

Welcome
to Our Church
Palm Sunday



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

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Today's Readings Pg 91

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

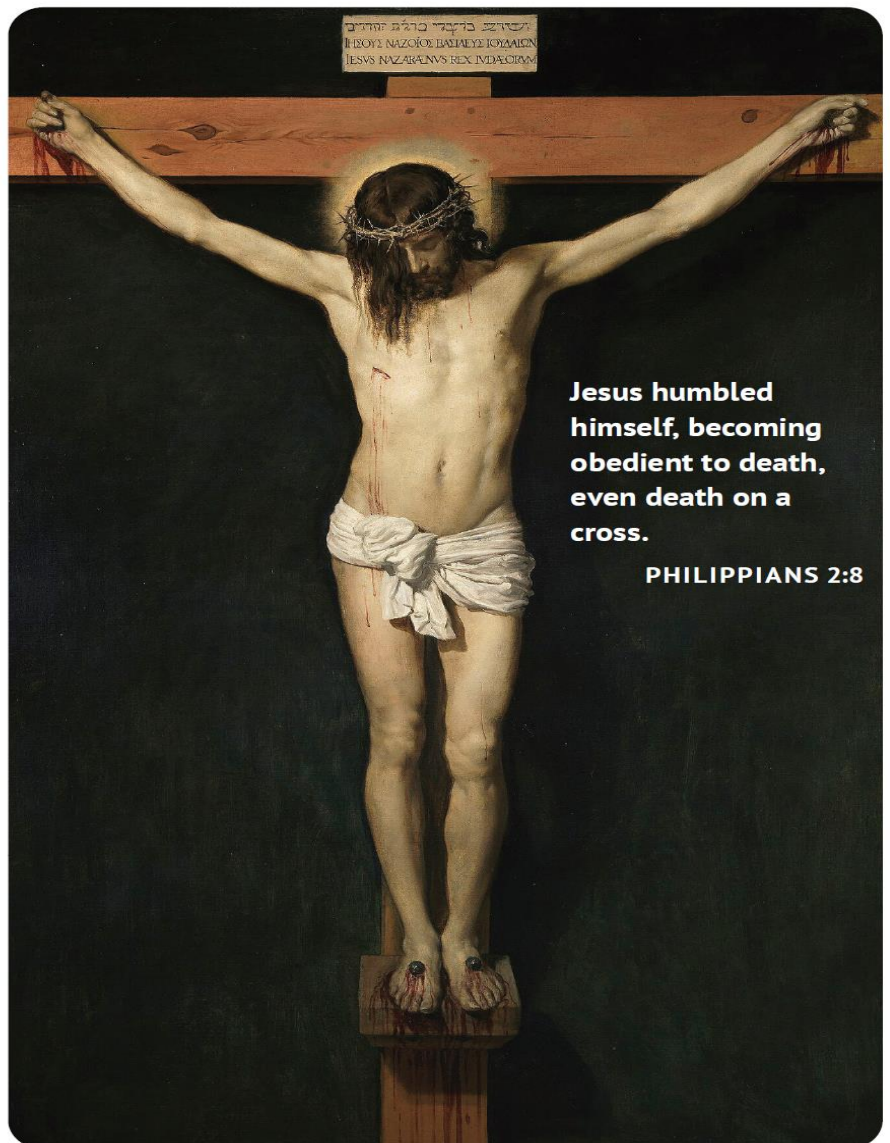
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer...

Joan Rourke, April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie, Elaine Ernst,
Lois Wickman, Carma Schmidtke, Charlie Corey,
Norm Pint, Pam Miller, Marci Willey, Diana Snyder,
Michael McDonough, Rose Kalb, Dave Chase,
Marisa Davidson, Mary Ellen Youngblut, Karyn Beenken,
Leona Kleitsch, Lindsey Ernst, Ron Babinat,
victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster;
terrorism, and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts
who are suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch †
May they know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and
hearts of those who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and
healing rise like incense
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**



► Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry:

contact Michelle Weepie 319-635-2428

► **I C Parish Prayer Chain Hotline:** Please contact
Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M)

► **Sacrament Of The Sick** ~ Anointing for the seriously ill
or dying, call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 319-283-3743,
or if having surgery speak with Father Atwood in the
Sacristy before or after Mass

► **Baptism Class For Parents:** All parents who wish to
have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception
parish are required to attend a baptism class prior to
scheduling the baptism. Please contact Deacon Jim
at 319-509-1210 for scheduling details.



► **I C Cemetery** – contact the parish office

► **Funeral Dinners: Group #1 Jan, Feb, Mar & April**
We provide desserts & serve a catered meal

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Lent



March 24, 2024

“Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion”

We are now entering Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year. The Catechism, in a section titled Jesus' messianic entrance into Jerusalem, asks a question: “How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah?” And then it presents the answer, “Although Jesus had always refused popular attempt to make him king, he chooses the time, and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of ‘his father David’. Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means ‘Save!’ or ‘Give salvation!’), the ‘King of glory’ enters his City ‘riding on an ass’ [in contrast to conquering heroes, who came into the city on majestic horses]. Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a future of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so, the subject of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds (see Lk. 2:14) [notice the reference to Christmas. There are many notable connections between Christmas and Easter]. Their acclamation, ‘Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord’ is taken up by the Church in the ‘Sanctus’ of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover” (CCC 559).

It continues: “Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week” (CCC 560).

Holy Week is filled with ritual and symbolism. Consider these events and their symbolic significance:

Palm Sunday: We receive blessed palms and hear St. Mark's account of the Lord's Passion and Death. Like the joyous crowds, we welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday: We celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, listening to John's account of the washing of the disciples' feet. As Mass concludes, we take the Blessed Sacrament to a side tabernacle for quiet adoration (to commemorate Our Lord's arrest following the Last Supper, Mk. 14:46).

Good Friday: This day is the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death. There is no Mass today. In fact, this is the only day of the liturgical year in which Mass is FORBIDDEN. We commemorate Our Lord's Passion by a three-fold service of Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion (from Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday).

Holy Saturday: This is a day of silent reflection on the Lord's suffering and death. Confessions are often heard and the church is prepared for the solemn feast of Easter. We are to enter sacred silence and reflect on the price Jesus paid to save our souls. Easter officially begins with the solemn Easter Vigil on Saturday after sunset.

As we enter this glorious week, please attend all the services you can, spend time in prayerful reflection, make a good Confession (if you have not already done so), and experience the power of these holy days.

God Bless You!! Father Ray Atwood

Parish Financial Support

Mar 17-21

Budget	\$1735
Offertory	\$232
Building Fund	\$50
Easter	\$50
Parish Center Debt	\$25
Fish fry donation	\$150
Donut Sunday	\$93
Can Redemption	\$899.95



Thank you!



Today (March 24) at Sacred Heart, Oelwein will have a Communal Penance Service. There will be two priests hearing confessions. You may come any time between 3- 5pm to go to confession.



Called by Name to be a Child of God

Blaire Elizabeth Smith

Daughter of Aaron & Ashley Smith who has been given new life and welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism! Congratulations!!

~ Women & Identity ~

Bible Study Tuesdays, March 26 to April 30th
IC Parish Hall 9:00am or 6:30pm

April 2024

- Wed Apr 3 ~ Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM
- Sat Apr 6 ~ First Saturday Mass 8:30AM Mass
- Sat Apr 6 ~ Hall Rented Schmit Bridal Shower
- Sun Apr 7~Fairbank Fire & EMS Pancake Breakfast 8-11AM
Fairbank Fire station Free Will Donation
- Thurs Apr 11 ~ KC Mtg 7PM
- Sun Apr 14 ~ Donut Sunday 6th & 10th Grades
- Wed Apr 17 ~ Monthly Community Potluck 11:30AM
- Fri Apr 19 ~ Hall Rented for dress rehearsal.
- Sat Apr 20 ~ Gremaud/Buzynski Wedding 2PM
- Apr 21-26 ~ Father Atwood Vacation**
- Sat Apr 27 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party
- Sat Apr 27 ~ Faith & Four-Letter Words – Legion Hall
- Sun Apr 28 ~ **Colleen Pasnik- speaking at 8:30AM Mass**
Mary's Inn Maternity Home
Donut Sunday After 8:30 AM Mass IC Parish Hall
Brief Presentation by Colleen Pasnik

HOLY WEEK

As we enter Holy Week, we encourage you to write your prayers, intentions, needs, concerns, words of thanks or praise, on a slip of paper and drop it in the brass vase by the cross one last time before we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. As an assembly of the faithful, we will offer these up at Mass, to our God of Love, Hope, and Mercy. *Bring your worries & cares and drop them in the 'well'.*



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sun	Mar 24	8:30AM	IC	For the People
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Duane Schmidtke Servers: Ella Weepie, Cameron Szurley Lector: Kevin Bodensteiner
Sun	Mar 24	10:30AM	SH	Alice Kautent†
Mon	Mar 25	8:30AM	SH	Patty & Jace Smith†
	Mon ~ Mar 25 ~ Confessions	SH 5:30-6:30PM		
Wed	Mar 27	8:30AM	IC	Deceased members of Pint/Flynn families†

Wed ~ Mar 27 ~ Confessions IC 5:30-6:30PM

Holy Thursday



Thurs ~ Mar 28 IC 7:00 PM AI Matthewst†
~Confessions after 7PM Mass IC Church

Good Friday

Fri ~ Mar 29 ~ IC Church 12:00 Noon

Every year on **Good Friday**, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes from this worldwide collection. If you would like to make a donation but will not be there on Good Friday, put your donation in an envelope marked **Good Friday** and drop it the collection or off at the Parish Hall.

Sacred Heart 5:30PM

~ Confessions after 5:30PM Good Friday Mass SH

Holy Saturday

Sat	Mar 30	8:00 PM	SH	Diann Blitsch †
				Easter Service
Sun	Mar 31	8:30 AM	IC Donald & Regina Beenkent†	
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Michelle Weepie Altar Server: Marshall Weepie Lector: Lori Beierschmitt
Sun	Mar 31	10:30AM	SH	For the People
	Apr 7, 2024	8:30 AM Mass		
				EM: Glenda Kane, Kelly Galleger Altar Server: Jensen Beck, Alivia Weepie Lector: Brenda Bodensteiner
				March Ushers and Greeters Bob Bellis, Tom Kleitsch, Joe & Dianne Rubino, Richard Rundle
				March Money Counters Glenda Kane & Lynn Plaster

If you wish to donate toward the **Easter flowers** please complete the form below and put it in the collection, mail, or bring to the office no later than **Wed. March 27.**

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Contact Name & Ph: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47 (shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

MONDAY

March 25

Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY

March 26

Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY

March 27

Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY

March 28

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass:

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Rv 1:5-8

Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the

Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY

March 29

*Friday of the Passion
of the Lord*

(*Good Friday*)

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY

March 30

Holy Saturday

(*Easter Vigil*)

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,
26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,
9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

SUNDAY

March 31

*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection
of the Lord*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or

Mk 16:1-7

Church Open The councils have decided to have the handicap door unlocked during the day during office hours only for those who wish to come to pray. Please enter and exit through the handicap door.



Love Packages

Have any religious books and/or literature to donate??
Collection boxes will be in the entry way of the church and hall.

Mats for the Homeless - Parish Hall

March 27 Apr 10 Apr 24 after 8:30 AM Mass

NO more bags please, we need people who can crochet and workers to prep.

Thank youto all the great workers, helpers, organizers and

customers! who helped make the Fish Fry a fun and successful event!

Financial report will be available as soon as all bills have been paid.

