

# Ascension of Our Lord Church

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## Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Blessed  
is the  
king*

*who comes in the  
name of the Lord.*

LUKE 19:38

APRIL  
14 2019

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# Liturgies for the Week

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Monday - Friday:** 12:00 Noon

## OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Josephine Zadrozny -

Dorothy and Michael Carbon

† Gloria Power - Estelle Graham

† John Patrick Cibula - Tom O'Connell

† Harold E. Spratt - Tony Klazura

† Paula Mueller - Mary Agbayani

† Isabelle Murphy - Maria Tipton

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

12:00 PM Intention of Teddie Morris - Loving Family

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

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

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

12:00 PM † Rose Sarallo - Felper Family

**Thursday, April 18, 2019 (Holy Thursday)**

7:30PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Friday, April 19, 2019 (Good Friday)**

3:00PM **COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S  
PASSION AND DEATH**

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Holy Saturday)**

12:00 PM **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

7:30PM **EASTER VIGIL**

**Sunday, April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday)**

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

12:00 PM Intention of the Parish Family

† Denotes Deceased



# From Our Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Someone said there is traffic going to heaven. Why? Because the way to heaven is a narrow and winding stairway. On the other hand, there is no traffic going to hell. Why? Because the way to hell is an expressway, wide and open for so many.

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. This week let us take time to step back, look into our hearts and reflect on the lives we are living and where we are heading. In today's Gospel (Lk. 19, 28-40), we hear of Jesus' final entry to Jerusalem. It was a triumphant entry, that first Palm Sunday that led to His passion and death on Good Friday, and eventually ended victorious on Easter Sunday.

We, too, are in a journey, and there are three questions we might want to ask ourselves this Holy Week. The first is: "Am I living a good life?" This question is not so much about living a successful or a comfortable life as about living a meaningful and an involved life. Is the life I am living now going to bring me to heaven someday?

The second question we might want to ask this Holy Week is: "Am I afraid of suffering and death?" Naturally, we don't want to suffer, and we want to live long and "enjoy" life as long as we can. Is the life I am living all about being comfortable and pain-free? There will always be trials and even failures in life, and there is no complete happiness, or perfect relationships, in this life. May we find God in our sufferings, and may we find God in death itself.

The third question: "Do I believe in heaven?" Am I living my life as if there were no tomorrow and life after death? Am I enjoying as much as I can now, with no thought about my soul, or concern about the rights and welfare of other people? Our belief that there is heaven should lead us to live beautiful and meaningful lives.

Holy Week is a good time for us to listen, really listen, to God. Vocal prayer, practices, and devotions are fine, but more than these, let us allow the Lord to speak to us, and question us. Our observance of Holy Week take on a deeper meaning if, and only if, we have a real relationship with God. Otherwise, it is all just tradition, obligation, and show.

Take time to do some "housecleaning" this Holy Week starting with our own hearts. A good confession is a good start. Next, clean up relationships that need it. Reach out in humility and revive relationships that have died. Finally, do some sorting and give away what you don't need in your rooms, and in your homes, and share them joyfully and generously.

Let me end with this story: "In a street accident, a woman was trying to help the victim but suddenly, a nurse came and said, 'Miss, excuse me! Please step back! I'm a nurse. I've had a course in first aid and I'm trained in giving CPR.'" The woman stepped aside and watched the procedure, and said, "If you need a doctor ... I'm just at your back."

This Holy Week, let us step back. Let the Lord take over, and lead us on.

Blessings - Fr. Jose

# Parish News

## Minister Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers are asked to sign-up for Holy Week and Easter Sunday through the MSP Scheduling Program.

### This week's calendar

**Wednesday, April 17:** A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi  
**Thursday, April 18:** Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer  
**Friday, April 19:** Prayer Group will not meet

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word** *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.



Are you aware that our Pastoral Care Ministers will come to your home to visit and bring Communion to the elderly, sick and homebound?

Please call **Pauline Mitchell at 630-627-0471** to arrange a time.

Father Jose is also more than happy to stop in for a chat, visit and to bring Communion to our "in house" parishioners. Please call the parish office at **630-629-5810** to schedule an appointment OR to advise us of a prolonged hospital or rehab stay.

## **HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 18**  
7:30 P.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**  
3:00 P.M.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 20**  
Blessing of Easter Food: 12:00 NOON  
Easter Vigil: 7:30 P.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 21**

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



### **PLEASE NOTE**

On Good Friday, April 19th, there will be **NO Noon Mass and NO Stations of the Cross.** The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 19th through Monday, April 22nd.



**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** is for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. Thank you for your anticipated generous assistance.



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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://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm>

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**Religious Education Program News**

Our Religious Education year is about to wrap-up with one last session remaining on April 16th. Registration for the 2019-20 will be out very shortly for grades K-8. **This is also a great time for you to discern 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 second graders in prayer as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28th at the 10am Mass.

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**New Parish Website!**

As with anything new, please be patient as websites are always a continued work in progress! A special thank-you to Deacon Peter who has been helpful with his expertise!

**Check it out at [www.ascensionoffourlord.net](http://www.ascensionoffourlord.net)!**

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# Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### *YOUR HELP TO OUR HELP*

Since we are entirely a voluntary staff dedicated to serving the poor and needy we have no real administrative costs or overhead. Your donations provide our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference with the ability to help the poor and disadvantaged of our local community in the following ways:

- Your direct help to us gives us the funding to help others with clothing, utility bills, rental assistance, emergency sheltering while locating permanent housing, food and grocery assistance, and transportation aid so that the disadvantaged can get to their work or needed medical help.
- Your monetary contributions help us pay for uncovered medical bills, assist and cover referrals to needed counseling and legal assistance, and help individuals secure gainful employment.
- Occasionally your aid goes to support the educational help and skills training needed to acquire a viable job.
- Your clothing, furniture and household items that you bring to our trucks twice each year go to our warehouse and Thrift Stores for direct gifting to the poor of our Diocese or are sold in the stores with the proceeds returned to our Conferences for added help to the poor.
- Since no two individuals in need are exactly alike, there are unique needs of the poor still to come to our attention that require your help and ours to help them.



As you can see...your donations go a long way to help the needy!

For donations of a large number of items or furniture, please call us for a home pick up at 630-231-4658 or E-mail us at [saintvincentdonate@gmail.com](mailto:saintvincentdonate@gmail.com)

## Come and Join St. Alexander Church **GOOD FRIDAY WALK**

*“Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus”  
Stations of the Cross with a theme  
of Peace and Social Justice Starts in  
St. Alexander’s Church  
300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park*

**Friday, April 19, 2019 at 10:30am**

This is an outside event – slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather. This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome.

Any questions, call Deacon Chris Cochran  
@ 630-833-7730

## **VISITATION PARISH**

779 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL

Will host two (2)

### **DIVINE MERCY EVENTS**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7 pm

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday – a Whole Ocean of Graces**

An inspirational video explanation  
(Q&A and refreshments)

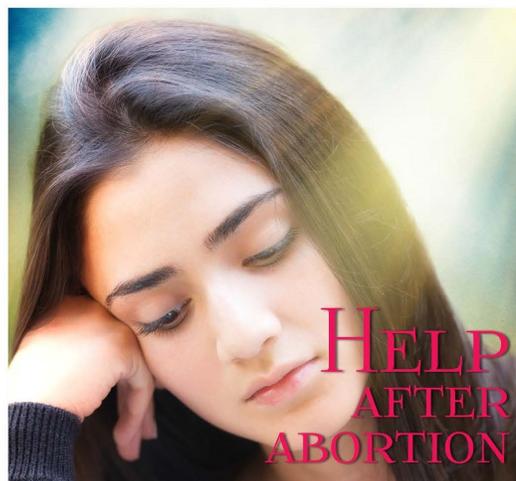
(RSVP by 4/17/19 to [divinemercyrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercyrsvp@yahoo.com))

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, 2019**

2:00 p.m. - Confession and Adoration

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Service & Benediction

*All are welcome!*



**HOPE**  
AFTER ABORTION

For confidential help call  
**888-456-HOPE**  
or visit [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)

## Donations are matched with Catholic Charities' Angel Fund!

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is facing an especially challenging year. Significant government funding cuts to emergency homeless shelters have left the future of Daybreak Center in jeopardy. These funding changes will require the Agency to secure an additional \$500,000 annually to operate the Catholic Charities, Daybreak Shelter.

**By the grace of God, we were blessed with an angel who will match your donations – up to \$50,000. Will you join our angel to help the homeless and others who live in poverty who are served by Catholic Charities?**

With your support, Catholic Charities can continue to serve our poor and vulnerable neighbors.



Every day, we meet individuals who are experiencing poverty, but are motivated to create a brighter future through hard work. The resources provided by Catholic Charities, including those at Daybreak Center, are vital to the well-being of our clients and to the entire community. Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help.

**Please send in a donation by May 31st.**

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Charities: Angel Fund, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Donations can also be made at [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. If you can't send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.