

# Ascension of Our Lord Church

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## Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



MARCH  
**28** 2021

Christ became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9



## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

### DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

### CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

### BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

### WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

### PARISH STAFF

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### LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday**

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Joe Keenan I - Marcella Keenan  
†Marilie Malab - Flora & Roberto  
Intention of Dolores Vrlec - Caridad Cuasay  
Intention of Emma Villacorta - Vrlec Family

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

12:00PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino &  
Demma Families – K & M Demma Families

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

12:00 PM †Diosdado Galang, Sr. - Vrlec Family

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

12:00 PM †Patricia Pellegrini- Family

**Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 2, 2021 - Good Friday**

3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

**Saturday, April 3, 2021 - Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil**

7:00PM Intention of our Parish Family

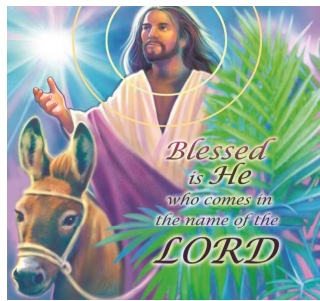
**Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Easter**

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

12Noon Intention of our Parish Family

† Denotes Deceased





Fr. Jose Kadukunnel, CMI  
Pastor

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***Dear Parishioners & Friends of Ascension of Our Parish,***

As we enter the holiest of days of the liturgical year, the last days of the life of Jesus, I invite you join us for the special liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

Like the crowds that followed Jesus during his lifetime on earth, we must decide for ourselves, what his message, and the meaning of his life, has to do with our lives.

Like Peter, and the other disciples, will we run away, deny him, stand with him, call for his crucifixion, or just walk away and hide?

As you may recall with the start of the pandemic last year, we were not able to gather in-person for Holy Week. This year we have the opportunity to come together again. Whether you participate with us here in-person or by viewing from your home, your time in prayer this Holy Week is very important.

Although we, like Peter, our fearless leader, might have cause to weep bitterly, **we know that we are still loved and forgiven.** To this end, priests, bishops, deacons, and all of God's holy people will celebrate the Lord's Passover with minds and hearts renewed.

The world has great need of our witness to Christ Crucified, and the glory of his resurrection. Because he has conferred on us The Father's Kingdom, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to go forth everywhere to proclaim through the manner of our lives, that we belong to Christ and his kingdom, a kingdom of peace and justice, and of holiness and truth, so that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

I look forward to celebrating this Holy Week with you. Let us keep each other in our prayers, as together we make a stand for Christ and his church, in our time, and in this portion of God's kingdom.

"We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

~Fr. Jose

**[HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE](#)**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st**

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

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**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd**

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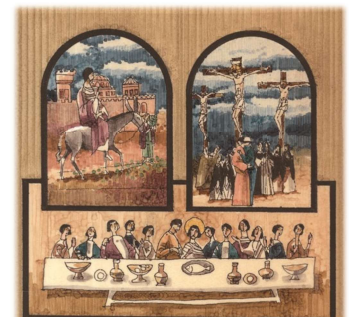
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Blessing of Easter Basket: 12:00 NOON

Easter Vigil: 7:00 P.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th**

Mass: 8:00 A.M. ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ 12:00 NOON



*Please register on our website or by calling the parish office during office hours*



# Parish News

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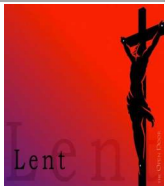
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The 2021 Mass Intention Book is  
open. Please contact the Parish  
Office to offer a Mass Intention.



"Unless there is Good Friday  
in your life, there can be no  
Easter Sunday." - Fulton J. Sheen

### STEWARDSHIP

**Not available at time of publication**  
*THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND  
SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.*



### Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and would like to  
be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer  
List, please call the Parish Office. The name will  
be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor  
requests made by you or a family member. Name will remain on  
list for one month.

**Please call the Parish Office at 630-629-5810 to add a  
name to the "Pray for the Sick" list.**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Caridad, Henry, Carl, Grace, Arlene and Patrick*

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

For those who desire the Eucharist but are not  
comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be  
available on Tuesdays by  
appointment from 9am—2 pm (excluding the  
time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to  
your car to give you the Eucharist *and to give a  
blessing.*

Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the  
office to schedule a time.**



On Holy Thursday, April 1st and on  
Good Friday, April 2nd, there will be  
NO 12noon Mass and NO Stations  
of the Cross. The Parish Office will  
be closed on Good Friday and  
reopens Monday, April 5th.



### This Week's Calendar

**MONDAY, MARCH 29:** MASS 12NOON  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 30:** BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION  
9AM-2PM (REGISTER), 12NOON MASS  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31** 12NOON - MASS  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 1:** 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S  
SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION UNTIL 10PM  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 2:** 3:00PM PASSION OF THE LORD  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 3:** 12NOON BLESSING OF EASTER  
BASKET, 7:00PM EASTER VIGIL  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 4:** EASTER SUNDAY - 8AM, 10AM AND  
12NOON MASS



This week, we enter into the holiest of weeks within our liturgical year. Below are some answers to common questions regarding the Paschal Triduum.

**When does the Triduum begin and end?**

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

**How are the Holy Oils, consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass, to be received in the parish?**

A reception of the oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The oils, in suitable vessels, can be carried in procession by members of the assembly.

**Is the *Mandatum*, the washing of feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, required?**

No. The *Roman Missal* only indicates, "After the Homily, where a pastoral reason suggests it [*ubi ratio pastoralis id suadeat*], the Washing of Feet follows."

**When should the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion take place?**

Normally it should take place in the afternoon, at about 3:00 PM, to enable people to assemble more easily. However, pastoral discretion may indicate a time shortly after midday, or in the late evening, though never later than 9:00 PM. Depending on the size or nature of a parish or other community, the local Ordinary may permit the service to be repeated.

**Where is the paschal candle placed during Easter Time?**

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence, his victory over sin and death, and the promise of sharing in Christ's victory by virtue of being part of the Body of Christ (see *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 35). The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.

The above questions and answers have been adapted from:

<http://uscgb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm>

**Religious Education Program News**

Our Religious Education year is about to wrap-up with our two last sessions taking place on April 6th & 13th. Registration for the 2021-22 will be out in August. August registration worked out really well this past year that we will continue with that again this year. **This is also a great time for YOU to discern about becoming a Catechist to help pass on the faith to our children of the parish.** All necessary training and formation will be provided!

Please also keep our First Communicants and their families in your continued prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 10th.

# Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood



*Mayslake Ministries*  
Engaging Catholics in a Modern World

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONLINE SPRING TEA

Saturday, APRIL 17, 2021 1:00 PM

**"PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES"**

*Presented by Nanci Lukasik-Smith*

In this presentation, Nanci explores the everyday experiences of life and how we can bring our daily challenge and life experiences into prayer.

\$10 registration Register online at

[mayslakeministries.org](http://mayslakeministries.org) or by phone at 630-852-9000.

Nanci earned her Certificate of Study in Lay Leadership through the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; holds an Advanced Certificate in Special Needs Faith Formation from the University of Dayton (VLCFF). She is currently in the graduate program at the University of St. Mary of the Lake working towards her Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and studying Ministerial Coaching through Catholic Theological Union as well. Nanci is a certified professional Spiritual Director, and served on the Diocese of Joliet's advisory committee to the Bishop, focused on working with individuals with Special Needs and their families. She is also an affiliate and published author with Mayslake Ministries.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### PAYING FORWARD for OUR REDEMPTION

As we approach Palm Sunday we hear in Scripture that God truly redeemed us for our sins and faults in life. At the same time, Jesus continued to disperse His Apostles to go out and demonstrate by their lives what the final goal of redemption really meant. He implored them to help the poor by caring, working, and living with them. In today's world pandemic, this call is clearly evident in those in our community who are suffering from the virus or in the areas affected by loss of income, adequate housing, child care, unable to buy adequate or healthy food, sufficient health insurance /coverage and necessary transportation.

At this time we also have an opportunity to demonstrate the good news of salvation as many among us struggle with constraints and personal costs of the global pandemic. We can help one another by "paying forward" the benefits we received in our Redemption of Christ. We, too, can be Apostles to the poor and depressed in the world around us. Please consider the St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry in this parish. Although we have seen several of our Members go down in this pandemic, we continue to serve the needs of those needing our services. Your generosity at this time continues to assist our mission to those impoverished and suffering at this time. You, too, can continue to help us "pay forward" for the tremendous gift of our Redemption while providing for others.

Our value is not determined by our size.



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### Act of Contrition (traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen. TAKEN FROM VATCANNEWS/PRAYERS



### **PRAYER MEDITATION FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

My Most Precious Lord Jesus, this night You gathered with Your Apostles to share with them Your last meal. But this was no ordinary meal. This was the gift of Your most Sacred Body and Blood, soon to be broken and poured out on the Cross for the salvation of the world.

Allow me, dear Lord, to spend this night in prayer and meditation with You. After the meal, You invited Your Apostles to join You for one hour, to stay awake and keep vigil as You prepared for Your arrest. The Apostles fell asleep, leaving You in Your bitter agony alone.

I accept Your gentle invitation of love, dear Lord, to spend this night in vigil with You. May I enter Your Heart as it faced the coming persecution You were to endure for my sins. May I console Your Sacred Heart and know the love and Mercy that flowed forth.

Lord, when I face the crosses of my own life, give me Your divine courage and strength to say "Yes" to the Will of the Father. Your love for me is abundant and is perfect in every way. Help me to know that love, to embrace it and to allow it into my life. I make my vigil with You this night, dear Lord. I love You, help me to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.



### **PRAYER MEDITATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

My Most Glorious and Suffering Lord, it is Your Hour. It is the Hour by which You conquered sin and death. It is the Hour for which You came into this world, taking on flesh so as to offer Your precious life for the salvation of the world. May I be with You, dear Lord, in these moments of suffering and death. May I, like Your Mother, John and Mary Magdalene, stand at the foot of the Cross, gazing upon the perfect Gift of Love.

My suffering Lord, may I see in Your Cross the most perfect act ever known in this world. May I see Love in its most pure form. May my eyes and soul look beyond the blood and pain and see Your Divine Heart, pouring forth Mercy upon me and upon the whole world.

Today I kneel in silent adoration of You, my God. I sit quietly, beholding the great mystery of our faith. I behold God, beaten, bruised, mocked, tortured and killed. But in this act, I see all grace and Mercy flowing from Your wounded Heart. Bathe the world in Your Mercy, dear Lord. Cover us with Your grace and draw us to new life through Your death. I love You, dear Lord. I love You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. MY CATHOLIC.LIFE/CATHOLIC PRAYERS/TRIDUUM