

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



*"They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him."
- Mark 15:17-19*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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Chicago, IL. 60631

✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org
(Please note: new email address)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Parish Website:

💻: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

💻: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search "**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**" and request to join our online community.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.
Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*
(*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

*Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing.
Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry.
Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online Only

Monday, Tuesday & Friday @ 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Thursdays @ 8:30 A.M.
First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each month followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Confessions:

Sunday mornings
from 9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.
(offered on an every other week basis beginning on **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ 12:30 P.M.

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:
www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men's Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

Holy Week & Perspective

Last week, I preached about discernment, which is to understand God's will for us (i.e., our "*vocation*"). I also spoke briefly about perspective. Among the examples I used was that of Moses, whose life and decisions seem completely different to me now as a pastor, as opposed to an associate, seminarian, or layman.

That perspective also extends to Holy Week, starting Palm Sunday and ending with the ethereal "*Gloria*" during the Easter Vigil.



When I was younger, I used to hate Holy Week. I thought Palm Sunday was extra-long and boring. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil all felt like an eternity. Easter was crowded – so much for a holy week.

But when I became a seminarian and gradually involved myself in the planning of Holy Week, I saw it in a new light. Moreover, the more time I spent and understood the elements of the rituals, the more I grew to appreciate them. As a priest, and now as a pastor, I look forward every year to our celebrations.

What changed? A little more responsibility? Something to keep me occupied? I had always loved churches (even if some Masses put me to sleep), as I always felt comfortable and at peace in the space. As I grew in my faith, I found myself appreciating our Church taking a full week to explain, celebrate, and ritualize the key moments of our salvation. Christmas gets only one day, but Easter gets (practically) eight full days of prayer.

I began to see Holy Week as a drama, not in the negative sense like theatrics, but as a recreation of the real tragedy of sin (i.e., something that would condemn and kill an innocent man in Jesus) but also as a real triumph in God's grace (i.e., that death could not conquer the Christ).

Many words have been used to describe God's action in human affairs: the "*economy*" of salvation, revelation, providence, and "*theodrama*." Drama (or theodrama) refers to the grand plan God unfolds in creation, history, and time. It is the battle-plan, so to speak, of how God wages war on Satan, sin, and death itself. It speaks of how, in Jesus, He frees our ancestors from the chains of eternal death and makes it possible for all people to seek God and grow in grace.

It is a grand epic of real consequence, but I did not see it that way when I was younger because I would not give it the time to grow on me. If you were like me, then allow me to urge you to participate in our Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil). Nowadays, they have become a glorified weekend with a Mass on Sunday and a nice brunch, but it is so much more.

Holy Week is genuinely moving and beautiful, especially if in your faith you invest time into your relationship with Jesus. A holiday is not a holy-day without God. By all means, enjoy time with your family this coming Easter, but contextualize your joy in the true joy of faith: death has no power over us in the victory Christ has won!

We as a Church were deprived of Holy Week only a year ago. Reignite your faith. Enter into the mystery and true drama of Holy Week.

Fr. Matt



Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule
March 28th - April 4th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:00 P.M. (Saturday Mass of Anticipation)
8:30 A.M. and *10:30 A.M. Masses
(*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Monday of Holy Week
7:00 P.M. - Virtual Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week
7:00 P.M. - Virtual Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week
8:30 A.M. - School Virtual Mass

Holy Thursday
*7:00 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
(*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Good Friday
3:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross
*7:00 P.M. - Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion
(*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Holy Saturday
1:00 P.M. - Blessing of the Easter Food (Church)
*8:30 P.M. - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
(*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
*8:30 A.M., *10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. Masses
(*In-Person & Livestreamed)

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*For those unable to join us in-person, our livestreamed Masses may be viewed on either our *Facebook* page or on our *Twitch Channel* ([twitch.tv/icchicago](https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago))

Upcoming Opportunities For Confessions

Please note: This **Sunday, March 28th** (Palm Sunday), approximately from **9:30-10:30 A.M.**, will be the **final** opportunity for Confessions prior to the Triduum and Easter Sunday.



Beginning on **Sunday, April 11th**, we will continue to offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday mornings between our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses (**approximately from 9:30-10:30 A.M. – offered on an every other week basis.**) No registration required. We simply invite you to remain after our 8:30 A.M. Mass concludes or to arrive early for our 10:30 A.M. Mass if you would like to receive the Sacrament from Fr. Matt or Fr. Robert.

Please be advised: As we shift our Confession schedule to every other Sunday morning, **we will no longer be offering opportunities for Confessions on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.**



Alejandro Gonzalez & Esmeralda Montes

*Alfredo & Karen Anne Palanca
and their son Gavin*

*Brian & Suzanne McNeela
and their children Niamh & Liam*

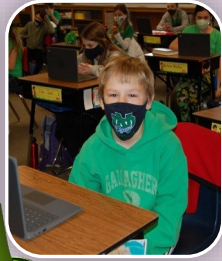
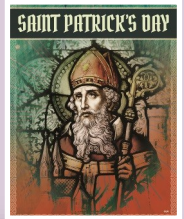




School News...

IC Celebrates Saint Patrick's Day

On Wednesday, March 17th, IC students enjoyed a Dress Down Day by donning festive green attire in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Baby Melanie Behren
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Michael Breslin
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Donna Chaplin
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Ozzie D'Souza
Christina Dziekonski
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Lila Gehner

For those who are sick:

Ofelia Hernandez
Dennis M. Jaburek
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Erma Kinzie
Wayne Kinzie
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Marcia Mally
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Sam Milazzo
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Judith Nosko
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski
David Olson

Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Bill Remblake
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Dennis Slater
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
John F. Vargo
Henry Wagener
Geoffrey Woittel

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Stella Koziol
Jason Walker



"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them."

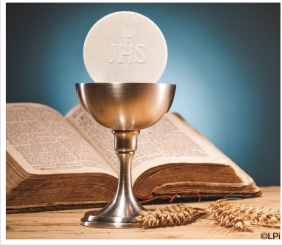


For those who serve our country:



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



Mass Intentions:
Sunday, March 28th
through
Sunday, April 4th

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Dr. Michael Chaput; †Ronald & Evelyn Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); †Jaime M. San Juan & Milagros Bernardita Capito San Juan

8:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Gene Lehmann; †Dorothy Brennan; and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Francesca & Agostino Chiaramonte; †Eileen Mascha; †Walter Herschbach; †Debra Egert; and †Mary Ann Salvay

Monday, March 29th - Monday of Holy Week

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Carm Schillinger

Tuesday, March 30th - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Michael, Stanley & Genevieve Potwora

Wednesday, March 31st - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 A.M. — †Rita Carlson (on her 9th Anniversary); and †Barbara Hoffmann (on her 9th Anniversary)

Thursday, April 1st - Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

7:00 P.M. — *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday, April 2nd - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

7:00 P.M. — *Passion of the Lord*

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

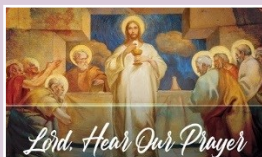
8:30 P.M. - *The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night*

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 A.M. - †Eugene Mroz; and †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki

10:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †William Brander (on his 9th Anniversary); †Marilyn McCallister (on her 11th Anniversary); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Michael, Stanley & Genevieve Potwora; †Cecilia & Pasquale Demarinis; †John Livensparger; †Cosmo & Pasqua Dalessandro; and †Francis & Moira Cross

12:30 P.M. — The People of the Parish



March 28th through April 3rd

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Diane Sprincz

March 28th through April 2nd

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Stella Koziol

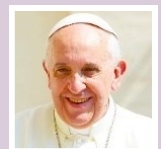
March 28th through April 2nd

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the souls of

Ed & Carm Schillinger

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"To be a good father means to offer everything, holding nothing back; to protect without suffocating; to pardon without asking anything in return; to wait patiently and trustingly. It means following the example of the "Good Father" who is in heaven. May God bless all fathers!"




IC Catholic High School Scholarships




Applications are now being accepted online for our IC Catholic High School Scholarships. Due to the generosity of our donors, we are grateful to be able to offer eligible students these \$500 Scholarships to be applied towards their tuition at Catholic High Schools. All interested applicants/students must have either graduated from Immaculate Conception School (Talcott) or our Religious Education Program at Immaculate Conception (Talcott) and be enrolled in a Catholic High School for the 2021-2022 School Year in order to qualify for one of our scholarships. Please visit www.icchicago.org to apply by completing our IC Scholarship Application Form.

Please submit all questions and completed applications to Fr. Robert Carlton by email at rcarlton@archchicago.org. All completed application forms must be received by **Monday, April 12, 2021**. We anticipate announcing the recipients of the Scholarships by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

GOOD FRIDAY 2021 - APRIL 2



Help us continue to serve
those who need help in
the Holy Land

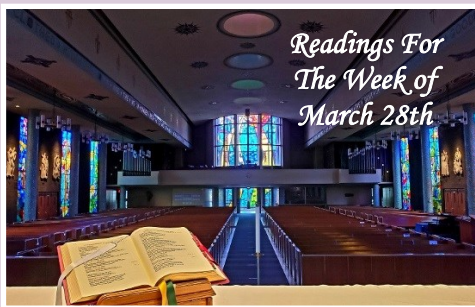


PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Commissariat of the Holy Land in the United States
1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017 · www.MyFranciscan.com

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, please visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Sunday: JMk 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: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening 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

Next 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

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to

become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Walk Every Step with Christ...

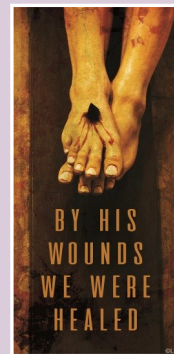
Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

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





Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, *Pastor*
Fr. Robert Carlton, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
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Mary Haley, *School Secretary*

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, March 29th -

7:00 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom

Thursday, April 1st – Holy Thursday

**7:00 P.M. – Evening Mass of the Lord's
 Supper; Church**

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 Church**

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8:30 P.M. – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Church

Sunday, April 4th – Easter Sunday

8:30 A.M. – Mass; Church

10:30 A.M. – Mass; Church

12:30 P.M. – Mass; Church



Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period. If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Parish Registration: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org (***Please note: new email address.**)