

Holy Week

St. Matthew Church

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Week Liturgy St. Anne's Nursing Home Communal Penance Service
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
HOLY THURSDAY.....	11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Chrism Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <i>(until 11:00 p.m.)</i>



GOOD FRIDAY	12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion Acolyte Rehearsal Lector Rehearsal RCIA Elect Rehearsal
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HOLY SATURDAY.....	9:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Easter Food Blessing <i>(at conclusion of Vigil Mass)</i>
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EASTER SUNDAY.....	10:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy Easter Food Blessing <i>(following Easter Mass)</i>
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Holy Week 2018 ~ March 26th to April 1st

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:*
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11 /Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 /Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 /Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



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It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.



Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"



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March 25th

*"Hail Mary, Full of Grace!
Blessed are you among Women,
and Blessed is the Fruit of Womb, Jesus!"*

God of the Journey, We Encounter You in our Neighbor Journey to the United States

Speaking on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Pope Francis reminds us, "by the end of the parable, we see that the 'neighbor' is not so much the man in need, but rather the one who responded to that need with compassion." Realizing that we are called to be "neighbor" to those near and far can be overwhelming. Where do we start? The prayer, fasting, almsgiving we commit to during Lent allows us to start everywhere.

CRS Rice Bowl serves people in Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malawi, and many other countries around the world. And Lenten sacrifices placed in your CRS Rice Bowl also help communities in the United States. From gang intervention in Chicago, to centers for migrants in Louisville, to community gardens in Honolulu, 25 percent of your CRS Rice Bowl gifts support projects in your local community.

How can you welcome the stranger in your community?

Let Us Pray

For those we encountered on our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl, and all people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families' daily needs. May we welcome the homeless, the lost, and the wanderer, recognizing that

Jesus himself lived without a permanent home.

We Pray to the Lord



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, March 24, 4:30 pm, Sunday, March 25, 10 am Masses - Rice Bowl Collection

Monday, March 26, 2 pm - St. Anne Convalescent Center Mass

Monday, March 26, 7 pm - Lenten Communal Penance Service

Holy Thursday Mass to Easter Sunday Mass - please see schedule on Front Page of The Pulse

April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree"

*Ooh la la! Mon Ami! The deadline is tomorrow, **March 26th**, for those special sponsorship opportunities for our Jazz Nite event on Saturday, April 14. To ensure the success of our fundraiser, a Program Book is being prepared under the direction of Patrick Lusch and Gerianne LaPratt that will highlight sponsors for our "April in Paris." The following are ways in which you can help in this effort and gain recognition for your generosity.*

Benefactor ~ "Eiffel Tower" ~ \$1,000 or more

Sustainer ~ "Notre Dame" ~ \$500 or more

Major Donor ~ "Palace of Versailles" ~ \$250 or more

Supporter ~ "Arc de Triomphe" ~ \$100 or more

Advocate ~ "Moulin Rouge" ~ up to \$100

Table Sponsorships ~ \$750 for 8 guests

In addition to business sponsors, these sponsors' names will be printed in the Program Booklet. Please see one of our Jazz Nite volunteers at the back vestibule for assistance. If you are unable to meet this deadline, never fear, all sponsors will be recognized the evening of the event. Your support is important!

Tickets are still available and need to be purchased before the night of the event. Ticket sellers will be in the back vestibule after weekend Masses for your convenience.



Une demande d'aide (A Call for Assistance)

Volunteers are needed to work in several capacities the evening of our 2018 Jazz Nite. If you can spare some time during the evening, please contact the rectory or one of the ticket sellers after the weekend Masses. Your participation will add to the fun for you and make a memorable night for all.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth Ministry - Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal will help high school-age teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit learn how to become better Christian leaders, examples to their peers, and evangelizers through Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training.

"Chosen to Follow" covers topics like digital discipleship, pastoral relatability, small group facilitation, planning programs, and prayer experiences, as well as sharing faith with other teens. Through the "Strengthsfinder" resource, teens will also learn how to develop their God-given talents into specific strengths and then contribute their gifts to ministry.

Offered by archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office, Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training will be held overnight at St. Colette in Livonia in April 4 and 5. Registration is required, and CSA gifts help keep the cost to \$55 per participant.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

Kroger Community Rewards

Thanks for all you do to make this program a success. The Kroger Company, through this program, has been able to donate to several non-profit groups through their Michigan Division. They have donated over \$17 million since its inception in 2009. St. Matthew Parish recently received Rewards in the amount of **\$265.05** and is grateful for your participation in the Program

This year Kroger is suspending its re-enrollment process for current users meaning that you will not need to re-enroll to continue to have St. Matthew Parish reap the rewards from your purchases.

However, **we are in need of more St. Matthew participants** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. There is a way in which you can enroll as a new member by following these steps. Please enroll by setting up your account.

- 1) Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- 2) Click "create an account"
- 3) Put in your e-mail address and a password; confirm your password
- 4) Enter your Kroger card number or an alternate ID number
- 5) Go to Community Rewards (near bottom of screen)
- 6) Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- 7) Put in the group number for St. Matthew Parish, **84736** or part of St. Matthew's name
- 8) Choose the correct organization, St. Matthew Church
- 9) Click "enroll"

If you need assistance, please call 1-800-KROGER for customer service. Please note, you need to have a computer designated for your use. Unfortunately, the rectory office cannot enroll you.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
Kurt Beghuyn
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Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Veronica Obianwu

Bill Ridella
Patrick Lusch

Greg Redman, MC
Ian Campbell
Julia Zuerblis
Mary Pocius

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Stations of the Cross ~ 12 Noon

Sr. Marie Cyril, IHM Gerianne LaPratt
Jerry Mielke
Dan McBride

Celebration of the Lord's Passion ~ 1:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman Mary Ann Pilette Greg Redman, MC
Ian Campbell
Mary E. Dunstone
Julia Zuerblis

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 31, 2018, 9:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Veronica Obianwu
Kristen Stark
Marie Vorkamp

Ann-Marie Ruder
Bryan Jones
Liz Smith
Julie Smith
William Zuerblis
Liz Foley-Dunstone
Patrick Lusch
Bill Ridella

Greg Redman, MC
Ian Campbell
Patrick Dunstone
Mary E. Dunstone
John Smith

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Dorothy Brooks
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Jean Solomon
Michelle VandenBrooks

Bill Ridella

Julia Zuerblis
Kiley Dulapa
Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 24th - Vigil: Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 25th - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Anthony Kaminski,
Renee LaPratt Jaczkowski (4th Anniv), Angela
Kaminski (1st Anniv)

Monday, March 26th -

Tuesday, March 27th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, March 28th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, March 29th - Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Friday, March 30th - Passion of Our Lord

Noon - Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 31st - Vigil: Easter Sunday

9:00 p.m. - Ray and Sylvia Novelly, Rose Colombo

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Lincoln Chrysler (2nd Anniv),
Judy Stark, John Camazzola, Rose and George
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