

**PALM SUNDAY  
PASSION OF THE LORD**

**March 28, 2021**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE.** The stories of the Passion and Death of Jesus were the first part of each Gospel to be written. They are the heart of what we believe about Jesus. At the Mount of Olives, Jesus tells his disciples, "All of you will have your faith shaken." How often do we question or doubt our faith in Jesus Christ? After his death, a centurion says of Jesus, "Truly this man was the Son of God." What has inspired us to reaffirm and strengthen our faith as followers and believers in Jesus Christ, crucified, Jesus Christ risen from the dead?

**HOLY WEEK.** For us Christians of the Western Church, we begin today the holiest week of the year as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David" that would soon turn to cries of "Crucify Him!" Each year, Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection, is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. This year, the first full moon of spring is on Sunday, March 28. The Eastern Church follows another ancient tradition that the full moon must also be after the Jewish Feast of Passover, which is why Orthodox Christians many times celebrate Easter at a later date. But the reality of Holy Week is the same for all Christians. It is a time for true believers to unite themselves to the suffering of Christ, to remember his celebration of the Passover Meal with his disciples as he gives to them for the first time the gift of His Body and Blood, which is the food of the New Covenant to be done in his memory until he comes again. It is a time to stand with Jesus before Pilate to receive the death sentence of crucifixion, the Innocent One who dies for the guilty. We see him lifted up on the cross and, even in his agony, he still prays "Father forgive them". As his lifeless body rests in the tomb on Holy Saturday, his spirit enters the realm of the dead searching for our first parents Adam and Eve and inviting them, "Awake, sleeper, arise from the dead, for the light of Christ shines on you."

We invite you to pray with us, to remember with us, the saving Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus our Lord who by his death has conquered death and lives as our life, our light and our hope.

**FISH FRIES** will continue after Easter on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are featuring the same menu as last year (fried ocean perch, baked cod, shrimp, crab cakes, combo dinners and homemade macaroni and cheese) also at last year's prices. Carry-out and social distanced dining is being offered.

**Today's Psalm Response:**

**"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"**

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 5,706**

**Black & Indian Mission: \$593**

**Church Needs:** \$200 in memory of Edi Gobetz from Edward & Martha Krasovec; \$50 in memory of Ann Košir from Keith & Louise Vovk; \$50 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Michael & Sandra Sabbath; \$25 in memory of Ann Košir from Cirila Grajciar; \$20 in memory of Ann Košir from Matt & Mary Ann Hozjan; \$50 in memory of Donald Kreinbring from Marie Giuffre; \$50 in memory of Martina Simicak from Natalie & Tom Spishock; \$50 in memory of Martina Simicak from Tony & Anita Klepec; \$25 in memory of Milka Skale from Tom & Natalie Spishock; \$25 in memory of Milka Skale from Tony & Anita Klepec; \$25 from Doris Zajec .

**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS.** We will bless our traditional Easter food on Holy Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The blessings will be in church and we ask that you place your baskets on the sanctuary steps.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.** Along with today's bulletin is the Schedule of Services for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Easter Triduum. Please keep it available for easy reference for yourself as well as family and friends.

**MAY WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY?** One of the hallmarks of our St. Mary parishioners has been their generosity to the parish, especially for the holidays. May we ask you again for your generous support? We have our insurance bill due this month in the amount of \$35,000, and the Easter collection helps us tremendously with this.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION.** Please be very generous in supporting the good work of the Franciscans who work tirelessly in the Holy Land to keep alive the presence of the Christian Faith, as they pray for and minister to God's people in imitation of Jesus Christ. Over the years, the Christian presence has diminished throughout the Middle East because of persecution, war, and instability. In his recent trip to Iraq, even in the midst of the ruins and suffering left behind by ISIS, our Holy Father, Pope Francis brought a new hope for peace and respect among all people. As the Franciscans provide for the upkeep of our sacred Christian shrines, welcome pilgrims, provide education and medical assistance to all people of the Holy Land, please be very generous with your prayers and financial support. Keep the light of hope burning brightly in the hearts of so many who still live in the darkness that overshadows the Holy Land.

**APPLE STRUDEL SALE.** Frozen, homemade apple strudel for Easter, provided by St. Mary Slovenian Language School, is available by calling the rectory office at 216-761-7740. Donation is \$11 per strip.

**Masses for the Week of March 29-April 4**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(3/29) MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:45 a.m.	Mlakar & Swinasky Families (Elaine Mlakar)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(3/30) TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:45 a.m.	Martina Stepec (KSKJ #169)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(3/31) WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:45 a.m.	Paul Janc (30 Day)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(4/1) HOLY THURSDAY</b>
7:30 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(4/2) FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</b>
7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(4/3) HOLY SATURDAY</b>
8:00 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(4/4) EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary & Dušan Maršič (Maršič Family)
9:30 a.m.	Altar Society
11:30 a.m.	Poor Souls

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Rev. William Jerse, Rev. Frank Godic, Brenda Prebevsek, Tom McNulty, Robert Menart, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Veronika Udovič

**May They Rest in God's Peace:**

- + Milena Ferkul
- + Ivan Hauptman
- + John Mark Dedich
- + Škof Metod Pirih

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers****April 1, 2021 Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7:30 p.m. Maria Marsic

**April 2, 2021 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

7:00 p.m. Florian Osredkar

**April 3, 2021 Solemn Easter Vigil**

8:00 p.m. Toni Jo Kozak/Marie Kushner

**April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. Sylvia Pisorn/Marie Kushner

9:30 a.m. Vicky Liptak/Kathy Spilar

11:30 noon Laura Merkun

**SPORED VELIKEGA TEDNA.** Poleg današnjega oznanila je tudi urnik za zakrament spovedi in Velikonočnega Tridnevja. Prosimo imejte ga za napotek za sebe, družino in prijatelje.

**BLAGOSLOV VELIKONOČNIH KOŠARIC.** Mi bomo blagoslovili naše običajne velikonočne jedi na Veliko soboto ob 1:00 in 3:00 uri popoldan. Blagoslov bo v cerkvi in prosimo, da postavite vaše košare na stopnice pred oltarjem.

**PRODAJA JABOLČNIH ZAVITKOV.** Zmrznjen domač jabolčni zavitek za Veliko Noč, dobite od naše Slovenske šole. Kličite župnijski urad na 216-761-7740. Dar je \$11 za enega.

**DANES JE CVETNA NEDELJA**

**DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA.** Pripovedi trpljenja in smrti Jezusa so prvi del vsakega Evangelija. To so srce kar mi verujemo o Jezusu. Na Oljski gori, Jezus pove svojim učencem, "Vsi boste imeli vašo vero pretreseno." Kolikokrat mi vprašamo ali dvomimo našo vero v Jezusa Kristusa? Po njegovi smrti je stotnik rekel, "Resnično, ta človek je bil božji Sin." Kaj je navdihnilo nas zagotoviti in okrepiti našo vero kot nasledniki in verovati v Jezusa Kristusa vstalega od smrti?

**VELIKI TEDEN.** Za nas kristjane Zahodne Cerkve, začnemo danes najsvetejši teden v letu, ko se spominjamo Kristusov slaven prihod v Jeruzalem z vzkliki, "Hozana Sinu Davidovem" in to se kmalu obrne v kričanjem "Križaj ga!" Vsako leto Velika noč, praznik Vstajenja je praznovan na prvo nedeljo po polni luni po pomladnem enakonočju. Letos je prva polna luna v nedeljo 28. marca. Vzhodna Cerkev sledi drugo starodavno tradicijo, da polna luna mora tudi biti po Judovskem prazniku Velike noči zato tudi Pravoslavni kristjani velikokrat praznujejo Veliko noč na poznejšem datumu. Toda realnost Velikega tedna je enaka za vse kristjane. Je čas za prave vernike, da se združimo k trpljenju Kristusa, da se spomnijo njegovega praznovanja Velikonočne večerje z njegovimi učenci, ko jim daje prvič dar njegovega Telesa in Krvi, ki je hrana Nove Zaveze, da se daje v njegov spomin, dokler spet ne pride. To je čas, da stojimo z Jezusom pred Pilatom, da prejmemo smrtno kazen križanja, nedolžen, ki umre za krivične. Vidimo njega vzdignjenega na križ, ki tudi v njegovih mukah On še vedno moli, "Oče odpusti jim." Ko njegovo mrtvo telo leži v grobu na Veliko soboto njegov duh vstopi v kraljestvo mrtvih in išče naše prve starše Adama in Evo in jih vabi, "prebudi se, ki spiš, luč Kristusa sveti na tebe." Vabimo vas, da molite z nami, da se spomnite z nami odrešilnega trpljenja, smrti in vstajenja Jezusa našega Gospoda, ki je z njegovo smrtjo premagal smrt in živi kot naše življenje, naša luč in naše upanje.

**NABIRKA NA VELIKI PETEK.** Prosimo bodite zelo radodarni v podpori dobrega dela frančiškanov ki neutrudno delajo v sveti deželi da ohranijo živo prisotnost Krščansko vero, ko molijo za in služijo Božjemu ljudstvu v posnemanju Jezusa Kristusa. Skozi leta, se je krščanska prisotnost zmanjšala vse povsod v Srednjem vzhodu zaradi preganjanja, vojne in nestalnosti. V njegovem nedavnem obisku v Irak, čeprav v sredi ruševin in trpljenja, ki so ga pustili ISIS, naš sveti oče, papež Frančišek je prinesel novo upanje za mir in spoštovanje med vsemi ljudmi. Tako Frančiškani skrbijo za vzdrževanje naših svetih krščanskih svetišč, sprejemajo romarje, preskrbijo izobrazbo in zdravstveno asistenco vsem ljudem v Sveti deželi, prosimo bodite zelo dobrodušni z vašimi molitvami in finančno podporo. Ohranite luč upanja gorečo v srcih mnogih, ki še vedno živijo v temi ki zasenči Sveto deželo.

**SMEMO PROSITI ZA VAŠO NADALNO DOBROTO?** Naši župljani so znani kot radodarni ljude, posebno ob praznikih. Smemo prositi za vašo podporo? Imamo naš račun za zavarovalnino ta mesec v vsoti \$35,000, in Velikonočna nabirka veliko pomaga za to.

**VEČERJE Z RIBAMI,** se bodo nadaljevale po Veliki Noči, v petek 9. aprila in 16. aprila. Imeli bomo isti jedilnik kot lansko leto (ocvrte in pečene ribe, shrimp, crab cakes, combo večerje in testanine s sirom) tudi z cenami lanskega leta.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:  
MOJ BOG, MOJ BOG, ZAKAJ SI ME ZAPUSTIL**