

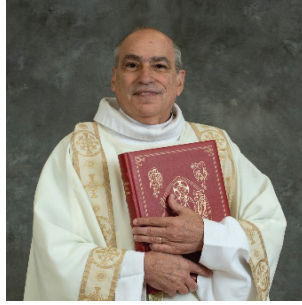
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION MARCH 28, 2021



MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME? PSALM 22

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Deacon's Desk*Dear friends in Christ,*

The Passion story is the greatest drama spread across the Christian imagination. It breaks into our assembly every year with a shivering, overwhelming impact. It is the only time each year that **ALL** of us proclaim the **Gospel** along with the **Deacon** and **Priest**. It is so large and yet so familiar that we can scarcely take it in. Because of this, we often miss the subtle distinctions between the gospel accounts of these critical hours, focusing instead on the broad dark movements that sweep us off to **Calvary**. Even more, we miss the small, mostly nameless characters whose contributions lend a great deal to the witness these stories mean to offer:

- Consider, for example, the dinner party hosted by **Simon the leper**, which has now become affixed to the **Passion** account like a prequel. It is the next-to-the-last supper of **Jesus** and foreshadows the events to come. Especially the **Unknown Woman** who anoints **Jesus'** feet.
- Next comes **the man with the water jar**. Who the heck is he? Some man with a rare commodity on **Passover** eve in the holy city of **Jerusalem**: a spare room.
- And it is there, in **that gift of a room from someone unknown**, where the greatest gift to humanity will be given. There **Jesus** makes His grand gesture, offering the blood of the covenant shed for many, his death for the life of the world, though no one yet suspects it.
- In the garden, in the hour of betrayal, we meet the curious young man in the linen cloth who runs away naked (some scholars say it is **Mark** himself).
- Consider **those who stood and told their lies about Jesus** in the courtroom of the chief priests. Did they, like **Judas**, take money for their false witness?
- At the cross, **passersby** will fill in the mockery, and the **sleepless chief priests and scribes** will add their own abuse.
- The women stand with **Jesus** as they had traveled with him since **Galilee**: **Our Blessed Mother, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of two of the disciples, and Salome**. Many other women were with them, **Mark** assures us, nameless women who remain in silent testimony to their faith.
- **Joseph of Arimathea** of the **Sanhedrin** makes the bold and courageous move to claim **Jesus'** body, making his request to **Pilate** himself.

But one of the most extravagant gestures in the **Passion** stories is made by another anonymous man, known only by his rank: **The Centurion**. This soldier did his duty, stood guard at **Golgotha** throughout its daily gore. He watched at close range the death of **Jesus**, enclosed by ill-wishers and some weeping women. The veil of the sanctuary was simultaneously torn, but he wouldn't know about that. Yet what he sees in the dying of this virtuous man tears from him the greatest act of faith in the Bible: **"Truly this man was the Son of God!"** Easy to say at the **Transfiguration**, or in the presence of a miracle, or a profound teaching. How hard to say this in front of the cross? When we find that kind of faith in ourselves, **Kingdom comes!**

Saint John the Baptist pray for us!

Happy Holy Week!
Deacon Frank

Dear **St. John Parishioners**, join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass,
April 4, 2021, Easter Sunday
Msgr. Cody**

**Confessions Heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

PARISH INFORMATION

**The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist
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Livestream our 9:30 Sunday Mass on our St. John the Baptist Facebook page by visiting our website www.sjbitaliana.com

**Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
The office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday and will resume Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Website: info@sjbitaliana.org**

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Msgr. John Cody – Weekend Assistant
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Father Charles Cotton – Weekend Assistant
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**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)**

Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)

Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at Saint John at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)

Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Antonio D'Alberto,
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto
Lector Passion:	Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday, April 4, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Davide Cugini
Euch. Min.:	Albert Iosue

There will be NO MASS or ADORATION on March 30, 2021 at Sacred Heart.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 3/28	9:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory by John Violand
Sun. 3/28	9:30 a.m.	Robert W. Contino, Sr. by Mary Yannon
Sun. 4/4	9:30 a.m.	Mary Jo Zimmerman by Gloria DiPietro
Sun. 4/4	9:30 a.m.	Danny LaPenna by Patty Clifford

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: *Robert W. Contino, Sr.*
Anonymous

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 3/28	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall
Mon. 3/29	Italian Executive Board Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Marrapese Hall)
Thurs. 4/1	KCC – Maundy Thursday, Fr. Kim 8:00-9:00 p.m. 9:00-11:00 p.m., Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, SJB Church
Fri. 4/2	KCC – Good Friday, Fr. Kim, 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Sat. 4/3	KCC – Easter Vigil, Fr. Kim 8:00-10:00 p.m., SJB Church
Sun. 4/4	SJB – Easter Sunday Mass, Msgr. Cody 9:30 a.m. SJB Church KCC – Easter Sunday Mass, Fr. Kim, 12:00 p.m., SJB Church Meeting in Sala Hall After Mass



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, and James Graf.

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. We need a volunteer to help schedule the Rosary for each month. At the present time, no one has signed up to lead the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information so we can put a schedule together and post in the bulletin. Thank you!

**Neighboring Parishes
Easter Triduum Mass Schedule**

April 1st, Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sacred Heart Church	7:00 p.m.	
St. Joseph Cathedral	7:30 p.m.	
Holy Family Church	7:00 p.m.	
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.	
	9:00-11:00 p.m.	Devotion to Blessed Sacrament

April 2nd, Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	3:00 p.m.	
St. Joseph Cathedral	12:00 p.m.	
Holy Family Church	3:00 p.m.	Veneration of The Cross
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil with Our Lady of Sorrows, Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.	
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April 3rd, Holy Saturday

Sacred Heart Church	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
St. John the Baptist		No Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Holy Family Church	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Korean Catholic Community	8:00 p.m.	

April 4th, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m.	
St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m.	
St. Joseph Cathedral	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.	
Holy Family	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.	
Korean Catholic Community	12:00 p.m.	

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 21, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 30

Env.:	\$ 2,065.00
Loose:	\$ 90.00
Holy Day:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 2,170.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (130.20)
	\$ 2,039.80

Votive:	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 10.00
Good Friday:	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 320.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 410.00

? ? ? ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ? ?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,170.00	-(715.00)	-25%
FYTD:	\$109,630.00	\$96,105.98	-(10,524.02)	-10%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 29, 2021

Aggie Howard and Victoria Gammell

SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, April 05, 2021

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

PAVERS: The front Pavilion of St. John's Church is covered with Pavers. These Pavers are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of St. John at 614-294-5319.

Piave Club will meet on Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Marrapese Hall. Be a service of the Italian Community and join the Piave Club. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office at 614-294-5319.

AROUND US

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2021: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of April is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first three days of the month fall during the season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

Reconciliation Monday

On Monday of Holy Week, March 29th, priests will be available in every church of the diocese between 4:00-7:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. **The special time for Confession is in addition to the parish's normal Lenten Confession times.**

US Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence

During Lent: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. The law of fasting on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** applies to all Catholics from age 18 through age 59.

Virtual Walking Stations of the Cross: Considering the pandemic, the annual diocesan **Walking Stations of the Cross** will not be offered in-person on **Good Friday**. However, the offices of **Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Social Concerns** are working with local parishes and the **Diocesan Youth Council** to provide video and audio reflections for small groups, families, and individuals. For details, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/walking-stations.

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Online Registration: \$39.00-\$119.00 based on CME/CNE inclusion. For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference, April 17th, 2021 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Sunbury, Ohio. Register Online: www.ccyac.org/register. Connect with Us! Website: www.ccyac.org Email: info@ccyac.org Instagram: @ccyaoio Twitter: @ccyahohio or www.facebook.com/colscatholicyoungadultconf/. Our mission is to empower young adults to transform their communities through their identity in Christ.

Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord by Mother Teresa: When we meditate on the **Passion of our Lord**, we should examine our conscience to see what sin of ours caused that special pain to **Jesus**. We can make reparation and share that pain by doubling our penance. We should keep strict custody of the eyes. We should hold clean thoughts in our minds. We should keep greater silence of the heart. In that silence we will hear His words of comfort and, in turn, be able to comfort **Jesus** in the distressing disguise of the poor. Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sacrifice, if it is to be real, must cost us, must hurt, must empty us of self. Let us think about the passion of **Christ**, His sufferings. The point of such meditation is not just to have our feelings roused. Rather, our meditation should lead us to change as we cooperate with **God's** grace in real sacrifices of self.

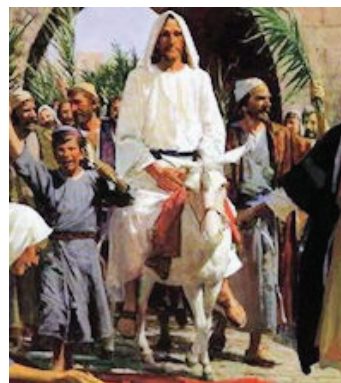
Holy Week

Palm Sunday is the final **Sunday of Lent** and the beginning of **Holy Week**. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of **Christ in Jerusalem**, days before **He** was crucified. In the **Gospels**, **Jesus** entered **Jerusalem** riding a young donkey, to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms, or small branches, in front of **Him** as a sign of homage. Palm branches are widely recognized as symbol of peace and victory.

Lenten Prayer for Holy Thursday: *Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall Your Passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed Your sheep. You have given me a model of how to live; may I strive to be all that You created me for, spreading the love of God and the truth of our Catholic faith wherever I am able. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.*

Lenten Prayer for Good Friday: *Jesus, no one knows change better than You. You died on the cross, and three days later You rose from the dead. Forty days later You ascended into heaven and left the world transformed for the rest of time. Help me transform my soul, to die to sin and death and be reborn in Your love and eternal life. Amen.*

Lenten Prayer for Holy Saturday: *Jesus, You are courage incarnate. As You hung on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, You showed me that all things are possible. You knew that life did not end on the cross. It was only the beginning of a new and glorious eternal life. Amen.*

**Prayer**

O God, You are the light of the minds that know You, the life of the souls that love You and the strength of the hearts that serve You. Help us to know You, that we may truly love You, so to love You, that we may fully serve You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, Mar 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Remember kindly

None of us needs a reminder that life is full of suffering and loss. We'll all have a generous share of sorrow before we're through. What bears constant reminding is that seeds of kindness are sown each hour as well. In the final days before his Passion, an unnamed woman anointed Jesus with costly perfumed oil. It was a symbolic act, signaling his role as God's anointed and one prepared for death. It was also a gentle act in a week that would hold much cruelty. Seed the world with small kindnesses to testify against the darkness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 (38). *"Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."*

Monday, Mar 29, 2021

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

A most worthy work of mercy

Among the corporal works of mercy, there's one you might take for granted: bury the dead. We bury our own friends and family, but what about those in your community who die with no one to bury them? There are pallbearer ministries—sometimes named after Saint Joseph of Arimathea, who provided a tomb for Jesus' burial—for the homeless, often veterans, and others left alone in the world who need someone to see them home one final time. See what your parish and local funeral home does for those who die alone. Can you offer them the dignity of your presence or, at the very least, during this time of COVID, your specific prayers?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). *"Let her keep this for the day of my burial."*

Tuesday, Mar 30, 2021

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Can I get an amen?

We know the word *amen* typically ends a prayer. It's there to signal a shared agreement to what's been said, as in: "Yes, it's so." But what about an *amen* at the beginning of a statement? And what if it's used twice, as is common in the Gospel of John? "Amen, amen, I say to you," Jesus says repeatedly. According to scripture scholar Raymond Brown, Jesus uses the phrase to show he speaks with the authority of God. Jesus speaks God's truth—which is why some translations say "Truly, truly" instead. Listen closely for God's truth this Holy Week.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."*

Wednesday, Mar 31, 2021

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Patience, people

Tomorrow being Holy Thursday, today is the last full day of Lent. And how was our Lent? Do you feel relief that your Lenten resolutions can be set aside? Saddened to lose the extra time set aside for prayer? Perhaps regret that your anticipated Lenten practices got lost in the daily commotion of the past six weeks? Here is the important question: Is your heart open to God and God's love? Lent is a gift of time, to be sure, but the opportunity to

fast, pray, and give alms, to grow in the love of God is ours every day. The words of Saint Francis de Sales come to mind: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). *"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear."*

Thursday, Apr 01, 2021

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Get down and dirty

Some parishes have trouble finding parishioners willing to have the priest wash their feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The idea of washing hands instead has been proposed. But the church has been firm: The stooping down to wash lowly, possibly dusty feet sends the message of humble, loving service that Christ intended when he performed this act himself. The next time you are called on to wash dishes, take out the garbage, or do a bit of dirty work, see it as a chance to live the spirit of Christ's act of washing his disciples' feet.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 02, 2021

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Mercy me

Mercy is not always something we think about—until we are in need of it. Mercy refers to God's compassion and kindness toward us, especially when we have not been our best selves. On Good Friday, we see clearly, though painfully, the extent of God's mercy in a love so great that Jesus, God's beloved, is willing to go to the cross. We keep ourselves ever mindful of mercy as a way to understand a God whose fundamental "disposition" is one of loving kindness—no matter what. As you pray through this holy day, remember your own experiences of God's mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). *"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."*

Saturday, Apr 03, 2021

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

This holy in-between time

Scripture commentator John T. Squires calls Holy Saturday a "liminal space" marked by waiting and not knowing. This is the quiet, uncertain day between Crucifixion and Resurrection. In some sense, this entire past year has been a liminal year, as we are caught between the emergence of a history-changing virus and its hoped-for suppression. What can we learn from the disciples who waited and prayed? They prayed that life would emerge victorious over death. Let that be our prayer as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). *"Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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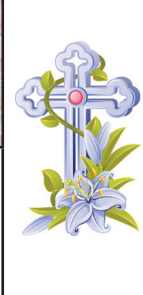
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