Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,

12 Noon and 4:30 PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM 8:45 AM

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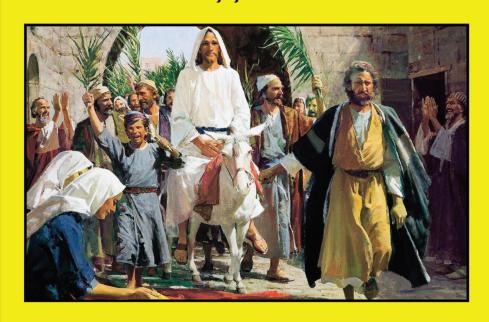
A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Iove and Friendship

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" -Philippians 2:9



April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm; Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound; call the rectory to schedule a visit

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory Basement

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Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



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(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise)



Always keep our Service Men & Women in your prayers ...



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Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's final 2025 Lenten blessings be yours! Today, signals the beginning of Holy Week. We will now enter into the great mysteries of our faith, from triumph to tragedy, from death to life. We begin this week on Palm Sunday, remembering the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But soon things will turn dark as the plot to betray Jesus and have him arrested is concocted between Judas and the Sanhedrin. We will see Jesus and the apostles celebrate the Passover Meal as it is transformed into the Last Supper where Jesus will offer his Body and Blood as real food to be consumed and shared in his memory. He will also wash the apostles' feet as a sign of humble service for them to imitate when he is no longer with them. After praying in the garden, Jesus is arrested, scourged, crowned with thorns and made to go through the mockery of a trial that ends with his being condemned to death. Then the drama of his crucifixion takes place as he carries his cross to Calvary where he is crucified and dies. After being laid in a tomb there is an eerie silence that ensues among his followers and all throughout Jerusalem. We stop here on Palm Sunday having listened to the reading of the Lord's Passion. We will then honor these events on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday-all in preparation for the glory of Easter Sunday.

I imagine that Jesus had some pretty mixed emotions on this day. He knew things the people didn't know.... thoughts about life and about his impending death. He knew the praise and cheers he was getting today would soon come to an end. Not everyone appreciated Jesus. One thing Jesus did know was that love and every kind of giving costs something. Just because someone shows love to another doesn't mean that love will be returned. Too often we love in the hope that we will earn God's love in return. It's like we try to make a deal with God. Truth is, the best kind of love, the most powerful love, the most faithful love is an acknowledgment of and loving response to God who has loved us first. That's the love Jesus showed every single day he walked this earth. And it was the kind of love that had the power to destroy death. But it didn't have the power to keep all disappointments and sorrows at bay. Yet, it did have the guarantee that matters most. It is the one that exists because God always wins in the end, that love's ability is to always win in the end. Showing love to others doesn't insulate us from tough, painful times. But it does mean that we do not ever walk alone. Jesus is with us, hand in hand making sure we have everything we need. Walk with Jesus this week, knowing that God's eternal promise to each of us is that our individual stories also don't end on Calvary.

Monday evening, April 14th there will be a special "No Questions Asked Penance Service" to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 7:30pm in the church. Also, Confessions will be heard in the rectory all day from 10am till 4pm. All are most welcome to come during the day or at the evening service. Please also check the Holy Week Schedule found in this bulletin which gives the additional days and times for Confession in the church as well as the services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Come often this week!

The response to the newly created *Mainte-nance Fund* solicitation has been encouraging. To date \$31,270.00 has been donated. Thanks to all who have already positively responded. Let's keep the momentum going. Remember, any amount is most welcome and appreciated.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. There are many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note besides the Holy Week Schedule is news and needs from Parish Social Ministry, info from Religious Education (Faith Formation), info for the Easter Masses of Remembrance envelopes, the Parish Bereavement Ministry opening session on Thursday, April 24th, info for the Knights of Columbus' "100 Club Dinner and Drawing" on Saturday, April 26th, the *Eucharistic Revival Centerfold*, the Communal Prayer Before Mass (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join *FORMED* (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a peaceful and prayerful Holy Week. May your Lenten smile lead you through the Triduum right to the boundless joy of Easter. Remember: When you don't know what to say this week, just look at Jesus on the cross and say...Thank you Jesus! God bless always. Father Chuck



THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 13, 2025-PALM SUNDAY

N-NARRATOR

+ - CHRIST

V-VOICE

C-CROWD

Luke 22:14-23:56

N. When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them,

+. "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

+. "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

N. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

+. "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

N. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

+. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed."

N. And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

+. "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back,

you must strengthen your brothers."

N. He said to him,

V. "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you."

N. But he replied,

+. "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."

N. He said to them,

+. "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?"

C. "No, nothing, "

N. they replied. He said to them,

+. "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked;* and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." N. Then they said,

C. "Lord, look, there are two swords here."

N. But he replied,

+. "It is enough!"

N. Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them,

+. "Pray that you may not undergo the test."
N. After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying,

+. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

N. And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them,

+. "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

N. While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him,

+. "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

N. His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

C. "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"

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N. And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,

+. "Stop, no more of this!"

N. Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him,

+. "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

N. After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,

C. "This man too was with him."

N. But he denied it saying,

V. "Woman, I do not know him."

N. A short while later someone else saw him and said,

C. "You too are one of them";

N. but Peter answered,

V. "My friend, I am not."

N. About an hour later, still another insisted,

C. "Assuredly, this man too was with him,

for he also is a Galilean."

N. But Peter said,

V. "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."

N. Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, C. "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" N. And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

C. "If you are the Christ, tell us, "

N. but he replied to them,

+. "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond.

But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."
N. They all asked,

C. "Are you then the Son of God?"

N. He replied to them,

+. "You say that I am."

N. Then they said,

C. "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

N. Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,

C. "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king."

N. Pilate asked him,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. He said to him in reply,

+. "You say so."

N. Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

V. "I find this man not guilty."

N. But they were adamant and said,

C. "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he

began even to here."

N. On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them.

V. "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us.

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So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

N. But all together they shouted out,

C. "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us."

N. — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. -Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

C. "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

N. Pilate addressed them a third time,

V. "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." N. With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and

+. "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

N. Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,

+. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

N. They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers,

meanwhile, sneered at him and said, C. "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." N. Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they

called out, C. "If you are King of the Jews, save your-

N. Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saving.

V. "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

N. The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply.

V. "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

N. Then he said.

V. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

N. He replied to him,

+. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

N. It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

+. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";

N. and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time. N. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,

V. "This man was innocent beyond doubt."
N. When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

[Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.]

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

PALM SUNDAY 4/13/25

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses Regular Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule

HOLY MONDAY 4/14/25

Confessions in Rectory during the day 7:30pm Penance Service with Confessions

HOLY TUESDAY 4/15/25

- 5-6pm Confessions in the Church
- 7-8pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY WEDNESDAY 4/16/25

- 5-6pm Confessions in the Church
- 7-8pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY THURSDAY 4/17/25

8:00pm Parish Mass of the Last Supper in Church (Eucharist Adoration till Midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY 04/18/25

3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Service in the Church 7:30pm Folk Group Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 4/19/25

11:30am Blessing of Easter Foods in the Church 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass in the Church (The most beautiful Church Service of the year)

EASTER SUNDAY 4/20/25

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon, 1:30pm (No 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

LENT 2025

The Holy Season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks.

Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus

during the holy time.

So, join us often and anytime.

We'd love to see you!



There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church beginning March 7th.

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church Thursdays from 1-4pm and the First Friday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 9:90-4:90pm, or by appointment at the rectory



EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Once again, we will have our special Novena, the Easter Masses of Remembrance



during the entire Easter season. This Novena will start on Easter Sunday and continue through Pentecost Sunday. Those who you mention will be remembered at all Sunday Masses during the Easter season. Usually, envelopes were mailed to all parishioners in the Easter mailing packet.

Unfortunately, this year, these envelopes were inadvertently left out of this mailing.

However, they are still available in the church and rectory. In the church they are found on the pew shelves by the side doors and the back doors next to a box marked

"Easter Masses."

You can also get an envelope at the rectory during regular office hours. If you would like to remember a loved one in these Masses, take an envelope, write the name of the person on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail or return it to the rectory, or drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or in one of the Easter Masses boxes on the pew shelves. I'm sorry for the glitch with the envelopes this year, but if you follow what you just read, all will be okay.

Please return your envelope by Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Thank you! Father Chuck

"No Questions Asked"

Penance Service With Confessions



Monday April 14th

7:30pm

St. Raymond Church

A gentle way to come back to this healing sacrament

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Registration forms for the 2025/2026 Religious Education School Year will be e-mailed home to parents and available on the parish website by middle to end of April.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR

Please consider signing up to be a Catechist for our Religious Education program for the 2025/2026 school year. If you have children in our program, there is no Registration fee.

Our books are user friendly, and the staff are available for any questions. Training is offered throughout the year. All catechists must attend a Virtus session or show proof of previously attending before starting as a Catechist. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 or strayfaithformation@aol.com.



CATECHIST WANTED!

Here are the grades

CLASSES THAT NEED CATECHISTS:

Grade 2 1 teacher Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 3 2 teachers Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 3 1 teacher Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 3 2 teachers Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 4 1 teacher Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 4 1 teacher Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 5 2 teachers Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 7 1 teacher Mondays 7pm-8pm
Grade 8 1 teacher Mondays 7pm-8pm







Grade 8 1 teacher Tuesdays 5pm-6pm



The Sodality of Our Lady is pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 Scholarship Awards The following students are the recipient of a\$1000 award for their first year's tuition:



Monsignor Singleton Award
Eamon Joyce accepted into
Chaminade High School
Monsignor Walsh Award
Luke Scatamacchia accepted to
Kellenberg Memorial High School
Monsignor Jablonski Award
Francis Warner accepted to
Chaminade High School

Marianne Malone Memorial Award

Mikayla Rodriguez accepted to





Kellenberg Memorial HS
Marianne Malone Memorial Award
Nicholas Neuner accepted to
St. Anthony's High School
Eileen Schreiber Memorial Award
Sydney Gladstone accepted to



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How to Receive Communion Part 1

You may have noticed that people receive Communion in different ways. Is there a right way? How exactly should we receive Holy Communion?

First of all, it is important to notice that we receive Communion. Holy Communion is our greatest gift, a gift to be received through the generous love of Jesus. Holy Communion should never be taken by our own action. As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states, "It is not permitted for the faithful to take the consecrated Bread or the sacred chalice by themselves and, still less, to hand them on from one to another among themselves. The norm established for the Dioceses of the United States of America is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" (GIRM, 160).

Adjustments are possible for those unable to stand or kneel. Many churches have areas where Communion is brought directly to the pew for those who find walking to receive Communion difficult. The instruction makes clear that we are receiving the gift of Holy Communion and not taking this gift for ourselves, a truth we emphasize in the posture we observe as we receive the Sacred Host.

For those receiving in the hand, we hold our hands steady with an open palm throne to receive Our Lord truly present. For those receiving on the tongue, we are still as we wait for the placement of the Sacred Host on the tongue.

Why Do We Bow before Receiving Communion?

I often see people bowing before approaching the minister. Should I do that also? Yes! As the GIRM

continues, "When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister... When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood" (GIRM, 160). As I have often shared when teaching children about postures of prayer and reverence, our sign of reverence actually provides an opportunity for our bodies to help remind our minds and hearts who we believe is before us. We believe that Jesus, Almighty God, Second Person of the Trinity, is there before us in the Holy Eucharist. Our bow helps us recall that he really is there and that we believe he really is there! Like so many parts of our lives that are repeated regularly, we may risk just going through the motions at this part of the Mass. However, if we do that, we would be overlooking Jesus truly there before us!



The next time you are approaching Holy Communion, take the challenge of really bowing with reverence and recall Jesus is there. Perhaps pray to yourself those words of St. Thomas: "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Along these lines, the Diocese of Peoria says, "Even the procession toward Communion is a great ritual act, as we humbly approach the Lord Jesus. The Bishops of the United States have asked that we make a bow as a sign of reverence toward the Eucharist before receiving... It is an encounter as we receive him—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!" (A Study of the Mass, pp. 19–20).

For Reflection: Meditate on the humility of Jesus which Paul describes in his Letter to the Philippians 2:5–10. Keep this passage in mind when you approach the Eucharist and bow in reverence.

Next Week: How to Receive Communion -Part 2

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025 PILLAR 3 - EUCHARISTIC LIFE



Thoughts For Adoration During
Holy Week

Father Jason Smith
What Made the Good Thief Good?
"Amen, I say to you, today you
will be with me in Paradise."
(Luke 23:39-43)

He saw the Good in Jesus, when those who stood by and mocked the dying Lord did not.

To see the Good, one must first have goodness in him. This is so, because the God who made us, made all things good and saw that they were good, first.

It is important to reflect on this from time to time. When you are bad and guilty of doing evil things, you are never so bad that the Lord won't forgive you. He still looks on you with love when others have abandoned you. In time of despair, remember that Jesus also felt the severe pain of abandonment. When feeling low, remember how he chose, for your sake, to hang on a cross between thieves. When life deals difficult blows, even when we deserve those blows, remember him in those moments, and remember the thief he forgave and saved in the darkest hour before he died.

Whatever evil you have done, God loves you. This can only mean he sees the goodness still in you even when you aren't able to see it, because he proved with the sacrifice of his blood on the cross that you are worth dying for.

The Good Thief gained hope when saw that Jesus was more than just an innocent man condemned to the death that he and his companion rightfully earned. During his desperate eleventh hour, he heard Lord say the words, "Father! Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

He came to realize that this holy man had power over those who ridiculed and tormented him. When he saw that Jesus had the power to forgive and save, he believed in him and he asked for a place in his kingdom.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Holy Thursday April 17th

Mass of the Last Supper – 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration Follows Until Midnight

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:26

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026 Holy Week: A Path of Hope

Holy Week is the heart of the Christian liturgical calendar, a time when we remember and relive the central mysteries of our faith: the Passion, Death,



and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the context of the Holy Year 2025, as Pilgrims of Hope we are invited to live these holy days with renewed depth and spiritual commitment.

Holy Week offers us a spiritual journey that reflects the path of the pilgrim: from the darkness of Good Friday to the radiant light of the Resurrection. It is a time to meditate on Christ's sacrifice and the hope His victory over death offers us. During this Holy Year, we are encouraged to deepen our understanding of this mystery, allowing hope to permeate every aspect of our lives.

To fully live Holy Week in the context of the Holy Year 2025, let us consider the following practices:

Prayer and Reflection: Set aside time for personal and communal prayer, meditating on the Scriptures and the meaning of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

Active Participation in the Liturgy: Attend the liturgical celebrations of the Paschal Triduum, fully engaging in the rites and symbols that bring us closer to the Paschal mystery.

Works of Mercy: In alignment with the Pope's call to be signs of hope, let us find concrete ways to serve others, especially the most in need.

Spiritual Pilgrimage: If traveling physically to holy sites is not possible, consider making a spiritual pilgrimage from home, using online resources, and dedicating time to virtually visit the significant places in Jesus' life.

Living Holy Week as pilgrims of hope during the Holy Year 2025 is an invitation to renew our Christian faith and commitment and become true bearers of hope in the world.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Fiscal Year September 2023-August 2024)

The following statement is a condensed version of our yearly financial report which is submitted to the diocese. I make this report available so that everyone can see how we are doing on a yearly basis and what fiscal challenges our parish faces in the immediate future. The stability of our day-to-day operations will only hold if we are able to increase revenue and build a savings base for the future. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish and God bless always. *Father Chuck*

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Income (Ordinary)

 Regular Collections. Fund Raising: 	\$896,257 \$117,877	(Includes Sundays and Holy Days, Easter, Christmas) (Backwards Money Drawing, Countdown to Christmas, Pot of Gold, Memorial Candles, Christmas&Easter Flowers, Memorial Bricks, Camps R Us, plus smaller fund raisers)
3. Parish Programs:	\$313,994	(Religious Education, Parish Social Ministry, CYO, Sodality of Our Lady, Human Life Committee, Pre Cana)

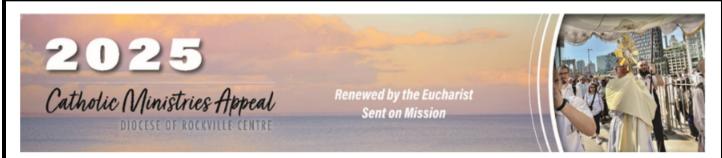
 Auxiliary Income: \$97,726 (Church Fees, Candles, Interest, Donations, Bequests Bulletin Commission, Miscellaneous)

Total Income: \$1,425,854

Expenses (Ordinary)

 Salary/Benefits: Parish Programs: 	\$650,217 \$174,395	(Priests and Lay Personnel) (Religious Education, Parish Social Ministry, CYO, Pre Cana, Human Life Committee, Sodality of Our Lady)
3. Office Expenses:	\$107,724	(Printing, Postage, Computers, Telephone, Professional Fees) Furniture, Cable, Copiers, Stationary, Paper)
4. Rectory Household:	\$39,413	(Food, Laundry and Household Expenses)
5. Maintenance/Utilities	\$310,266	(Utilities, Repairs, Equipment, Contracted Services, Supplies, PSIP-Insurance, Furniture)
6. Diocesan Assessments	s: \$92,163	(Annual Tax to Diocese)
7. Auxiliary Expenses:	\$27,564	(Liturgical Expenses, Hospitality, Charity)
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Expense Total	\$1,401,742	Total Parish Assets: 50/4,884
Year End Totals		
Income	\$1,425,854	Extraordinary Expense: \$54,048 (School Subsidy)
Expenses	\$ <u>1,401,742</u>	
Ordinary Incom	e/Loss \$24,112	Disposal Parish Assets: \$461,882



Dear Friends:

During the special Holy Week, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2025 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and ministries that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!

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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the east of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

During this Lenten Season, the staff of the Religious Education Program organized a five week Lenten project for the students with the theme - Giving - Not Giving Up. The students were given a list of specific items, which are always needed by the Food Pantry, for each of the five weeks. Some items on the list were tooth brushes, toothpaste, laundry and dish detergent, peanut butter and jelly, coffee and tea, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. This project gave the students the opportunity to help others at this Lenten season. The generous donations from the students and a their families were overwhelming. The Parish Social Ministry, and their clients, would like to sincerely thank the students, parents and Religious Ed staff for their continuous generosity and support.



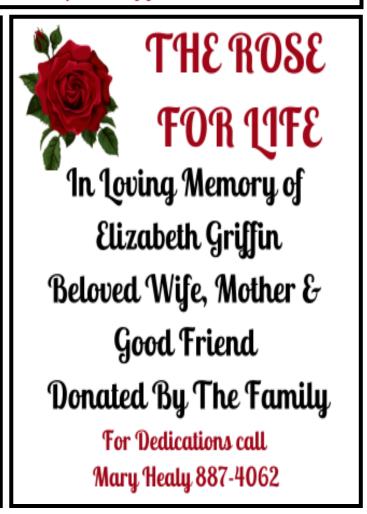
Pantry items still needed: Baked Beans, Cold Cereal, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Jell-O and Pudding, Pancake Syrup and Hair Conditioner.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

May God's blessings shower upon all of you!



As we enter into Holy Week, think of some way you can be at service to another. Perhaps offer to drive an elderly friend or family member to church during the Triduum.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025



The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

2:00pm: Divine Mercy Explained

2:50pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

3:50pm: Benediction

Speaker Al Barbarino will give reflection

Nine-Day Novena
Jesus requested that St. Faustina make a
special novena before Divine Mercy Sunday.
The Divine Mercy Nine-Day Novena begins on
Good Friday, April 18th after the 9am morning
prayer and continues through Saturday, April 26th

"On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon 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"

— Diary of St. Faustina, 699



"Jesus Feeps on Loving You. No Matter What"

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

Chairman, USCCB Comm. on Pro-Life

Activities

"...Please allow me to speak to all who carry the unbearable sadness and guilt of an abortion experience. Be assured that Jesus keeps on loving you, no matter what. The blessed ashes distributed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are all sinners; broken, imperfect, yet very precious in the eyes of God & so well loved by Him. The ashes are a reminder of our need for repentance & the graces that flow from Our Lord's death and resurrection. Some stay away from the Church because they fear judgment of past sins. Yet as Pope Francis reminds us in his letter announcing the Jubilee of Hope, '[Judgment] is meant to bring us to a definitive encounter with the Lord' (Spes non confundit,22). Jesus' voice is calling out to you as He desires a relationship with you. This Lent, I personally invite you to come home to Jesus, who eagerly awaits your return, & come home to the Church. God's gift of hope allows you to expect His comfort as you grieve for the loss of your aborted children. It also provides assurance that 'you can with sure hope entrust your child' to the Father & His mercy (St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae,99). I pray that God plants a seed of hope in every heart that is overwhelmed by sadness & despair from participation in abortion. This Lent, the Lord's mercy awaits you. Allow Him to heal you & lift sadness joy." Nonjudgmental, your compassionate help is available through the Church's abortion healing Project Rachel Ministry. All who suffer from abortion can find a listening ear, comfort and help. Please visit:

> http://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or http://www.EsperanzaPosAborto.org "Jesus I Trust in You"

Join us for the

"100 Club"! Dinner & Drawing April 26th

The Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus #7220 "The 100 Club" is Saturday April 26th, 7PM at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club.

Tickets are \$100 each for 2 people including dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks plus entry to the drawing. Several cash prizes will be awarded at this charity event.

Only 99 tickets will be sold for this event with the 100th ticket being raffled the night of the event, being a guaranteed winner!

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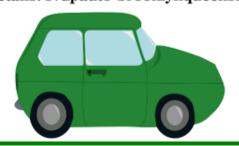
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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 14th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Joan Mary McTague

12:15pm Debra Doonan-Meyer

Tuesday, April 15th

7:15am Patricia Rochford

8:45am Giuseppe Cibellis

12:15pm Patricia Roache

Wednesday, April 16th

7:15am Cornelius Duggan

8:45am John Paul MacNeil

12:15pm Carmen Ramirez

Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 18th Good Friday

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Blessing of Easter Food

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20th

7:30am Patricia Sonia & Giacinto Anastasio

9:00am Lilly Lourdes Poorajah

10:30am Pat Imbriale

12:00pm Silvia Russo, Alice M. Convery,

Vincent Madonna, Ernesto

Feliciano, Aniello "Neal" Lettieri

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9a/Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/John 13:1-15

Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12/John 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Genesis 1:1-2:2/Luke 24:1-12

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

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Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

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