

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 14, 2019

Sacred Liturgies

April 14 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. John & Virginia Pustka & Deceased
Members of Grahmann & Pustka Families

April 15 – Monday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Henry Kalich

10:00 a.m. Selma Othold (Nursing Home)

April 16 – Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Frankie Kubecka

April 17 – Wednesday of Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Victor & Sidonia Kram and
Anton & Mary Mizera

April 18 – Thursday of Holy Week – Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Seminarians of the Diocese

April 19 – Good Friday – Passion of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae

April 20 – Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

April 21 – Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Erwin A. Biehunko, Dwayne Biehunko &
Anton & Hermina Tupa

9:30 a.m. Irma Kubicek

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From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week is here. With the celebration of Palm Sunday, we celebrate the proclamation of Jesus as King with loud Hosannas and we lament in the condemnation in the shouts of "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" Palm Sunday is both because in our humanity we are both. Holy Week brings into full focus what we have discerned through Lenten reflection and penance. We are sinners. We fall short. We are weak. But, Christ has taken our place. He is without sin. He goes the distance and covers all. He is strong. Jesus Christ, by His life, death, resurrection and ascension, he has blazed the path for all of humanity. We couldn't but by His sonship he could and he did. The Sacred Triduum of Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the playing out of this great mystery that we call the Paschal Mystery. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday begins a single celebration that is concluded on at the end of the Easter Vigil with the great dismissal. It is the core of Catholic Christian faith. I highly encourage all of the faithful to participate in all the services during the Triduum. I wish to make a special invitation to the Tenebrae prayer service on the evening of Good Friday at 8pm. It is a special remembrance of the preparation of the Body of the Savior for burial.

Before the Triduum, several things are happening. On Monday our RCIA candidates will receive the first of their sacraments in their first confessions. I ask that we pray for the four individuals that are entering the fullness of the Catholic Church this Easter. Pray that their journey that begins at Easter is nourished throughout their life of faith. On Tuesday, at Our Lady of Victory in Victoria at 10am, all of the faithful is invited to come to the Chrism Mass with all of the priests of the diocese. Bishop Cahill will bless the new oils that will be used at Easter and throughout the next year. It is a beautiful celebration. On Wednesday, I will have "last chance" confessions for all those who haven't been able. Fr. Tony and I will hear confessions starting at 4pm until 5:50pm and then starting again after Mass. I will hear confessions for as long as needed but if I go 10 minutes without hearing a confession then I will leave.

Let us all celebrate this week fully. We are weak and cannot save ourselves but in Jesus Christ we are strong and saved. Let us conform our lives to His.



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the holiest week of the Church year. Palms will be blessed at all of this weekend Masses. They will then be distributed to commemorate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path.

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Chrism Mass – Tuesday, April 16:

The special Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m.** Bishop Cahill will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of Chrism. During the service, the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



Living Stations: Students will present the Living Stations on **Wednesday, at 8:10 a.m.** in the parish gym. The public is invited to this portrayal of Christ's Crucifixion.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

On this day we commemorate the institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. The washing of the feet will be held



during Mass. After the Mass, a procession will take place carrying the Eucharist to the Parish Activity Center, where **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until midnight** – reminding us of Christ's agony in the garden. Everyone is encouraged to come spend time with Jesus from 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.



Good Friday Services: The complete services for Good Friday will be at **2:00 p.m. At 10:00 a.m.** there will be Stations of the Cross only. At **8:00 p.m.** there will be a **Tenebrae Service.**

Fast and Abstinence: **Good Friday** is a day of fasting and abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59, with one full meal allowed and two smaller meals. Abstinence from meat is required for all Catholics 14 years of age and older

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Services begin at 8:00 p.m. with the Service of Light and lighting of the Easter fire. This is followed by reception into the Church of members of the RCIA class and renewal of Baptismal promises and the celebration of the Easter Liturgy.

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Confessions This Week – Wednesday Only

There will be an opportunity for Confessions on Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:50 p.m. Father Bryan will then have the 6:00 p.m. Mass. After Mass Confession hours will continue as long as necessary. No Confessions remainder of week.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28

The Bishops of the United States encourage all cathedrals and parishes to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. Join our parish as we participate in The Divine Mercy Novena. There will be pamphlets with the novena and chaplet at the entrances of church this week. Our parish will have a Divine Mercy service at 2:30 p.m. on April 28, prior to Confirmation.

In the 20th Century, Jesus chose St. Faustina, a Polish nun, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. In the revelations, He requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. He also requested:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... it is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, No. 699).



Notice – Ministry Participants: We will resume distribution of the Most Precious Blood on Holy Thursday. Participants for all ministries are reminded to check their assignments for Holy Week and Easter and find a replacement if unable to serve as scheduled.

Ministry Schedules for May and June can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.



Adoration Chapel Schedule for Holy Week & Easter
Adoration will be suspended from Palm Sunday through Easter Monday, April 14-22. Adoration resumes April 23.

Parish Office Hours for Holy Week and Easter:
The office will close at noon on Holy Thursday and remain closed until Tuesday, April 23.



Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., PAC.

K.C. Meeting Change: Due to Holy Week, the April K.C. meeting will be the Thursday after Easter, April 25. Officers meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by general meeting.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal on Wednesday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m. and Mondays, April 22 & 29 at 7:00 p.m. for the Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on all the Mondays in April at 7:00 p.m. for Confirmation and May Crowning Masses.



Diaconate Ordination Announcement for Chase Goodman:
With great joy, I wish to inform you that seminarian Chase Goodman has petitioned for the Order of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Brendan Cahill. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank the people of this parish for your generous support of Chase during his time of formation. It is through your prayers, encouragement, and support that we have vocations such as this. If you have any grave concerns affecting his ordination to the diaconate, please contact me in writing enclosed in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to: The Very Reverend Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235.

Donations for Easter Flowers: Please call or stop by the parish office by Wednesday of this week.

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In Memory of John Pustka and Deceased Members of Grahmann & Pustka Families

Vocations Cross

Confirmation Class



Attention: Picnic Chairpersons: Please look over your workers' list, update if needed, and turn in at the parish office by noon on Monday April 15 or email to David Schmidt at daes61@gmail.com.



New Fence: We are in the process of installing a six foot fence around our school, gym and playground area. This is mandated by the Victoria Diocese for all Catholic Schools to meet accreditation requirements. This fence will also ensure the safety of all students and prevent outsiders from entering these areas without permission. The fence and its design, and area within it were thoughtfully proposed by the building committee, school administration and Father Bryan. All agreed to make sure the quality and design will not detract from the church or school surroundings. Yes, this is an unseen but necessary expense and anyone wishing to help defray the cost is more than welcome to contribute to this project. All donations should be labeled New Fence.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes	\$10,450.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 1,024.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 610.33

Special Collections: On the weekends of Lent and Easter our second collections are for the **Rice Bowl**. On **Holy Thursday** the collection will be for the seminarians of the diocese. On **Good Friday** the collection will be for the upkeep of the sacred places in the Holy Land.



Spring Plant Sale: If you ordered plants from this sale that will benefit a summer mission trip by parishioners, be reminded that they are to be picked up today, Sunday, April 14 in our church parking lot. A limited number of extra plants are available. Please see flyer on church bulletin board for prices and information.



April 21: Moulton Easter Picnic at St. Joseph's Social Center. Fried Chicken Dinner, mini-auction, music, games.

April 28: Shiner K.C.'s 4-Piece Fried Chicken Dinner



Sunday, May 5, Family Fun Day

Get ready for a special time of camaraderie, games, food and fun! Activities will begin after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and continue until 2:00 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, popsicles, desserts and soft drinks as well as lots of games. Plan now to be a part of this parish family day of fun! All parishioners and their families are invited to participate.



The Movie "Unplanned" is an emotional story about a young lady who changed from working at a Planned Parenthood abortion facility to a staunch, compassionate pro-life supporter. The movie is currently at the Grand Theater in Yoakum through Monday, April 15. Show times are: Sunday, April 14, 1:00, 4:00, & 7:00 p.m.; Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. (May not be suitable for young children due to the graphic depiction of abortion.)