



Saint Gertrude Parish

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April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

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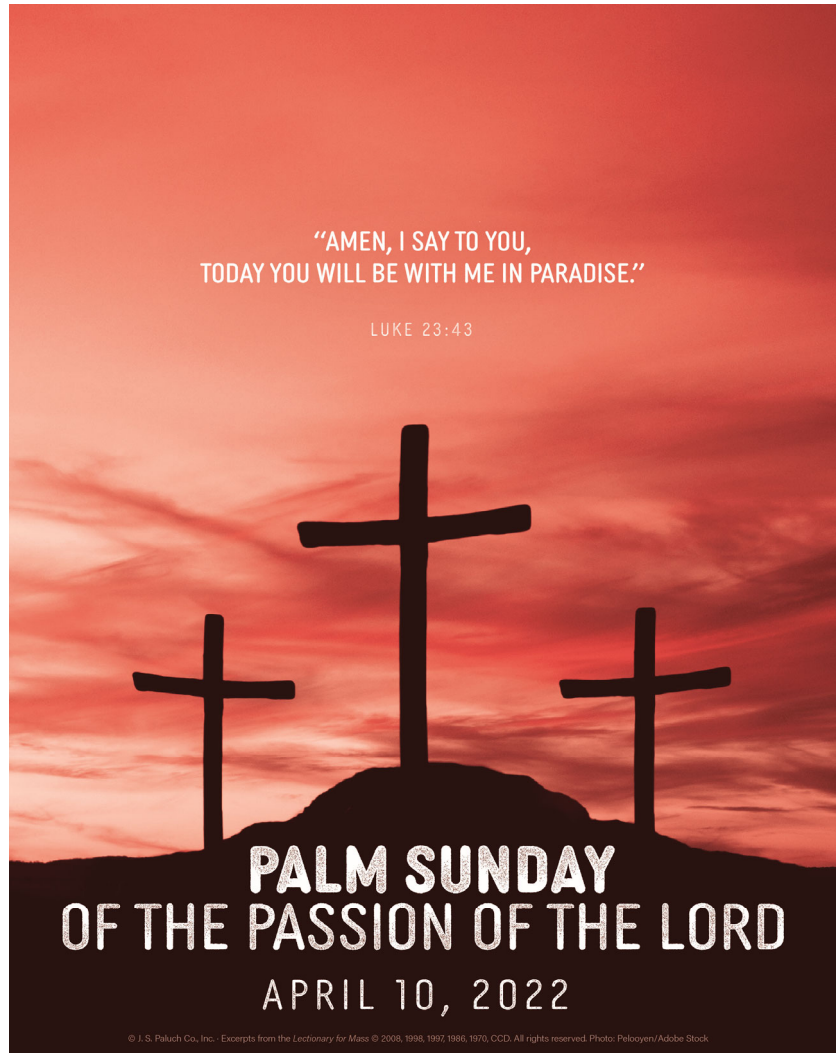
Baptisms by appointment. Baptismal
preparation is necessary. Call for
classes

Marriage Arrangements must be made at
least 8 months in advance. No marriage
dates will be given until meeting with
the priest and all preparation is ready.

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule
Holy Day Mass Schedule
Holy Day ~ 8:30am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00
Friday- Closed
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm
or by Appointment



Pastoral Council Mission Statement

We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multi-cultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's People and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

ST. GERTRUDE

*Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Ed Riley
From Wife Rosalind*

*Memorial Candle
Benjamin Zanolli*

*Memorial Candle
Alex, Carmelina & Elvira
DiBiasio
From Rachel*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the "Suffering Servant" that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus' crucifixion. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Psalm 22's refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, "Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

Do you Know the Story?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend

to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the Passion of Christ. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "making Gospel Soup." Today's Passion is from the Gospel of Luke, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectio years A and B), and John's Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let's look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

Readings for the week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 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; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



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Bishop to make pastoral visits during Lent

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will make pastoral visits to six parish communities during Lent to conduct Lenten Evenings of Reflection. Each week, Bishop Kulick will present a different topic, focusing on the major themes proclaimed in the Lenten weekend gospels. Each reflection will be recorded and posted on the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page. The schedule is below; all visits begin at 6 p.m.

Monday, April 11, St. James the Greater Parish, Apollo; topic: Suffering

EWTN Network

EWTN network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, Radio, Internet and now on your smartphone! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and LIVE Easter Masses from Rome and the U.S., and much more! Find your local EWTN TV or radio station by going to: ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder/ or ewtn.com/radio/affiliates-map.

Virtual Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program will be offered again in summer 2022 and is now going virtual! If you think you are called to be a catechist, teacher, youth minister, evangelist, pastoral associate or permanent deacon, or

some other similar area of ministry, this two-year program will give you the tools you need. The program is offered in conjunction with Seton Hill University and financial aid is available. Find out more at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pastoralministry.

Knights of Columbus

Ukraine Solidarity Fund

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend and next weekend for the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. This fund is managed by the Knights of Columbus



Supreme Council in New Haven Connecticut where our order was founded in 1882. The fund provides humanitarian support for the refugees in Poland and Ukraine. 100% of the money collected will be sent to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications to those in need. More information about the fund can be found on-line at kofc.org -- Thank you for your support!

Catholic Daughters of America

CDA Annual Spring Banquet Tuesday will be May 3, 2022 at 6:00pm at St Gertrude Church Hall catered by Lewandowski Catering. The price is \$20 per person. Reservations should be paid before May 3, 2022. Guests are welcome. Reservations are due by Tuesday, April 26th. Reservations can be placed in basket at church or make reservation by calling: Agnes Dezzutti at 724-334-7219 and mailing pay-

ment to her at: 225 Paul Dr., Lower Burrell PA 15068. Menu: Chicken, Large Stuffed Shells, Sweet Sausage with pepper and onions, green beans, salad and dressing, rolls and butter, cake, coffee and punch and cheese balls and crackers will be available!

St. Anthony Novena

The St. Anthony Novena will be recited nine consecutive Tuesdays starting April 19 through June 14 after the 7 pm Mass at Mt. St. Peter Parish, New Kensington, Pa. Traditional prayers will be said using a new booklet. All are welcomed from the NKCC and surrounding areas as we unite in prayer for individual, community and global needs seeking the intercession of St. Anthony to our heavenly Father. Bread distribution and a reception are planned for June 14. Please contact Kay Reano, greano@comcast.net or Anita Tuskan, jero449@verizon.net with questions concerning the St. Anthony Novena or the Mt. St. Peter St. Anthony Guild

Saint Gertrude Spaghetti Sauce and Meatball Sale

Thursday, April 28, from 4pm-6pm
Spaghetti Sauce(1quart) ..\$7.00
6 Meatballs \$3.00

Items will be frozen for take home enjoyment and convenience TAKE-OUT ONLY Curbside Pick-up Please enter at the driveway near Sandra Lynn's School of Dance (formerly St. Gertrude School) follow the arrows to the church basement doors across from the rectory. **If sauce and meatballs are not sold out on the 28th, they will be sold after all masses on April 30, & 31.**

July 18-22, 2022

FOOD TRUCK PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Held at Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, 15656

Open to Christ the King/St. Gertrude and
Christ Prince of Peace/St. Lawrence Parishioners

When: 9:00 AM-Noon

Who: Open to children pre-K (age 4 by 8/31/2022)
through 6th grade.

Cost: \$5 and a food donation (more info TBA about
food donation)/Optional music download-\$5

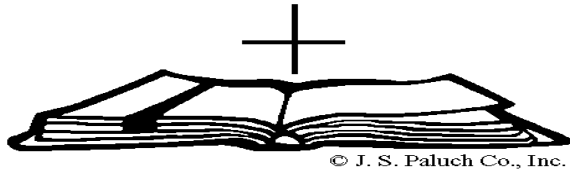
More information forthcoming along with online registration link

Volunteers needed!

For info contact Katie Tylinski at 724-212-6740 (cell)



Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 9, Vigil, Palm Sunday

4:00p.m. †Dom Caratelli

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †Alain Andre Coidan

Monday, April 11, Monday of Holy Week

8:30a.m. †John Solar

Tuesday, April 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30a.m. Mass at Christ the King

Wednesday, April 13, Wednesday of Holy week

8:30a.m. †Benjamin Zanolli

Thursday, April 14, Thursday of Holy Week

7:00pm Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 15, Passion of the Lord

12:10pm Stations of the Cross
2:00pm Good Friday Services **At Christ the King**

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday

12:10pm Blessings of Baskets

Saturday, April 16, Easter Vigil

8:30pm Mass at Christ the King

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †Raymond "Jeep" Mottura

Save the dates—All are welcome!

Holy Saturday, April 16th—Egg Hunt at Christ the King—Breakfast at 10:30 AM (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus), Parish Basket Blessing at 11:10 AM and Egg Hunt immediately following.

Christ the King First Communion—Saturday, April 24th at the 9:30 AM Mass.

St. Gertrude First Communion—Sunday, May 1st at the 10:30 AM Mass

Faith Formation (K-5th grades) CTK/SG 6:00-7:30 PM

April 10th—No session

24th—Last Class

Youth Ministry (6th-8th and 9th-12th grades) CTK/SG 6:00-7:30 PM

April 10th—Session

17th (NO SESSION because of Easter)

24th—Session (all Confirmation candidates must attend)

May 1st—End of Year Party last session at Zone 28 (Combined with CPOP/SL)

Save the date: We will be doing a Confirmation service project with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.