



April Newsletter

Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Patrick's Parishes Spreading the Gospel on the South Side of Milwaukee

What a joy (and emotional relief) for me as your pastor to look forward to the celebration of Holy Week with you in person. Indeed, a year ago it was oh so lonely to commemorate by myself the events of Jesus's victory over death, although Fr. Rick and I did celebrate the Good Friday service together. Be assured that all the Covid safety norms will remain in place at our celebrations this year, while we are adding two masses to accommodate everyone.



It's always beneficial to read and/or view a dramatization of the events of Holy Week so as to be reminded of what exactly we are remembering and re-creating: On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem for the celebration of the Jewish Passover. Tragically, some of the same people who praised Jesus's arrival that day would yell "Crucify him!" in front of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, ten days later. On Holy Thursday we recall Jesus's final meal with his closest friends, and how he transformed the meaning of the bread and wine in that Jewish meal to become the Eucharist we now celebrate every Sunday. According to John's Gospel, Jesus also washed his disciples' feet that night, giving them a model of humble service to follow. Later that night, Jesus was arrested, mistreated, and held for trial at sunrise. On Good Friday, we remember the death sentence given to Jesus, the Way of the Cross, his execution and death. Starkly, there was no funeral for Jesus, though a courageous man did take down the Lord's body and place it in a tomb nearby. And finally, EASTER Sunday. With Mary Magdalene, we sing out, "The Lord is Risen from the dead!"

I encourage everyone to read at least one of the accounts of the final days of Jesus's life in the Bible. May I suggest The Gospel of Luke, chapters 19-24; and The Gospel of John, chapters 19-21?

Two movie versions I recommend are *The Jesus Film* (1979), and the Franco Zeffirelli film, *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977). Both are available on YouTube, allowing you to scroll ahead to begin viewing at the point in time of Palm Sunday (or watch the whole story!).

Schedule of the Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
at St. Patrick's at 7:30 p.m.
(Bilingual)**



Good Friday, April 2

**Passion of the Lord + Veneration of the Cross:
Service in English at OLG at 12 p.m.
Virtual *Stations of the Cross* in Spanish at 1 p.m.
Service in Spanish at St. Patrick's at 5 p.m.
The Last 7 Words of Christ ("Siete Palabras") at St. Patrick's at 6 p.m.**



Easter Sunday, April 4

Two Mass times in Spanish have been added to the normal schedule for Easter: 10 a.m. at Guadalupe and 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's. This is so that we can accommodate everyone and still observe social distancing norms.

No Easter Vigil This Year

The Saturday Easter Vigil is intended for the initiation of "catechumens"— persons older than 7 who are not baptized. This year the sister parishes do not have catechumens. Therefore, the Vigil will not be held.

Eucharistic Adoration and 1st Friday Mass at St. Patrick's at 5 p.m.

This year Good Friday falls on the first Friday of the month. Therefore, we will move our monthly devotion to Friday, April 9.

The tradition of 1st Fridays is connected to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the intentions of the pope.

**Pope's Worldwide Prayer
Network**

Information for Baptisms 2021

"Go and baptize all the nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
(Matthew 28:19)

At St. Patrick's on May 1, June 26, and August 28
At Our Lady of Guadalupe on May 29, and July 24

Preparation for baptism begins by scheduling a conference with the
pastor at least 6 weeks in advance of the desired date.

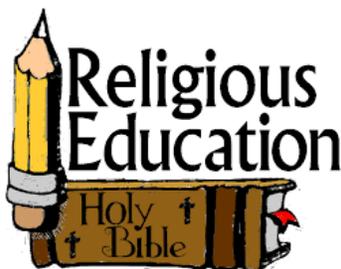


Final live-streamed masses on April 11,
Divine Mercy Sunday

Since Mother's Day 2020, each Sunday we have live-streamed the English-speaking Mass as well as one of the Spanish-speaking masses. This has been a significant service to vulnerable populations during the pandemic. Now, with our seniors largely vaccinated, and the recent decision of the City to open vaccination to all residents 16 and older in several zip codes, the time has come to discontinue the virtual option and encourage everyone to return to worship in person. If a parishioner is ever sick, we encourage the person to participate in the Mass from the Cathedral of St John's, where the 11 a.m. Mass is always available online.

Update About CCD

Classes will resume **Saturday, April 10** after Easter Sunday



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