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My God,
why have you
abandond me?

PSALM 22

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Wednesday - 9:00am Mass

TUESDAY PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday morning following 9:00am Mass & evening at 7:00 pm

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday; 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday; 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross

5:30pm - The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY - MASS AT 10:00 AM

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ



Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Please view the bulletin cover for the full schedule of Holy Week ~ Penance Service ~ Triduum and Easter Sunday

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl ~ This year our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world.

Visit "crsricebowl.org" to watch videos of people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. Please save what you can. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Faith Formation For All Ages ~

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2020-2021; MARCH/APRIL SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **April 18**. Mr. Gleason's class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **March 28, April 11 and 25**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center — with their parent(s) — on **March 28, April 11 and April 25**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.


Scripture Sharing: Metanoia *Please note: Thursday, April 1 is Holy Thursday. We will not meet on Holy Thursday or April 8. We will begin a new series from Ascension Press on April 15.)

For all those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21</p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 9/19/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p>

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: **TAKE OUT!!**

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Thanks to the Matthew's who have provided desserts for Mary's Kitchen. Freihofer's is good, but home baked is better!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Reflective questions for the week

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. *How does your faith help frame your suffering?*

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity.

What does this teach us about God's nature?

Gospel:

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord.

What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?

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Readings for the Week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/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 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES

Sat., Mar 27

4:00pm—Catherine Blair (B'day, req by dgtr/grdson)
Pat Connors, req by Lorna McCarten
Charles Rutherford, req by Ann Callahan

Sun., Mar 28 ~ PALM SUNDAY

8:30am—Pat Connors, req by Judith Pope
Claudia Amrod, req by Jeannie Brennan
Richard Mullaney, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—living & dec'd members of IHM
Barbaro & Cutulle families, req by Donna Barbaro
Charles Rutherford, req by Michael & Sharon Kowalski

Tues., Mar 30

9:00am—Charles W Rutherford, req by Gloria Colarusso

TUESDAY PENANCE SERVICE - 9:30am & 7:00pm

Wed., Mar 31

9:00am—Patricia Connors, req by Marge Centanni
Charles Rutherford, req by the Adams family

Thurs., Apr 1 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm—The Lord's Supper

Fri., Apr 2 - GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm—Stations of the Cross, Traditional
5:30pm—The Passion of the Lord

Sat., Apr 3 - HOLY SATURDAY-EASTER VIGIL

7:30pm—Charles W Rutherford, req by Jim Connors

Sun., Apr 4 - EASTER SUNDAY

10:00am—Andear Colarusso, req by wife Gloria
Catherine Blair, req by daughter & grandson
Pat Connors, req by Emma & Susan Wilson
Patricia Colbert (3rd Anniv), req by the family

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
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