

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 5, 2009

Mass Intentions

Dear Parishioners,

Today begins the holiest of weeks within our church year. From the triumphal entrance with palms to the gift of Christ in the Eucharist; to His passion and dying on the cross; to the glory of His resurrection; we remember, we celebrate, we believe. I invite all to partake of these sacred days of **Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. These days are an opportunity for us to fast and pray and attune ourselves to Christ's paschal mystery. We need these three days to slow us down, give us time to absorb the saving actions of Christ and their true meaning for us.

I would like to send a special invitation to all to attend our **Easter Vigil at 8 PM** this coming Saturday when the church throughout the world gathers to welcome into our parish families our newest members: **Jeannine Campbell, Josh Ferguson, Tricia Zimmer Ferguson, Keely Lay, Brent Mannebach, Chris Thompson, Erin Williams, Michael Wheeler, Ellen Young, Tyler Zimmer**. Here at St. Joseph we have a rich tradition of welcoming and celebrating with our newest members: I would also like to thank their sponsors and all the catechists that have walked with them over these past months. The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most glorious and uplifting celebration of the year; please consider attending and experiencing this celebration.

Lastly, let us pray for one another this week, let us pray for peace in our world, for our Pope as he completes his third as our Pontiff, for our Bishop, our Archdiocese, for all those separated from our church, and for all of us that we might live out the Easter promise. Then we can sing with the saints.

**Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.**

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Mission Thank You

Many Thanks to Carr Worland and our telephone committee, whose encouragement to attend the Parish Mission was well received.

Thanks to the Murray Family for the Baked Bread!

Thanks to our Choir and Greeters and All who Ministered during the Mission
Special Thanks to our Presiders -- Fr. David Polek and Fr. Matthew Bonk.

Rest in Peace

Let us, as a parish family, pray for all of our deceased parishioners, relatives, benefactors and friends. We remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us and pray that they are celebrating with our Lord in heaven.



We welcome to St. Joseph Parish Family, through the Waters of Baptism, **Charles Henry Grafals**, son of Israel and Courtney Grafals and, **Paley Renee Thacker**, daughter of Dolphus and Michelle Thacker. We congratulate the happy families.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday** Blessing of Palms will occur during Mass
Procession from courtyard area (between parking lot and church)
Into church before 11:00 a.m.
Mass
- Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm.
Adoration follows.
- Good Friday** The Passion 12 Noon & 7:30 p.m.
Confessions following
- Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil Service, 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday** Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 6

6:30 am
Helene Schweitzer
8:00 am
Bob Sicking
12:00 pm
Perpetua Bernardo

Tuesday, April 7

6:30 am
Prudencia P. Arribas
8:00 am
Maloney Family
12:00 pm
Houlihan-King Fam.

Wednesday, April 8

6:30 am
Virginia Schroeder
8:00 am
Allan Koken
12:00 pm
Jolly Nouss

Holy Thursday, Apr. 9

Mass of the
Lord's Supper
7:30 pm
Poor Souls

Good Friday, Apr. 10

Passion of Our Lord
Service at
Noon
and
7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, Apr. 11

Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 pm
People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, Apr. 12

7:30 am
Erika Bender
9:00 am
Dustin Griffin
11:00 am
People of the Parish

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health and comfort to:

Mary Maloney

Mary Slais

Bruce Hagen

Maryanne Dolan

Fr. Gerry Kleba

Mary Lee Rovira

John Gillis

Robert Coplan

Mildred Fraser

Elvessie Edwards

Barbara Lindsay

Joan Wilson

Bob Wilson

Sean O'Connor

Josh Eckhoff

Maria Guehlstorf

Michael Phelps

Lynn Burch

Joseph Niedbalski

Naomi Carmody

Beth Wilcox

Richard Vance

Paula Mulhearn

LaVerne Safron

Susie Taff

Sr. Eleanor

Lois Laffey

Peggy Holmes

Vincenttia Majka

Barbara Beauzethier

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

My dear People of St. Joseph's,

I want to wish you a "word of thanks" for all the kindness you have shown me over the past seven months. You have welcomed me with open arms and been so generous to me and the missions in India. I am most appreciative to Msgr. John and Father Tom for their hospitality. I have enjoyed living with them these past months. Please pray for me.

Fr. Charlie



An Urgent Pro-Life Message

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has proposed recinding the federal regulation which protects the "conscience rights" of health care providers. **Translation: The present administration proposes to drop conscience protection for medical personnel opposed to abortion.** They will be accepting comments from the public **until April 9.** Please take this seriously and call or e-mail your objections as soon as possible to:

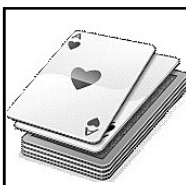
Office of Public Health & Science
Dept. of Health & Human Services
Attn: Recision Proposal Comments

CALL: (202) 456-1111

Or

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT>

PLEASE DO THIS ASAP!!!



Our Bridge group will meet on Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a fun time.



Please pray for the following men and women as they carry out their duties in the service of our country:

Christopher Johnson, grandson of Naomi Carmody. Christopher is stationed in Iraq outside of Baghdad.

James O'Connell, son-in-law of Deacon Al and Mickey Williams is stationed in Iraq.



Spring has Sprung and with that brings another season of the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**.

As we prepare to kick off the ACA at St. Joseph's we often think of a dear friend and dedicated volunteer **Virginia Schroeder** who passed away late last summer. Virginia worked tirelessly for the past twenty years organizing and heading up the ACA. So this year the team of volunteers hopes to carry on her legacy and honor her memory with another successful ACA drive. Please check this space weekly to learn more about the importance of the ACA, our progress in reaching our goal and how each of us at St. Joseph's can help to achieve this.

St. Joe's Seniors Center

Don't put your Easter bonnets away! Let's all wear our bonnets to lunch on Tuesday, April 14th, at 12:45 pm. (If you don't have a bonnet, come anyway.) Bring a friend, and a gift to share, as you "Rob Your Neighbor". Please RSVP 726-1221."

Olive Wood Religious Articles For Sale April 18-19

Khader & Mary Abu Sada, a catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish with olive wood hand carved religious articles made by the Christian artisans in the Holy Land.

As hostilities in the Holy Land have worsened, and due to the lack of Christian pilgrims, the outlets for olive wood hand carvings have been closed. Unemployment is at 75% and Christians are leaving the Holy Land to find other ways to market their handiwork.

Some items displayed will be nativity scenes, crucifixes, figures, rosaries, etc. These make wonderful presents for all occasions, especially Christmas. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$700.00. Checks and credit cards are welcome. Look for Khader & Mary after all masses the weekend of April 18-19. Buying one piece will help prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land.

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The Year of St. Paul

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:2

Meditation: **Knowing Christ Crucified**

By Father Joseph Katerski, S.J.

"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

Atop Pope John Paul's crozier is an image of Jesus crucified. The very angle of His arms tells much about the agony of the cross and the Christian meaning of human suffering. There is nothing stylized or dull about this figure, and the striking shift from the typical crucifixion scene can break us from presuming that we already comprehend this mystery.

The single-mindedness of Paul's resolve in this passage is comparable. It is not a victory bulletin, as if he already understood everything that there was to understand about Christ's sacrifice. It is the simple statement of Paul's project during the visit he had made to the Corinthians. He had dedicated himself to looking upon Christ, to gazing at the mystery of Christ, to pondering what was told of Christ, and to contemplating nothing but Christ and especially his passion.

Perhaps we should think of what Paul was not going to do. He did not come to Corinth to see the sights, or to promote himself, or take advantage of the situation, or for any other purpose than to bring deeper knowledge of his Lord to this community. But to share the mercies that he had received and to explain what surpassed any possible explanation meant that need to remain himself deeply focused on the mystery of Christ.

God is greater than anything that we can think or imagine. Yet, that none of us can encompass the mystery of God within our categories does not mean that we can say nothing. For Paul, it means that the preacher needs to pray, the missionary to meditate, and the ambassador for Christ to dwell constantly in the presence of his Lord, regardless of where he goes. It is no surprise that John Paul II's walking staff bore so striking a scene of his Lord's crucifixion. Like his apostolic namesake, he needed to gaze upon the figure of his Master wherever he went.

My Lord Jesus, Man of Sorrows, you did not shrink from the pains of the cross, so much did you love us. Grant us, we beg you, the grace to know you more intimately, to love you more dearly, and to follow you more closely, all the days of our lives.

Sunday Worship

April 11-12, 2009

8:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madeline McMahon
Meredith McMahon
Cathy Salarano

Reader/Lector
Mary Molloy

Ministers of Communion
Vic Schulte
Mike Marks
+Ramon Floro

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Reid & Will Cytron

Reader/Lector
Frank Hackmann

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Jane Byrne
+Frank Hackmann

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan
Caroline Avery

Reader/Lector
Mary Lee Rovira

Ministers of Communion
Marcella Leonardo
Mary Carver
+Ruth Tredway

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean & Connor Gallagher
Denny Schultz

Reader/Lector
Pat Devereux
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Gretchen Sander
Thom Schwetye
+Betty Tucker

+ Only when no deacon is present

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2009

Sun: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,
23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk14:1-15:47
Mon: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14
Jn 12:1-11
Tues: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5ab,6ab,15,17
Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Mt 26:14-25
Thurs: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-
16bc,17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
Fri: 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
Sat: Readings: Refer to Missalette
Sun: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-
17,22-23 Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

Regina Cleri Collection

Under the direction of Cardinal Joseph Ritter, Regina Cleri was established as a residence for retired and infirm priests of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. The priests residing at Regina Cleri have given dedicated service to the people of the Archdiocese through their work in our many parishes and institutions.

Your consistent generous support of our elderly and infirm priests, especially through the annual Easter Offering, along with the support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, make it possible for us to maintain Regina Cleri as a residence for priests.

On Sunday, April 12, 2009, the annual Easter Collection for Regina Cleri will be taken up throughout the Archdiocese.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Please Replace Last Week's Calendar -- Revised April 2009

<p>CH=Church MR=Madonna Rm PHC=Parish Hall Cove PH=Parish Hall S=School</p>			<p>1 5:30 pm Stations followed by Confessions, CH 6:00 pm Knights & Dames of Malta Rosary, PH 7:00 pm Baptism Class, Rectory 7:30 pm Bible Study, MR 7:30 pm St Vincent de Paul, PH</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 4-7 pm Fish Dinner In Parish Hall Or Carry Out 7 pm Cursillo, MR</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday 9:30 am PSR, S 11:00 am CLW, PHC RCIA Following 11 am Mass, MR 6:30 pm Habitat Mtg., MR</p>	<p>6 1 pm Prayer Group, MR 4:30 pm Children's Choir, MR 5:15 pm PSR, S 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 5:30 pm Stations followed by Confessions, CH 7:30 pm Bible Study, MR</p>	<p>9 Holy Thursday 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>10 Good Friday Noon and 7:30 pm Passion of Our Lord</p>	<p>11 Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Reception following Mass in Parish Hall</p>
<p>12 Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>13 School Spring Break 1 pm Prayer Group, MR</p>	<p>14 12:30 pm St. Joseph Seniors Luncheon, PH</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:30 pm Bridge Group, PHC</p>	<p>17 7 pm Cursillo, MR</p>	<p>18 Al & Mickey Williams Renewal Of Wedding Vows at 5:00 pm Mass Olive Wood Religious Goods for Sale after Mass</p>
<p>19 9:30 am PSR, School 11:00 am CLW, PHC Olive Wood Religious Goods for Sale after Masses</p>	<p>20 1 pm Prayer Group, MR 4:30 pm Children's Choir, MR 5:15 pm PSR, S 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm RCIA, MR</p>	<p>22 5:30 pm Rehearsal, CH</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm Rehearsal, CH</p>	<p>25 2:30 Wedding, CH 6:30 Wedding, CH ACA Weekend Workers in Parish Hall</p>
<p>26 ACA Weekend Workers in Parish Hall 9:30 am PSR, School 11:00 am CLW, PHC</p>	<p>27 1 pm Prayer Group, MR 4:30 pm Children's Choir, MR 5:15 pm PSR, S 7:30 pm Adult Choir, CH</p>	<p>28 7:30 pm RCIA MR</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30 pm Rehearsal, CH</p>		