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Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday thru Saturday
7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
See Below for Schedule
for Lent

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration 12 to 6PM	3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet	4PM Rosary
	Way of the Cross	6:00 PM Every Friday St John	
Holy Thursday	6:00 PM St John	Good Friday 3:00 PM Immaculate Conception	
Holy Saturday	8:45 PM St John	Easter Sunday 10:30 AM St John	

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God" states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church. Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community. May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 6, 2023 - Holy Thursday ***April 7, 2023 - Good Friday***
(Immaculate Conception 3:00 PM)



March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live.”

Today’s Gospel reading is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. He was a close friend of the Lord, as were his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

When Mother Angelica meditated on this passage, she was incredulous about how the Pharisees responded to Jesus’ great miracle of raising Lazarus. She said, “For anyone to see these incredible signs – a man walking out of a tomb-and say, “we’ve got to stop Him,” is just astounding. How many signs did they need to believe? How many signs do you need?”

Jesus fed the 5,000. He turned water to wine. He raised Lazarus from the dead. And He rose from the dead on the third day. And, with all of this evidence, why do we think that Jesus cannot act in our lives? When we are faced with illness of ourselves or our families, why don’t we trust Him? When we are worried about money why don’t we seek Him? When our loved ones fall away from the Church, why don’t we turn to the Lord in our distress? He wants to help us, and HE WILL help us.

Today, ask the Lord to take your biggest problems, your heavy crosses, and give you strength and light. He will. Remember, He said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light” (Matthew 11:29-30).

2023 Lenten Meditations – Fr Joseph Mary Wolfe

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 37-12-14

You shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!

Romans 8:8-11

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies, also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11-1-45, John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Jesus told (Martha), “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”

A Word from Pope Francis

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb?....And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus. “Come out!”



*Homily, Rome
April 6, 2014*

God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God’s spirit, God’s power of life, and

they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel, only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living.

Bringing Home the Word, March 2023

Reflection Questions

- What darkness—a grudge; resentment; old wound—am I holding on to?
- What would it cost me to welcome God’s invitation to let it go?

PRAYER So that we may have the courage to heed your call to come out of the darkness. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN

The Redeemers

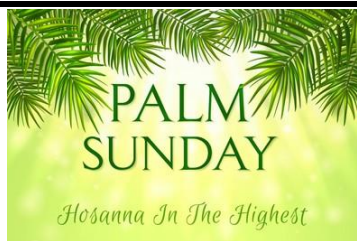
Living Stewardship –Pillar Of Hospitality:

In today’s Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Throughout this Lenten season, how have you acted (or reacted) to your fellow man? Be sure that as you grow closer to the Lord this season, you also grow kinder to those around you.



General Intercession:

For all priests religious and deacons within our Diocese.
We pray to the Lord...



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

“Behold your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

He is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter, a sometimes preacher and healer like many others. He is a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. This is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image – a man with “a well-trained tongue” who knows “how to answer the weary”. He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

Does Jesus represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable?

Bringing Home the Word, April 2023

Sunday Readings

Matthew 21:1-11

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

Philippians 2:6-11

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

Reflection Questions

- What does Jesus’ self-emptying tell me about God?
- How can I let go of my status or privileges this Holy Week?

A Word from Pope Francis

Brothers and sisters in the course of this week, let us cling to the certainty that God can forgive every sin....The certainty that with Jesus there is always a place for everyone. That with Christ things are never over. That with him, it is never too late. With God, we can always come back to life.



Homily, Rome, April 10, 2022

PRAYER

So that we may enter into this Holy Week and pray together with other believers for the salvation of the world. We pray in Jesus’s name. AMEN

The Redemptorists



Bulletin Reflection:

Today we read and take part in Jesus’ Passion.

As we enter into Holy Week, let us continue to grow closer to our Lord as we meditate on His Passion—read Scripture, pray the Rosary daily and attend the Masses and service during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil).

General Intercession

For Christians living in the Holy Land—that they may live in peace.

We pray to the Lord

Special Collection – Peter’s Pence

April 7, Good Friday

The Peter Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a “pence” from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter’s Pence Collection supports the Pope’s philanthropy by giving the Holy Father means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Mar 25	8 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 25	5 PM	✠ Jeff & Gene Ogden
Sun	Mar 26	7:30 AM	✠ Bill & Edwina Purdy
Mon	Mar 27	8 AM	✠ Fr's Special Intention
Tues	Mar 28	8 AM	✠ Paul H Wissel
Wed	Mar 29	8 AM	✠ Kenneth Runyan
Thurs	Mar 30	8 AM	✠ Cletus Wessler
Fri	Mar 31	8 AM	✠ Peace in the World
Sat	April 1	8 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Palm Sunday			
Sat	April 1	5 PM	✠ Teresa Mulherin
Sun	April 2	7:30 AM	✠ Bob Kieffer
Mon	April 3	8 AM	✠ Mackenzie Mullally (Birthday!)
Tue	April 4	8 AM	✠ Helen Amburger
Wed	April 5	8 AM	✠ Temple Smock
Holy Thursday			
Thurs	April 6	6:00 PM	✠ Meister Family
Holy Saturday			
Sat	April 8	8:45 PM	✠ Nina Ruble
Easter Sunday			
Sun	April 9	10:30AM	✠ Ruth Cord Purdum

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Apr 1 (5 PM)</u>	<u>Apr 2 (7:30 AM)</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Jill Jansing
Lector	Achleigh Simon	Jessica Gorman
Eucharistic M	Ron Miller	Jessica Gorman
	<u>Holy Thursday Apr 6 (6 PM)</u>	
Coordinator	Ron Miller	N/A
Greeter	Jill Jansing	
Lector	Andy Miller	
Eucharistic M	Jill Jansing	
	<u>Holy Saturday</u>	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
	<u>Apr 8 (8:45 PM)</u>	<u>Apr 9 (10:30 AM)</u>
Coordinator	Achleigh Simon	Sharon Voegeli
Greeter	Jeremy Simon	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Gary Payne	Jessica Gorman
Lector	Jill Jansing	N/A
Lector		
Eucharistic M	Bob Green	Andy Miller

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart – Week of Apr 2

Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter – Week of Apr 9

Weekly Collections



March 12	3,169.00
March 19	2,131.00
Catholic Relief Seviles	470.00
Church in Africa	260.00
Votive Candles	144.51

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

March 28 – St John – 6-8 PM

March 29 – Immaculate Conception – 6-8 PM

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Suggested Items for March:
Crackers, Cookies, Soup, Tuna
(No glass, please)



PALM SUNDAY CANTATA ON APRIL 2, 2023

The Golden Gates Singers will perform "One Day" at 7:00 PM on April 2 at the Damm Theatre in Osgood. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Palm Sunday performance.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

This is just a reminder to mark your calendar for May 7 as we will be celebrating Father Binu's Jubilee, 25 years as a priest.


BIBLE STUDY 3.0 If you are interested in joining our study of the Acts of the Apostles, please sign up by the end of March. The first session will begin on Wednesday, April 19.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

March 29-30 the final Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Wednesday evening at 7PM and will end on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM with a closing prayer service, reflection, and benediction. It will be held at St Nicholas, Sunman.



Rita Bedel
Gary & Paige Byard
Amy Castner
Tim Castner
Todd Castner
Melissa Chapman
Elliott Elkins
Amy Graham
Lily Handt
Todd Holzer
Seth Hull
Keith Jarvis
Larry Kendall
David Lewis 
Linda McCain
Mark Meister
Teresita Noah
Tom Noah
Bill Oeffinger
Eileen Ogden
Gary Patton
Pavi Pathak Family
Randy Simon
Dolores Simon
Pam Thomas
Regina West
Ben Zigan 

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