

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**APRIL 5, 2020**



YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF YOUR MASS INTENTION HAS TO BE RESCHEDULED.

**Private Intention this Week:**

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| Tue | 7  | ++Alex & Fern Schiferl (SL)   |
| Wed | 8  | +Ann Stout (SL)   |
| Thu | 9  | Holy Thursday (SP)<br>++Eugene & Marguerite Dorshorst<br>By Iona & Charlie Pulchinski |
| Fri | 10 | Good Friday - NO MASS TODAY   |
| Sat | 11 | ++Ed & Caroline Nikolai (SL)  |
| Sun | 12 | Easter Sunday<br>St. Philip/St. Lawrence Parishioners                                 |

**FR. JANUSZ: 715-456-1450**

Call Father or the parish office if you have an emergency or an anointing that is needed.

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**UPDATE**

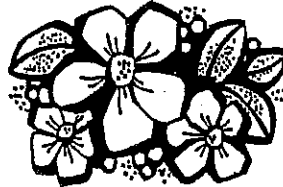
OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. THIS WEEK INCLUDING EASTER SUNDAY. Father will be here for confessions on Wednesday, April 8, 9:00-10:00 and 4:00-5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 and older on Good Friday. Fasting is also to be observed on Good Friday by those 18 years of age but not yet 59. Only one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



**ST. PHILIP/ST. LAWRENCE**  
Gun Calendar Raffle Update...  
Please return your unsold tickets to church or contact Steve Koback to return them. Contact Steve if you would like to purchase a ticket...715-340-9415.

**ITEMS FOR THE LENTEN DONATION DRIVE...** infant and elderly and essentials and hygiene needs and new towels can be dropped off at church from 8-12 daily. Now more than ever these items are needed.



**GROTTO NEWS...** We will again advertise on Relevant Radio from May-October. Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of \$215 per month...checks payable to the Grotto.

**PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE...** Items and cash are still being collected. Checks should be made out to St. Philip Picnic Fund.



**THE PICNIC RAFFLE** will be accepting donations of cash or gift cards for additional prizes. If you would like to donate, please contact Linda Hobbs 435-3267 by April 15.

**IF YOU NEED TO PURCHASE SCRIP,**  
CONTACT JILL MORAN 715-435-3787.



**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS...** Even though there will not be Mass on Easter Sunday, we will still decorate the sanctuary. Donations are being accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
OFFERING ENVELOPES, PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS, RELEVANT RADIO AD, EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS, AND GUN RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY AND UNSOLD TICKETS CAN BE DROPPED IN THE ENVELOPE BOXES IN CHURCH. THANK YOU

**LIVE MASSES FROM CATHEDRAL**  
Palm Sunday - 9:30 - Bishop Callahan  
Holy Thursday - 5:00 - Bishop Callahan  
Good Friday - Noon - Bishop Callahan  
Holy Saturday - 7:00 - Bishop Callahan  
Easter Sunday - 9:30 - Bishop Callahan  
Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 a.m.  
**GO TO: diolc.org/live**



**THE BEAUTY OF THIS HOLY TIME OF LENT IS COMING TO AN END.** Before us now is Holy Week. It is the time starting from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday, followed by Good Friday, then Holy Saturday which at night we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The time of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is called the Easter Triduum. The oldest testimonies of the Holy Week liturgy come from the 4<sup>th</sup> century from Palestine. It began with a solemn procession with palms from Bethany to Jerusalem in memory of Christ's entry into the Holy City to redeem people through his passion and death on the cross.

**Palm Sunday** begins the Holy Week which commemorates the Passion of Christ's death and resurrection. Every Christian should make total effort to understand the rites of Holy Week, take an active part in them, and above all, through the mortifications and holiness of life, give evidence of a living faith. On Palm Sunday, the Church remembers the commemoration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem for the Paschal mystery of the Passion and Resurrection. This is the day that the palm branches are blessed.

The Paschal Triduum follows, consisting of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. **Holy Thursday** is the celebration of two Masses. In the morning the bishop concelebrates, together with all priests from the entire diocese, a solemn Mass with the dedication of Chrism (olive oil mixed with balsam) used during Confirmation and Baptism and for the oil of the sick. During this time there is also a renewal of priestly promises. This Mass is celebrated only in the cathedral. In all other churches, only one Mass can be celebrated on that day, in the evening. We call it the "Lord's Supper." For the Jews this is Passover. This celebration is not only a reflection on the history, but present time as well. The first celebration was in the desert before they left Egypt. The Last Supper took place on the night of Thursday to Friday. It belonged to the Jewish count of time until Friday; the day lasted from sunset to sunset. Therefore, the day of both the first Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Sacrifice of the Cross is the same day - Good Friday. Here we see the close relationship between the Cross, Resurrection, and Eucharist.



Holy Thursday

**Good Friday** is the day we gather to commemorate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The liturgy invites us to reflect on the biblical description of the Passion of the Lord, and then to adore and celebrate the Holy Cross. No Mass is celebrated on this day. After the Eucharistic liturgy, the Body of Christ is solemnly moved to adoration in the Holy Sepulcher.



Good Friday

**Holy Saturday** is the day when Mass is not celebrated nor are there other services in the morning or afternoon. Easter Vigil, Saturday night, is fulfilled by the risen Christ. It is really a Great Night; it is the most important event in the history of the world and humanity. Jesus passed from death into a new life through the resurrection. The whole dynamics of the Paschal night revolves around life in Christ, which is why its entire liturgy is full of symbols of life: light - word - water - feast; transition - exit - Promised Land - and return. **Easter Sunday** begins with the Easter Vigil or Mass. The resurrection of the Lord is celebrated on a late Saturday evening or at night.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Rita Janz, Dale TerMaat, Janice Haupt, Patrick Hoffmann, Mary Lou Glaza, Dan Kelnhofer, Irene Jakusz, Jim Wiskerchen



### BLESSED PALMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH.

**WHILE THIS MAY BE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME** for all of us financially, I would ask that we all do what we can to continue to contribute to the parish either by mail, dropping off envelopes or offertory to the church office during office hours. **Making online donations to St. Philip is now available at <https://diolc.org/st-philip-the-apostle-parish-rudolph/>.** You may choose to make a single donation or set up reoccurring donations which can end at any time. Please check this out.

### CHURCH SUPPORT - MARCH 29

Stewardship

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| Adult Envelopes      | - | \$1575.00 |
| Offertory Collection | - | \$ -0-    |
| Relevant Radio       | - | \$ 365.00 |
| Easter Envelopes     | - | \$ 55.00  |
| Easter Flowers       | - | \$ 110.00 |

We need \$4,650 per week to meet our expenses.

If you haven't made a pledge yet for the DAA, would you please consider helping this year. All money given now comes directly back to the parish.



**Bee Line Alignment**

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**


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# How God Guides Us

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## One Step at a Time

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It is important to remember that prayer is essential to receive God's guidance as we begin this second in a series of bulletin inserts on "How God Guides Us." How amazing it is that the God of the Universe desires that we speak with Him and that He will respond to our prayer, providing us with necessary guidance. All we need to do is simply "ask."

Silence is necessary to receive a guiding response from Our Lord. We must quiet down interiorly and be attentive to "hear" this response. Taking time for daily prayer is essential, as our capacity to hear and recognize the Lord's response grows with practice. One of the wonderful benefits of quiet listening prayer is that God brings us to a place of peace, and in that place of peace, we are able to recognize His "voice" more clearly.

The guidance we receive from God is not always what we anticipated, nor will it always come in the way that we expected. One thing we can be sure of is that God always answers every prayer. The answer might be "yes" or "no" or "not yet." Sometimes the answer is "yes" because God knows that what we are praying for is for our good. It might be "no" because sometimes we pray for something that we think will be the best thing for us, while instead, we are wrong. Sometimes the answer to our prayer comes in the form of silence, which is also guidance from the Lord. God's

answer may be "not yet" because He knows there is a "right timing" involved and *that* timing has not yet come. When we don't seem to be receiving an answer, we need to grow in patience, trusting in Jesus as we learn the lesson of "loves delays," allowed for by God's perfect timing and His desire for what is best for us. **We need to hold fast to the truth that God is always good**, even when the circumstances around us are difficult. The "Good News" is that "God is shaping *all* things together for good for those who love Him." (Romans 8:28, emphasis added) Nothing in the world can change that and we want to hold onto this truth for the duration.

There is no right or wrong way to ask for God's guidance in our personal conversation with Him, as our "ways of asking" are as unique as our personalities, situations in life and specific requests. Our part is to PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to the guidance He will give! Here are some simple guidelines.

Ask the Holy Spirit to:

- Help you to be thankful for the ways that He has guided you in the past, whether or not you recognized it at the time.
- Guide you to relinquish your difficulties, distractions, and desires to Him.
- Give you the grace to quiet down inside.
- Assist you in learning how to recognize His guidance.

We need to ask God for His guidance and then listen and "watch" for His response. An important principle of God's guidance is that He will give us guidance **one step at a time**. Normally speaking, He does not reveal the whole picture as it could easily overwhelm us. The important thing is that we follow the next, one step as we understand it. After that, He will reveal the next step.

A helpful saying to remember is: *we need to step out, in order to find out*. This saying means we need to take the first step, and God will honor our step of faith with further guidance as we move forward under His direction. He will then give us the next step.

When we notice an answer to prayer for guidance, no matter how small or insignificant or incredibly large and important, let us be amazed and thankful that God knows and cares for each one of us personally. Remember, in this whole process, that even more important than coming to understand His guidance, **we want to know and love the Guide!**

If you would like to read two modern-day true stories of God's very real and practical guidance, they can be accessed at [diolc.org/insert](http://diolc.org/insert).

By Ann and Carol Lankford



Diocese of LA CROSSE

A few days ago, I came across an article titled "Why Catholic Faith in Holland Died". The interview is a conversation with Cardinal W. Eijk, Archbishop of Utrecht; the topic being the disappearing faith in the Netherlands and Western Europe. There are many reasons and numerous events that have happened over the years; from World War II through the Second Vatican Council. The cardinal recalls the past, saying "The first signs of the fall of the Catholic Church in the Netherlands appeared immediately after the last war. The Catholic Church in the Netherlands was an organization based more on social ties than on the content of faith shared by its members. It was the same in other Western European countries, although to a slightly less extent. Many believers did not have personal relation and connections with Christ. In fact, the only connection that Catholics had with the Church was the social - life organized around the Church, especially Catholic schools, Catholic sports clubs, and Scouts". It was a time of individualism progress. People began to grow businesses, the economy grew, and they began to notice that you can live longer and better; that you don't have to count on others. The society itself, though, lost strength. There was no group, no community... an "individual man" appeared with his ideas for life, trying to be independent of the other. At the same time, the church presented itself to many as a set of commands and prohibitions. What can I do or I can't I do? It became the time of law and time without love and relationship with God. This crisis has escalated and is increasing now. It is being experienced by people living today in our times. Consequently, the generation of the 60s did not pass the faith to their children. This is a sad truth, but today we are dealing with grandchildren and young people who have little to do with the church. Their knowledge of the Catholic faith is minimal or even nonexistent. Many young people are no longer being baptized, and they are living without the sacraments. These are people who no longer know Christ and His work - the Church.

At the end of the interview, he adds "This is also true in the Roman Catholic Church. Parishes with a strong identity and a worthy Sunday liturgy have the greatest attraction. Families can be seen there, young people are looking for them. The number of believers certainly decreases, but those who choose faith today are usually active believers and engage in religious ceremonies. "

Looking at our place, here and now, I think we can say the same. The number of believers is falling, because the older people are dying. What we try to pass on unfortunately does not reach the younger generation. I believe something must change. Our assessment of reality must change; our moral assessment, life, and our daily choices. Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "in the modern world, in the age of our lives, so much has changed and it has never been back". In 1996 he pointed to its affects in two very different contexts: The first of which was the emergence of a strong internally differentiated, but influential movement, known as the New Age. The second - in contrast to the New Age - the intensification of the attitude, described by Ratzinger, as "pragmatism in the life of the Church. The consequences, of which, are pastoral, pastoral matters, as well as liturgical." I think that Holy Week is a great opportunity to reflect on our testimony of life... Who am I? What do I pass to my children, what is it that they feed on? What values am I choosing? What and who is most important to me? The authentication of Life... But what kind of life?

In the end, the article helps to highlight and identify several of many reasons why our Churches look and feel so empty. Why our celebration of baptisms and marriages are so few. And why our lines to the confessionals are non-existent anymore. Use this information to help our parishes and to build up our families; to help ourselves towards more self-reflection and contemplation.

If you wish to read the article in full you can find it at:

<https://www.fronda.pl/a/kard-willem-eijk-dlaczego-w-holandii-zanikla-wiara-katolicka,142297.html>

Please note... It is not in English but you can translate via your computer by copy and pasting the article into google translate.