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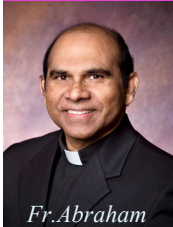


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 23 & 24, 2024



Fr. Abraham

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today marks the beginning of the Holy Week. It is the holiest weeks in the Church calendar. Traditionally, this day is called as Palm Sunday. The real emphases of the liturgy of today is the fulfillment of the calling of Jesus through his passion and death. It is because of this, today is also referred to as Passion Sunday. The Gospel readings on Palm Sundays always come from one of the passion narratives of the synoptic gospels. The Liturgy of this day commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when people waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna.”

On this Holy Week, we commemorate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, continued with his dramatic betrayal on Holy Thursday, crucifixion on Good Friday and finally climaxed with his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Season of Lent ends when the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday begins. Because the Mass of the Lord’s Supper ushers in the Holy Triduum. The word “*triduum*” comes from the Latin word meaning “three days,” and includes the three most sacred days in the Church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

The liturgical celebrations during the Holy Triduum may appear as if separate and distinct. But 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 observe the entire triduum by attending all of the three celebrations. On Holy Thursday, we focus on the sacramental celebration of the gift of the Lord in the Eucharist. On Good Friday, we ponder on the suffering and death of the Lord. And on Easter we celebrate the triumph of Eternal Life over Physical Death. What we commemorate and relive during this Holy Triduum is not just Jesus’ dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Triduum Liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our relationship with one another as disciples of Jesus.

Holy Thursday Mass -Ascension at **7:00 pm.**

Good Friday Liturgy -St. Bernard at **7:00 pm**

Easter Vigil -St. Bernard at **8:00 pm.**

You are all invited to join the Holy Triduum Liturgical celebrations.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Pastor

Rosary Intention: “That we may always serve and care for the poor and those most in need.”

Parish Mission Statement We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ’s death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

<i>Monday</i>	Mar.25	ASC.	No Mass Prayer Group: 6:30-8:00pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	Mar.26	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Mar.27	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Mar.28	ASC.	Mass: 7:00pm
<i>Good Friday</i>	Mar.29	ASC. ST. B.	Living Stations: 3:00pm Liturgy Service: 7:00pm
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Mar.30	ST. B.	Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00pm
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Mar.31	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Our Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass at Ascension
Good Friday: Living Stations 3pm at Ascension
Good Friday: Liturgy Service 7pm at St. Bernard
Easter Vigil: 8pm Mass At St. Bernard

The Parish Office will be open 8am-12pm on Good Friday and Closed Easter Monday. We wish you a blessed Holy Week and very Happy Easter.

Catechetical Institute: School of Discipleship Thursdays, April 4 - May 16, 7 - 9 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker, Maple Grove.

Taught by Jeff Cavins, this seven-week course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this course, students become "activated disciples" and put what they learn into practice. This course includes the small group dynamic and takes you through a life-transforming 40-day discipleship challenge beginning on the Feast of Pentecost. Learn more and register at cistudent.com/the-experience.

St. Joseph is Hiring! The facilities department needs an evening custodian to work Monday – Friday from 3:00-8:00 pm. Candidate MUST be at least 18 years of age. Flexible on shift times and even more flexible with Summer hours and time off. Interested, contact Christopher Parker, Parish Business Administrator at cpar-ker@stjosephwaconia.org or call 952-442-3702 for more information. (www.stjosephwaconia.org)

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

"On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all."

April 7, 2024 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
 Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
 313 East Second Street
 Jordan, Mn. 55352

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 3/3/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,448.00
Weekly E-Giving:	710.00
Collections Budget YTD:	113,498.02
Actual Collection YTD:	119,335.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	5,837.13
Capital Improvement Offering:	170.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	290.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	13,823.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.

Are you filling your 40 Items - 40 Days bags?
Bags are still available in the church entry, if needed.
The trailer will be in the church parking lot
Wed., April 3 - Tues., April 22.
Bags may be dropped off between 7 am and 6 pm.
Thanks for your support!
Ascension's CUF Council

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,028.84
Contributions 3-06 through 3-15-2024	3,384.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	156,973.34
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	28,042.57
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	50.00
Forward in Faith YTD	17,048.52

Global Solidarity Collection 375.00

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,

Catholic United Scholarships

Catholic United Financial Scholarship application period is open from March 1 — April 30 of each year. Any member (any age) studying for their first degree after high school can apply. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline and when the scholarship is awarded. **Awards of \$500 for attending a Catholic college or \$300 for an accredited non-Catholic school.** Applications are available at: www.catholicunitedfinancial.org

Faith Formation Update:

Come this Good Friday to see our Confirmation Students put on the Living Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful performance that brings to life the power of those last hours of our Lord Jesus's Life. Stations begin at 3pm.

Please keep our 2nd Graders in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Confession on April 6th

Mass Ministry Schedule—March 28 – 31

Mass Ministry	Ascension Holy Thurs. 7:00pm	St. Bernard Good Fri 7:00pm	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Doris Mielke	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Kieran Allison & Dan Worm	Buckley Jones & Logan Pellegrino	Caleb Michels & Jayden Michels	Luca Hoen & Gabby Remer
Reader	Cheryl Coyle & Julie Gesinger	Joyce Schwartz & Roger Storms	Brenda Jones & Patricia Quinn	Colleen Donnay	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Brenda Seifert	Mary Meuwissen	Bernie Shambour	Jean Schmitz & Volunteer	Sarah Foley & Volunteer
Ushers	Paul Lano & Steve Schrupp	Dick Arnst & Ralph Laumann	Bob Symanitz & Brian Vos	Jeremy Friendshuh & Josh Gallus	Tom Dahl & Leo Willems
Greeters	Steve Coyle	Andy Kleindl	Casey Jones	Sue Schultz	Victoria Arnst
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Mar. 25		No Mass
Tuesday	Mar. 26 6:15 pm	Ascension	For the Dying
Wednesday	Mar. 27 8:00am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden & Living & deceased members of the Eiden Fam.
Thursday	Mar. 28 7:00 pm	Ascension	For those making Their 1st cofession
Friday	Mar. 29 7:00 pm	St. Bernard	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	Mar. 30 8:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Mar. 31 8:00am	Ascension	John and Dorothy Lewandowski ††
Sunday	Mar. 31 10:00am	St. Bernard	Jenny Dahl †

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 **Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/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 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 **Saturday: Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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@ascensionny.org.
All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**

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.....952-484-9628

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

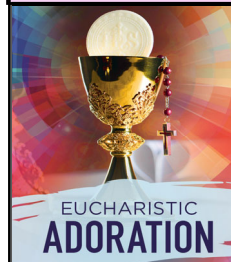
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St. Bernard

Every Wednesday

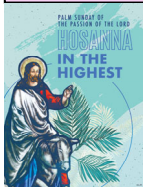
2:00 until 6:00 pm



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ©LPi

The Whole Story

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



The Bible is a strange book. It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything. But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it. Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up. How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair. We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient. "His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16