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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5TH, 2020 YEAR A



#### Weekend Masses

SATURDAY 5:00PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 OR 10:30AM

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY 8:15 AM  
THURSDAY 6:00PM  
FRIDAY 8:15AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 8:45-9:45AM  
CONFESSION AND BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
8:15 AM MASS

PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY 1:30 PM

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Father Jegan Peter

David Garrison-**President**  
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Parish Council meetings are held on  
the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
At 7:00pm in the Gottemoeller Ed  
Center

\*Next meeting TBA

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**-Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism**-Call the parish office

**Sacrament of Matrimony**-Pre-marriage preparation is  
available for all registered members. Arrangements must  
be made at least six months in advance. Call parish office  
for arrangements.

**Sick Calls**-If you wish to receive the Sacraments at home  
due to infirmity or hospitalization, call the parish office.

**Welcome!** If you are visiting our parish, welcome! If you  
are new in our community and are looking for a home  
parish we hope we have made you feel welcome enough  
to return. If you will be attending Mass regularly but have  
not registered, we invite you to do so. This will help the  
parish to better serve your needs. Registration forms are  
available in the church vestibules.

**Need to update your parish information?**

Go to the parish website at <https://stmtours.org/>  
set up an account with My Own Church.

**\*You must register with the parish office first before  
setting up an account.**

#### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### +Deceased

##### APRIL 4 SATURDAY

8:15am +Bill Shields *St. ISIDORE*

Vigil +Mary Helen & Norbert Arvin

##### APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY

+Anna Wetzel

#### Weekday Mass Intentions

##### April 8 Tuesday

+Jerry Cecil

##### April 9 Wednesday

+Pauline Wetzel

##### April 9 6:00pm Holy Thursday

+Robbie Rivers

##### April 10 3:00pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

No Mass Intention

##### April 12 10:30am Easter Sunday

The People of the Parish and +Anna Wetzel

Due to developments concerning the spread of the COVID-19, or  
Coronavirus, and for your safety, all public Masses, services and  
parish activities have been canceled, suspended or postponed  
until further notice.

Father Jegan will continue to celebrate private Masses everyday,  
and the Mass intentions will be said.

#### Thank you!

Thank you to the many parishioners who have continued to mail  
your offering envelopes in or have signed up for online giving to  
support St. Martin's Parish

If you would like to set up an online giving account or manage  
your own Church records, please go to the parish website at  
<https://stmtours.org/> to set up an account

Look for the **My Own Church Tab**

\*to get started you must be a registered member of the parish  
with a current email address on file.

#### Online donations for March are as follows

Catholic Relief Services \$235.00

Church in Africa \$125

Flower Collection \$125

Sunday Contributions \$3,676.30

Total Online giving \$4,161.30

**Just a reminder to stay up to date!**

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#### Shepherd's Voice

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace of Christ!

St. Augustine speaks of a conversation that he had with an unbeliever. The  
other man showed him his idol gods and said, "Here is my god; Where is  
yours?" He again pointed to the skies and said, "Lo, here is my god; Where is  
yours?" He further showed some of the land creatures and said, "Behold,  
here is my god; Where is thine?" "But" St Augustine says, "I showed him not  
my God; Not because I had not one to show him, but because he had not  
eyes to see Him"

Unless one opens one's eyes to the Divine realities, one cannot see the Di-  
vine! We are entering the Holy Week from this Palm Sunday and will cele-  
brate the Paschal Festivities of our Lord as He triumphs over death. It is even  
hard to imagine our Church being closed and no faithful congregation pre-  
sent. I have never even heard like this situation, but we all need to accept  
this situation and pray for God's mercy. Praying for God's will is the natural  
act of our spirit. When we accept the things that are happening around us,  
we build out spirit more relaying on God's will and seek for His graces. Only  
one thing we need to have above all is that we need to see all things through  
the eyes of faith. Faith in God will lead us beyond all these things and to  
overcome all these things.

Regarding our Holy Week liturgy, we will broadcast in our Website, Facebook  
and Parish YouTube Channel all our Holy Masses, Sacred Liturgy on Good  
Friday and Easter Sunday Solemn Mass

**Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30am, Holy Thursday Holy Mass of Our  
Lord's Supper is at 6:00pm, Good Friday Sacred Liturgy is at  
3pm, Easter Sunday - Solemnity of our Lord's Resurrection  
Mass at 10:30am on Sunday.**

I hope you are doing well, even though it is hard to be in this situation; not  
able to have the normal life; without active work, without classes in school/  
colleges and not able to meet our family members and friends. I hope and  
am sure that we are indeed grateful to God for so many blessings at this  
strange time. We cannot even list our how many blessings that God has  
blessed at this moment. Give thanks to God at all times; for our God is so  
mighty and so good.

You might have received a call or some kind of communication from our  
Parish Volunteers through our Parish Program – Catholic Community connec-  
tion. You are most welcome to contact me through Parish phone number or  
email.

To be the witness for His love,

Fr. Jegan



### Closings & Cancelations

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 precautions all Parish activities, meetings, Masses and Spiritual events (Stations, confessions) have been canceled, postponed or will be rescheduled until further notice

### The Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers a daily Mass online from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of our Cathedral of

**Ss. Peter and Paul—you can Google archindy.org or use the YouTube app**

**Catholic Radio** Indy offers Mass at 8:00am and 6:00 pm Daily 89.1 FM or [www.CatholicRadioIndy.org](http://www.CatholicRadioIndy.org)

**Word on Fire** will offer a daily Mass for online viewing at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

**EWTN Sunday Masses** are at 8:00 am and Noon.

Please check their website for daily Masses—Google EWTN.

**Local Television Masses from the Heart of the Nation Catholic Mass can be found at**

#### Broadcast Television

WHMB Channel 40.1 Sunday 9:30 am

WNDY Channel 23 Sunday 6:30 am

#### Cable Television

AT&T U-Verse Channel 40 Sunday 9:30 am

Xfinity (Comcast) Channel 9 Sunday 9:30 am

Comcast Channel 10 Sunday 6:30 am

### For Peace and Anxiety During the Coronavirus Pandemic



Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples, and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out

to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely and scared. Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen

### Family Members Serving Our Country

May all military personnel be safe as they protect us.

We remember especially: Clark Barco, David Burton, Azia Dwigans, Jason Fisher, Greg Johnson, Ashley Krulik, Jordan Krulik, Peter Klippel, Andrew Klippel, Tom Nichols, Joe Ooley, Michael Joe Osburn, Justin Pavey, Nicole Pavey, Kyle Richardson, Jacob Schultheis, Capt. Nathaniel E. Tiffany. God Protect them and keep them safe!

### Gospel at the Procession with Palms

**Matthew 21:1-11**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

#### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

#### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



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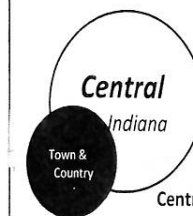
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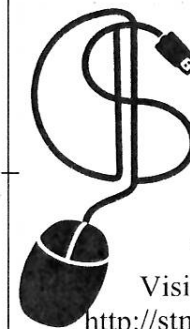
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