christmas Wreaths

Just a friendly reminder that all Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations in the cemetery need to be removed by April 1st. They will otherwise be discarded.

Thank you.



*We welcome our newest members of Holy Trinity.*

February 2024

*Luca John Mooney  
Charlotte Hazel Spear*

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Continue collecting spare change in your cardboard bowl to help those in need around the world. If you need another, you can find the CRS Rice Bowls at every parish entrance. We will collect your **CRS Rice Bowl through Sunday, April 7** and it may be turned into the Faith Formation Office or Main Parish Office.



## Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



Marilyn Gilman and those who mourn for her.

## Ministers Needed for Triduum and Easter Liturgies

**Liturgical ministers**, if you have not already done so, please sign up to serve at the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. We have many roles to fill, especially at the 10:30 am mass on Easter Sunday. Please take a moment to log into the ministry software and let us know how you can help our parish commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. We are blessed by your service!

## Catholic Ministries Appeal Update



As of this date, 504 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.

The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

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| <b>GOAL:</b>          | <b>\$185,000.00</b>             |
| <b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b> | <b>\$162,793.89</b>             |
| <b>DONORS:</b>        | <b>504</b>                      |
| <b>% TO GOAL:</b>     | <b>88.0%</b> (as of March 19th) |

## February 2024 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Tim Reetz @265-1616 ext. 304.

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| <b>GOAL:</b>               | <b>\$ 68,120.00</b> |
| <b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES</b> | <b>\$ 50,142.19</b> |
| <b>LOOSE COLLECTION:</b>   | <b>\$ 3,603.55</b>  |
| <b>HOLIDAY</b>             | <b>\$ 120.00</b>    |
| <b>CHILDREN'S OFFERING</b> | <b>\$ 40.48</b>     |
| <b>ONLINE GIVING</b>       | <b>\$ 22,201.50</b> |
| <b>VARIANCE:</b>           | <b>\$ 7,987.72</b>  |

Attendance for March 16/17: 997





## The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival

### Session 3: *Jesus and the Eucharist. Am I Saved?*

During the season of Lent, we often hear about the Salvation that Christ offered to us through His sacrifice on the Cross. It is not uncommon for some to interpret God's gift as a right, requiring no action on their part. Christ's plan for salvation requires us to take an active role in our personal salvation.

First, we need to heed the call to become disciples of Jesus. Each of us has a personal call to live the way Christ instructed. Seeking a life of righteousness includes evangelization of our faith. We should do our best to spread the message of the Gospels to others. This call is not easy in a society that discourages us from discussing our faith. The easiest place to start is in our own homes, the Domestic Church. Further, stay attentive to those in your life that may need to hear the Word and are receptive to its message. God often presents opportunities that help us to live the call of spreading the Gospel.

Our human nature, at times, is drawn toward sin. Don't lose hope because God's redeeming grace is always active in our lives. This grace comes to us in the sacraments. Baptism is the first way that sin is forgiven. The forgiveness of sin through baptism is so effective, that there was a time in the early Church where Baptism was withheld until an individual was near death (read about St. Augustine!). This is not necessary because we are able to receive forgiveness for our sins just as effectively through the sacrament of Penance. Make it a point to go regularly. It shouldn't be scary because God anticipated our occasional sin and offered us a way to restore our communion with Him. We are blessed with priests at Holy Trinity who long to help us restore our relationship with God.

The Eucharist is another sacrament that must be noted for its role in salvation. In Jesus' own words: *Drink of it, all of you for this is my blood of the Covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.* (Mt 26:26) At the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the Eucharist, we were told that the effect of the Eucharist would be the forgiveness of sins and our eternal salvation. The Catechism tells us that if the Eucharist is to unite us to Christ, it must first cleanse us from our past venial sins and preserve us from future mortal sins. By participating in the Eucharist, Jesus' *risen* body, we are well on the way to being able to say, "Yes, I am saved, because Jesus said I would be."

As part of Holy Week, come join us as Holy Trinity continues its seven-part video and discussion series with "Am I Saved?" **Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall.** Sign up is located in the Gathering Space, but of course, if you find yourself available, all are welcome! More information about the movement can be found at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org), and on the posters around the church.

**Due to the nature of the series, we are unable to livestream this event. If you are not able to come for the Eucharistic Revival reflection, you are invited to watch the videos at home. Just scan the QR code below.**



"Am I Saved?"

## Mass Intentions: March 23rd - March 31st

All weekday and weekend Masses will be  
live-streamed

### Saturday - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 23, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Frances Horgan, req. by Sheila Vaeth

### Sunday -

March 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

10:30 a.m. † Mary Ricci, req. by Kathy & Joe DiMaria

### Monday - Monday of Holy Week

March 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Edmund Saetta (9th Anniversary), req. by Wife, Elaine & family

### Tuesday - Tuesday of Holy Week

March 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Richard DeLutis, req. by Jim & Nancy Rank

### Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week

March 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Stephen Galante, req. by Jean Fuehrer

### Thursday - HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

### Friday - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

March 29, 2024

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Passion of Our Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

### SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

Please see insert for special Holy  
Week & Easter events at  
Holy Trinity

## This Week at Holy Trinity Church

### Tuesday, March 26

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room

\*Confessions cancelled this evening

### Wednesday, March 27

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Revival - Trinity Hall

### Friday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church



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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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### Email address:

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### MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

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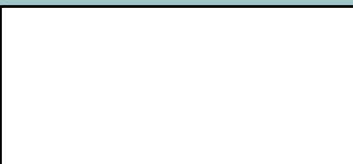
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