APRIL 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 12 - SATURDAY

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56 Vigil Readings: See Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Maurice DeShazor 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

APRIL 13 – PALM SUNDAY Lk 19:28-40; ls 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Fr. Joe Robinson 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

APRIL 14 – MONDAY Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

APRIL 15 - TUESDAY Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-22, 36-38 7:00 PM – *Spanish*– Fr. Rudy

APRIL 16 - WEDNESDAY Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Robert Jones

APRIL 17 – HOLY THURSDAY Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer - *English* 7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – *Bilingual*

APRIL 18 – GOOD FRIDAY Is 52:13 – 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer – *English* 3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – *English* 5:00 PM - Live Way of the Cross – *Spanish* 6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – *Spanish*

APRIL 19 – HOLY SATURDAY Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer – *English* 8:45 PM – Easter Vigil - *Bilingual* - Fr. Rudy

APRIL 20 – EASTER SUNDAY Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 Sunday Readings: 9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy – Easter Memorial 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel - Easter Memorial

English Mass Ministry Schedule: April 19-20

Lectors: 4:00 PM – No 4:00 PM Mass today 11:00 AM – Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 PM – No 4:00 PM Mass today 11:00 AM – Volunteer

Servers: 4:00 PM – No 4:00 PM Mass today 11:00 AM – Z. & M. Nintrup

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: No 4:00 PM Mass today 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$8,465 Offerings received to-date: \$326,572 Amount needed to catch up: \$18,427 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering. To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jeff Hartman (12), Ken Gohs (13), Michelle Terschak

(13), Alex Gelly (13), Ellie Orth (14), Paul Beyer (15), Cindy Prasse (15), Cathy Fioresi (15), Jane Menke (16), Patricia West (16), Ann Stigler (17), Bill Burns (17), Lillian Currens (17), Matt McKenrick (18).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 33 winners: Joe & Regina Trent, Gary Staigl, and John & Tammy Spielmann. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at <u>513-541-1563, ext. 151.</u> FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and all the pageantry and purpose of Jesus Christ as he rides into Jerusalem, as crowds follow him along his path proclaiming, "Hosanna in the highest!" This moment is the culmination of all Jesus accomplished in his lifetime and foreshadows all the suffering he is to incur in the days to come. He rode upon a donkey, in this instance, as a symbol of peace and humility to fulfill the prophecy of the Old Testament. On this most special day, let us reflect on this occasion and prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation and the salvation of all humankind.

On Palm Sunday in 2014, Pope John Paul asked the people assembled at St. Peter's Square these questions, which all of us should ask ourselves this week: "Who am I before our Lord ... am I ready to express my joy, to praise him? Or do I stand back?" The pope then asked the group to consider the many names one hears during the Passion of Christ and whether we are like any of them in our expression of faith. For example, like the disciples, do we fall asleep when we are bored and exhausted from the grind of our daily lives, when we are asked to do more than what we are comfortable with? Or, like Pilate, when faced with an uncomfortable decision of faith, do we dodge our responsibility and pass it on to another? Or, like Judas, who claimed to be a disciple of Christ, do we feign righteousness and choose always any gain we might receive in embracing its tenets?

These are difficult examinations of conscience, yet this week, we should indeed look at ourselves and determine what more we can do to become better and brighter lights of faith. Let us try to be more like Jesus' mother, Mary, who suffered silently, the Cyrenean who helped carry his cross, Joseph who lovingly buried him at his death, and all others, who were there, present, with loving hearts.

Today we hear, and hopefully breathe in, the Passion of Christ, as told to us by Luke, beginning with the Last Supper and continuing with the Passion: the events at Gethsemane and ending with Jesus' burial in the tomb. Let us not close our hearts to all that occurred during this momentous week: the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us, one and all.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Be sure to remember to drop off your gift of canned proteins to our pantry this month. Thank you so much for your generosity.

EMBER DAY: A discernment day for high school boys (sophomores to seniors) on Friday, June 6 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and Fr. Michael Willig. The content will focus on vocation, virtue, priesthood and fatherhood. The schedule will include Mass with Archbishop Schnurr, a tour of the seminary, meals, talks, and sports. Mark your calendars, registration opening soon.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2025/.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025 to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

SENIOR CARE RESOURCE EVENT: Wednesday, April 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Jewish Family Service Adult Day Center, 9395 Kenwood Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242.

Join us for this free event and learn more about community resources to help you navigate the topics facing you and your family concerning senior support and care. Providers will be available to answer questions relating to in-home care, home modifications, respite services, transportation, long term care options, brain health care coordination, insurance navigation, caregiver support and more!