

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019



Dear parishioners,

One of the things I most admire about Jesus is his remarkable integrity. He knows what a motley array of folks are praising him this day—believers, doubters, people who can stand on their own principles, people who follow the crowd.... Jesus is true to himself. He doesn't let the adulation delude him. He takes in the cheers, but he is well aware of what is coming. He remains humble and at-one-with-us. He rides in on a donkey. He lets the crowd be who they are.

It causes me to think of how easily we lose our center. We are easily swayed by praise and criticism—letting our ego be puffed up or deflated because of how we are treated. We get distracted by what we think is interesting or “more fun.” We forget who we are and why we are here.

We are like the crowd in our fickleness. We have a hard time being truly committed. We look at things from our perspective rather than God's perspective.

Sister Edna's presentation was for me very inspiring. She emphasized that the first thing we need to understand is how much God loves us and how much God wants to be with us and how much God wants us to be one—so much so that God became one of us and died for us. That is pretty much what this whole Holy Week is about!

I hope we will all make a serious effort to fully, actively, and consciously participate in the services and reflect on what is really important in life—our relationship with God, God's love for us and the response we make to God.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

- Sat Apr 13 4:00 p.m. Angela and Richard Knott
Melissa Calvelage
- Sun Apr 14 10:00 a.m. Leonard and Sally Rieman
Sue Schlumbohm and Kent Bullman
- Sat Apr 20 8:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving
- Sun Apr 21 8:00 a.m. Jim Alt
- Sun Apr 21 10:00 a.m. Dennis Warren

No 4:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 20

Communion Service

- Fri Apr 19 Good Friday - **NO** Communion Service

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$4,020.00 | Loose | \$937.00 |
| Children | \$43.03 | Total | \$5,000.03 |

93 envelopes returned = 45%

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Assignments for April 20 & 21, 2019

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Barb Galvan

For a list of the ministers for Holy Week:

Tenebrae, Holy Thursday, Good Friday

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

8:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday and

10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Please see the insert in the bulletin or check the bulletin board in the narthex.

Readings for April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

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