



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm  
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

April 5, 2020

**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Mass Schedule This Week:  
NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**



**Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs: 9am-4:30pm**  
**Friday: Closed**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday of Holy Week	
Private	✠Bill & Bonnie Palmer
Wednesday of Holy Week	
Private	Becky Leonard
Thursday April 9, Holy Thursday	
Private	✠Marv Kratky
April 10, Friday of the Passion of the Lord	
No Mass	
Saturday April 11	
Private	Bishops & Priests of the Diocese
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Private (10:30)	✠J.T. Kelso

Please Pray For our Home-Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

Geraldine Adkins	Sara Quinones	Virginia Schierling
Carmen Alvarado	Bryan Sahlfeld	Sharon Story
Elesa Garcia	Norman Salmans	Ethel Wetschensky
Gertrude Mahoney	Lois Silvernale	

**Stewardship Message—Empowered!**  
**“Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples”**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

In today’s reading of the Passion, Jesus says, “This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken...” I imagine this bothered all of the disciples, but Peter was belligerent about it and insisted that his faith would *not* ever be shaken. He was wrong. I wonder if we have ever been so bold in our own faith? The last few weeks have been a bit scary and it is possible that some people have had their faith shaken. They may wonder, “Where is God in all of this?” These people may be your friends and neighbors, or the people you sit next to at church. These people may even be you. As missionary disciples, we have been Empowered to give reassurance to one another that God is, in fact, at work in all of this. At the time of Jesus’ passion, His disciples must have felt a similar fear at the uncertainty of the situation. Jesus gave them these words, which can bring all of us comfort today as well: “...after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.” Remember, Jesus goes before you ALWAYS. We are an Easter People! Find a way to fill this Holy Week with deep, authentic prayer and discipleship, and your faith will *not* be shaken.

## COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

MASS: NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
 FR. VOELKER WILL CONTINUE OFFERING PRIVATE DAILY MASS. THE INTENTIONS ARE PUBLISHED.

MASSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLEASE CHECK [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org) FOR THE LINK. FOR FACEBOOK USERS, FR. VOELKER WILL UPLOAD MASS ON HIS FB PAGE. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE YOUTUBE SITE/LINK.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (316) 282-0459 EXT. 1 FOR FATHER VOELKER. EMERGENCY ONLY (785) 466-6036  
 CONFESSIONS ARE TO BE BEHIND THE SCREEN ONLY.

‘FRIEND’ FR. VOELKER ON FACEBOOK & CONNECT WITH HIM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE!!

THANK YOU TO ALL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR STEWARDSHIP BY MAILING IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROPPING THEM OFF IN THE MAILBOX!  
 PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAIL IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROP THEM OFF IN THE MAILBOX ON THE RECTORY PORCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, PLEASE CALL MARY ANN AT 316-282-0459 EXT 4 AND SHE WILL GET THE FORM TO YOU. YOU MAY ALSO PRINT IT OFF OUR WEBSITE- CLICK ON THE “GIVE” LINK AND CLICK ON AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL. THANK YOU!

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A FLOCKNOTE WITH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE. THE FLYER IS ALSO POSTED ONLINE.

### ST. MARY SCHOOL AUCTION UPDATE

Due to CDC recommendations for large gatherings, the 2020 St. Mary Catholic School Auction event has been cancelled. However, students will still be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, purchase for your chance to win! Please call the school office with any questions. 316-282-1974.

### Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: **March 29, 2020**

*Regular collection.....	\$ 13,693.00
Children’s collection.....	\$ <u>N/A</u>
	\$ 13,693.00
Other:	
* Building Fund.....	\$ 880.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 15,186.92

Collections year-to-date compared to budget  
 Through Mar. 29, 2020..... \$ (25,552.76)  
**Your contributions are appreciated! If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you!!**  
 ~Fr. Voelker

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

Jesus gradually reveals the characteristics and demands of the kingdom through his words, his actions and his own person. The kingdom of God is meant for all mankind, and all people are called to become members of it. To emphasize this fact, Jesus drew especially near to those on the margins of society, and showed them special favor in announcing the Good News. At the beginning of his ministry he proclaimed that he was "anointed...to preach good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). To all who are victims of rejection and contempt Jesus declares: "Blessed are you poor" (Lk 6:20). What is more, he enables such individuals to experience liberation even now, by being close to them, going to eat in their homes (cf. Lk 5:30; 15:2), treating them as equals and friends (cf. Lk 7:34), and making them feel loved by God, thus revealing his tender care for the needy and for sinners (cf. Lk 15:1-32). The liberation and salvation brought by the kingdom of God come to the human person both in his physical and spiritual dimensions. Two gestures are characteristic of Jesus' mission: healing and forgiving. Jesus' many healings clearly show his great compassion in the face of human distress, but they also signify that in the kingdom there will no longer be sickness or suffering, and that his mission, from the very beginning, is meant to free people from these evils. In Jesus' eyes, healings are also a sign of spiritual salvation, namely liberation from sin. By performing acts of healing, he invites people to faith, conversion and the desire for forgiveness (cf. Lk 5:24). Once there is faith, healing is an encouragement to go further: it leads to salvation (cf. Lk 18:42-43). The acts of liberation from demonic possession—the supreme evil and symbol of sin and rebellion against God—are signs that indeed "the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Mt 12:28). The kingdom aims at transforming human relationships; it grows gradually as people slowly learn to love, forgive and serve one another. Jesus sums up the whole Law, focusing it on the commandment of love (cf. Mt 22:34-40; Lk 10:25-28). Before leaving his disciples, he gives them a "new commandment": "Love one another; even as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34; cf. 15:12). Jesus' love for the world finds its highest expression in the gift of his life for mankind (cf. Jn 15:13), which manifests the love which the Father has for the world (cf. Jn 3:16). The kingdom's nature, therefore, is one of communion among all human beings—with one another and with God. The kingdom is the concern of everyone: individuals, society, and the world. Working for the kingdom means acknowledging and promoting God's activity, which is present in human history and transforms it. Building the kingdom means working for liberation from evil in all its forms. In a word, the kingdom of God is the manifestation and the realization of God's plan of salvation in all its fullness. By raising Jesus from the dead, God has conquered death, and in Jesus he has definitely inaugurated his kingdom. During his earthly life, Jesus was the Prophet of the kingdom; after his passion, resurrection and ascension into heaven he shares in God's power and in his dominion over the world (cf. Mt 28:18; Acts 2:36; Eph 1:18-21).

Doctrinal section continued...

The resurrection gives a universal scope to Christ's message, his actions and whole mission. The disciples recognize that the kingdom is already present in the person of Jesus and is slowly being established within man and the world through a mysterious connection with him.

~St. John Paul II

### Words from Audrey Ronnfeldt at the Office of Stewardship-

If you didn't have a chance or even if you did participate in Pope Francis' special Urbi et Orbi blessing, I would suggest listening or reading the text again. Here is a link to the video: [bit.ly/PopeErbietOrbi](https://bit.ly/PopeErbietOrbi) He began with a meditation on the crisis facing the world, reflecting on a passage from the Gospel of Mark (4:35-41) It was a beautiful experience, it brought tears to my eyes. Pope Francis said, "in this situation we feel afraid and lost, like the disciples whose boat was in danger of sinking while Jesus slept at the stern." This line... "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you." I have been praying and considering that question for a while now, I hope you have too. We are in a time when we must take stock of what is truly important to us, what is necessary and what is not. Relationships are critical, especially our relationship with our Lord. Oh how I miss participating in the Mass, and all of the other opportunities that I had taken for granted. How about you?

We also need each other. Let's be sure to reach out to each other, our families, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, pastors. Give them a call, text or with the now famous Zoom to see how they are doing and to let them know they are loved. We need to turn to each other for prayer, inspiration and hope.

It is amazing that this pandemic would happen during Lent. Best laid plans etc. I don't know about you but we have created a prayer space to 'participate' (stand, sit, kneel, respond etc.) in live streamed Mass. It truly does make a difference if you don't just watch Mass. I remember listening to a podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz: "Pray the Mass Like Never Before" (you can see it here: <https://youtu.be/YpUp6zSGCb4>) he helps us uncover the difference between watching the Mass and worshipping at Mass.

Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrm Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA

For a list of the area churches live streaming Mass, go to: [www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org](http://www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org)  
And click on the live stream Mass link.  
These Mass times and prayers are temporary and are being offered during the suspension of in person Masses at all parishes in the diocese.

While participating in an online Mass, please pray an Act of Spiritual Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

## Faith at Home

### WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH AT HOME ESPECIALLY DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

This is the web page a parish in Seattle started to help families find resources for growing in faith at home during the COVID – 19 outbreak

<http://bit.ly/websiteFaithatHome>

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you know has lost a child, there is a support group in Newton. The Compassionate Friends meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Nazarene Church located at 1000 N. Main. If you have questions, please call Stacy Arellano at 316-842-3799, or Jim at 288-5549.

*There is help, and you can feel better.*

## New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Welcome and God Bless!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Information

### Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

### Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

### Religious Education Class Times (PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:40pm Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Greg & Resa Davenport/Bill & Carrie Weber.

### Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, Lettie Kruse at 727-1200 or 283-0026.

### Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

### Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

### Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459, or Mark Frazier at 316-727-6287.

## Information About Sacraments

\*\*PLEASE CALL FR. VOLKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 1

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.