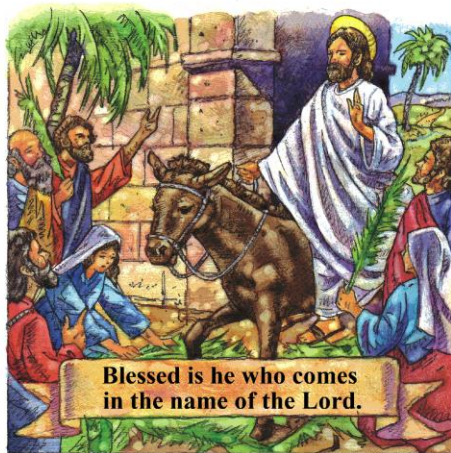


PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

God greatly exalted [Christ]
And bestowed on him the name
Which is above every name.
~ *Philippians 2:9*



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SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charles Nicholson	Home
Edith Bolder	Home
Mable Allen Reed	Senior Living Center
Marguerite Hamilton	Home
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings	Home
Inell Hunter	Home
John Martinez, Jr.	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Benton House Center
Bertha Beatty	Home
Marcheita Bush	Home
Betty Givens	Home
Mary Brown	Home
Johnny Chambers	Home
Bob Motley	Home
Lorna Lewis	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Delores Bazy	Home
Georgia Willoughby	Myers Nursing Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Son of Vera Brown
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Dewey Dickinson	Home
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Truman-Lakewood Lees Summit
Mary Brown	St. Lukes Hospital

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Tom, when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

APRIL 16TH ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Michele Jones, Mary Graham
10:00 a.m. Ken Bacchus,

Allison McDonald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey, Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson

10:00 p.m. Ronald Greene, Carolyn Greene, Ben Gruber, Joann James, Margaret Jones, Syrtiller Kabat, Jenise Comer, Carrie Miller Paulette Monroe, Dorothy Mustin

USHERS

Coordinators, E. Burtin*, J. Gillis*
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine Johnson, Hargett Hayes,
10:00 a.m. **Team E:** Paul Alexander, Jeanette Countee, Elaine Lomax, Genia Palmer, Emmanuel Okonta, Ngoxika Okanta

WELCOME

Kenzie Bacchus

COUNTERS: TEAM 3

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin*

MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES

SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building
~ Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sun.
~ 1st Communion, Every Sunday*
~ Jr Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sun.
(Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)
~ Senior Youth Group, 1st & 3rd Sun
~ Confirmation Class, 2nd & 4th Sun
~ **RCIA Class** (Small Chapel)

Health Ministry 2nd Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Ushers Ministry 4th Sunday 11:30 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:00 p.m.
4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 11:45 a.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace 4th Sun 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY - 9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
6:00 p.m. SEDER MEAL

DCCW - LENTEN PROJECT

DEADLINE, SUNDAY APRIL 23RD

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, was the start of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) project for this quarter. As in the past, the St. Monica Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting personal hygiene items, for women and children, living in shelters, after fleeing abusive situations. This formerly was called the "Shoebbox Project". It is no longer necessary to put your items in a "shoebbox." All of the items received, will be divided amongst four agencies. **Toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & hair brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorants, etc.** - all will be. Appreciated. A special bin will be placed in the vestibule.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Senior Youth Group will collect donations of Easter candy, plastic Easter eggs, etc.. An Easter Box for all donations will be placed in the vestibule of the church.. Thank you in advance, from the Senior Youth Group.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Parishioners, Thank you for picking up your 2017 Offering Envelopes. We still have some unclaimed boxes. Please stop by the Church Office on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., also on Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

Church Offices Will Be Closed Thursday & Friday.

GOSPEL — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 **Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 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; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday :
 - a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 - b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 - c) Ex 14:15 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 - d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 - e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 - f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 - g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 - h) Rom 6:3-11;
 - i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
- Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Julian Calendar Good Friday; Fast and Abstinence
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

HONORING OUR MOTHERS

This year, the **Junior Knights** will assist **Crowning of Mary** with the **First Communion** candidates. We will also have a brochure dedicated to mothers. **This year, we are increasing the wordings from a paragraph to a full page; and to include photos. Photos will be included if received by or before April 30th.** Photos are not necessarily a requirement to submit a dedication. The individual can be any lady in your live (e.g., mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, female role model, etc.). Please submit your dedication to Victor, at victorammons@aol.com or bring it to Church and give it to any Junior Knight or Victor Ammons.

ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY !

Have you recently:

- Moved to a new address?
- Changed your telephone number?
- Changed your name?

Please call or email your updated information to the church office.
email stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kansas City, Missouri

You are cordially invited to
The Rite of Confirmation
 for our 2016 -2017 Candidates:
Felix Anudike

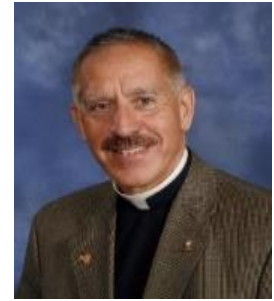
- Lorna Green**
- Jordan Henderson**
- Camille Lombard**
- Sydney Pullen**
- Cortney Robinson**
- Elana Sanders-Braxton**
- Cassidy Spaulding**
- Elena Tamayo**
- Jamike Unoke**

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
7:00 p.m .

St. Peters Parish, 815 East Meyer
Kansas City, MO 64131

Please keep them in your prayers and continue to support them in their spiritual journey!

FROM FATHER'S DESK








Greetings!

Today is Palm Sunday, a celebration that begins the holiest week of the year. Today's liturgy begins with a procession of Palms and then quickly moves into the readings, including the reading of the Passion of Christ. Each year we move through the season of Lent with the purpose of arriving at Holy Week. However, the disappointing part of this is that very few people actively take part in the solemn liturgies of the Church. Many people come on Palm Sunday, get their palms, as you are doing today, and then skip the other days, coming back on Easter Sunday. When we go from Palm Sunday directly to Easter Sunday we are doing ourselves a 'spiritual' injustice. We miss out on the most important events in the final days of the life of Jesus, those events which impact who we are and what we celebrate at Christians. The Last Supper: the institution of the Eucharist, and the call of the disciples to service; The Passion of the Lord: recalling the final hours in the life of Jesus; and the Easter Vigil which takes place on Saturday evening (rather than at zero-dark-thirty) to accommodate our schedules more easily. Each liturgy is unique unto itself. Each liturgy is filled with hope. Each liturgy builds upon the previous one, so that the entire story of the Paschal Mystery is told once again. The Paschal Mystery (the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus) is the foundation of our faith. I hope you will find a way to join us (or find a way to celebrate Holy Week somewhere) so that you can truly experience the joy of Easter Sunday. Our liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and on Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin at 7 PM. Our Easter Sunday liturgies will be the same a usual, 8 & 10 AM.

Make it a holy week!
Fr. Tom

APRIL, 2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

9 PALM SUNDAY  <small>Palms</small> MASS TIMES 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	10 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	11 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK PASSOVER BEGINS	12 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK  SEDER MEAL <small>K. Annika Nelson</small> 6:00 p.m.	13 HOLY  THURSDAY <small>© I.S. Palmb Co., Inc.</small> 7:00 p.m.	14 PASSION OF THE LORD <small>© I.S. Palmb Co., Inc.</small>  7:00 p.m.	15 HOLY SATURDAY  EASTER VIGIL <small>© I.S. Palmb Co., Inc.</small> Baptisms 8:00 p.m.
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APRIL 16TH



EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

