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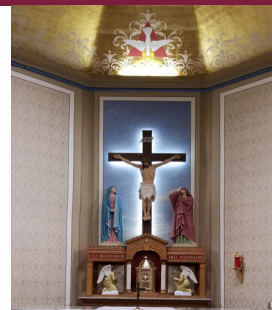
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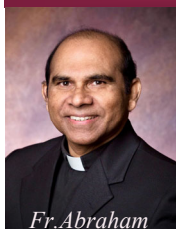


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 10, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Passion Sunday

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We begin the Holy Week by listening the narrative of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Lk 22). This Sunday, therefore, is rightly called 'Sunday of the Lord's Passion' or 'Passion Sunday.' During this Lenten season, our parish family has been answering the call to faithfulness through various charitable and spiritual activities, especially, through the participation in the holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the commitment to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This Sunday, we commemorate the hour when Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem for the last time. It was a triumphal entry of Jesus the King, reminding us of King David when he entered and took possession of Jerusalem. This is precisely what St. Luke clearly emphasized in his gospel. "The whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they have seen. They proclaimed: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (Lk 19:37-38).

Jesus is our King. And we have to follow him. He entered Jerusalem, but that was just the beginning. We have to follow him, step by step, from the gates of Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Praetorium, to Calvary and then to the tomb wherefrom he gloriously rose from the dead.

While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. The Passion account tells us the terrible suffering of Jesus. But it speaks to us about his love for us. By freely going to Jerusalem, Christ demonstrates his humility and willingness to save us. On this day we begin to re-enact a very important phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem as well as his passion. Hence today's celebration reminds us of the dual nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and will be persecuted tomorrow. Today we are loved while the next day we will be hated. Today we are praised and will be criticized the next day.

Like Christ, those who love God and neighbor must be ready to face conflicts, sufferings and even death. Victory comes through suffering. Passion is not the last word in the life of Christ and so to for his followers. It was the first word of the Holy Week that will reach its climax on Easter Sunday. So too, however many of our days seem to end in a depressing way, they are not the last word in our life. Rather, they are only the prelude to triumphs we have yet to experience in this life; and they point to the ultimate victory in the next life.

The liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week are rich in meaning. They are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, all are encouraged to participate actively in the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our relationship with one another as disciples of Jesus. Let this Holy Week provide us with the graces we need in order to follow our King, Jesus Christ. He takes the difficult and narrow Way of the Cross, but we are assured of victory and fullness of life.

Have a blessed Holy Week!

We **pray the Rosary** twenty minutes before every weekend Mass with special intentions. You are welcome to join us.
Rosary Intention: *'For our brothers and sisters who have not discovered Jesus'*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tues Apr 19 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc
 Thurs Apr 21 7:00 pm JMT Meeting @ StB
 Sat Apr 30 10:00am Confirmation @ Basilica

Mass time change

Change of date for April only Mass at The Harbor and The Haven. The Mass will be Friday, April 22 (instead of 2nd Fri of April 8th). It will be at The Harbor at 10:00 a.m.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

The Holy Land collection is taken in parishes on Good Friday, April 15. Contributions help the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land as they serve as a bridge between the Holy Land and Catholics all over the world. They support sacred shrines, minister to parishes, provide formation and education to communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. Please contribute what you are able to on April 15. Thank you.

Youth Mass Servers Needed

We will be bringing back the youth Mass servers. Both boys and girls, 3rd grade and up are eligible. Parents, please let Kara Wickenhauser (952-250-3620) know if your child/children are interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity to show Jesus how much they love Him. We will be letting you know when training will occur once we know how many youth are interested.



Meals On Wheels is seeking volunteers

The CAP Agency Senior Nutrition Meal Program (Meals on Wheels) is looking for volunteers in the NYA/Hamburg area to help deliver meals on a daily basis. The four churches assisting with this in our area each sponsor one week a month. If interested, call Karen at 952-442-5478 or the Ascension contact, Sue Tellers at 612-247-6881.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

A second collection will be taken on Apr. 23-24 for this appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Class of St. Michael the Archangel

Put on the Shield of Faith, Embrace the Sword of Spirit, and Join the Class of St. Michael the Archangel!

This fall the **Catechetical Institute** will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Epiphany in **Coon Rapids** and via live stream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on **Mon. evenings from 7PM—9PM**. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Sat. morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through August 1, 2022. More Info & Applications go to www.cistudent.com/pillars/

“Again and again Jesus has to help us recognize anew that God’s power is different, that the Messiah must pass through suffering into glory and must lead others along the same path.”
 —Pope Benedict XVI



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday, Apr 14, 7:00pm @ Asc
 Living Stations of the Cross, Apr 15, 3:00pm @ Asc
 Good Friday, Passion of the Lord, 7:00pm @ StB
 Easter Vigil, Apr 16, 8:00pm @ StB
 Easter Sunday, Apr 17, 8:00am @ Asc
 Easter Sunday, Apr 17, 10:00am @ StB



The Living Stations of the Cross are back!!

Ascension’s Catholic United Financial group, along with this year’s Confirmation Class and the Choir, invite you to come on Good Friday, April 15th at 3:00pm at Ascension to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross. Come experience God’s love for you through this powerful, prayerful portrayal of the passion and death of our Lord.

Catholic United Financial Scholarships

Catholic United Financial scholarship application period is open from March 1st – April 30th of each year. These scholarships are a one-time benefit awarded to any member (any age) who is pursuing a degree, diploma or certification. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline. **Awards of \$300 to members attending a non-Catholic institution, or \$500 for those attending a Catholic college, university or institution.** Applications are done online through our Member Portal at www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships.



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THE LUKAN PASSION

Lord's Supper (22:14-38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39-53) Luke's Jesus doesn't seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter's Denial - Sanhedrin (22:54-71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1-25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a "rift" between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26-56) There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus' words on the Cross are kind: "Father forgive them." In Mark's Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus' last words show a sign of trust: "Father, into your hands . . ." May we also place our trust in God as we enter into Holy Week. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Spiritual Resources!

TV: **Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45; **Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+; **Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2); **EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM.

Radio: **Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. **EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

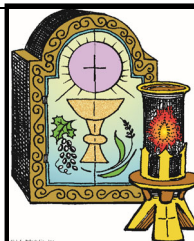
Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus.

Mass Ministry Schedule –April -14-17, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Holy Thur 7:00pm	St. Bernard Good Fri 7:00pm	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke	Doris Mielke	Rita Fahey	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Jack Lano	Dan Worm & Tom Meuleners	Dan Worm & Tom Meuleners	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm & Tom Meuleners
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Rob Wickenhauser & Lori Kasel	Joyce Schwartz & Roger Storms	Cheryl Coyle	Greg Wickenhauser
EMHC	Jean Schmitz & Steve Helget	Mary Meuwissen & Tom Kasel	Bernie Shambour & Margaret Wickenhauser	Steve Coyle & Volunteer	Andy Kleindl & Volunteer
Ushers	Rich Ulrich & Gary Widmer	Leo Willems & Volunteer	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Josh Gallus & Paul Lano	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Jeremy Gesinger	Eileen Fasching	Roger Storms	Grace Cook	Sarah Foley & Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Curt Wilson & Tim George Sue & Rich Tellers	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	April 11	No Mass	
Tuesday	April 12 6:15 pm	Ascension	For First Responders
Wednesday	April 13 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Harriet Meuleners†
Thursday	April 14 7:00 pm	Ascension	For All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	April 15 7:00 pm	St. Bernard	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday	April 16 8:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	April 17 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	April 17 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser†



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm
St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 until 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm

St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am

Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm

at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Apr 11-17, 2022

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) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12 **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 Lk 24:1-12

Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON

for the bulletin two weekends out; St. Bernard copy must be emailed to:

bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and pquinn55322@hotmail.com

Ascension copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionnya.org

All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	3,649.58
Contributions 03-23 through 3-29-2022	3,375.50
Total Actual Collection YTD	140,067.85
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	5,612.30
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	250.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	250.00
Forward in Faith YTD	59,182.56
Global Solidarity collection	200.00
Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?	
For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org	

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 3/27/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,814.00
Weekly E-Giving:	965.00
Collections Budget YTD:	108,750.33
Actual Collection YTD:	117,774.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	9,023.83
Capital Improvement Offering:	210.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	8,660.00
Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org	
Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.	