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MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



Holy Tuesday 7:00pm
Reflection of the Last Seven
Words of Christ

Holy Wednesday 7:00pm
Tenebrae Service

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

7:00pm
Mass of the
Lord's Last Supper
Eucharistic Vigil
at the Altar of Repose
until midnight

Good Friday

3:00pm
Liturgy of the Passion
7:00pm
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

10:30am
Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am
Blessings of the Baskets
7:30pm
Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass
8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday -

Communion Service 8:30 am

Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the
month at 12:00 pm.

Required Baptismal preparation
on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at
least 6 months in advance.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday -
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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A Message from Fr. Sunny

Thirteen Sundays...

Last weekend, I made an announcement in church that the Bishop has called me to be re-assigned to Saint Michael Parish in Wheaton by the next fiscal year, that is July 1, 2024. As customary, the moving day of priests is on the last Wednesday of June. This weekend, I am counting that we have thirteen Sundays to share with each other in our usual weekend liturgy, and I want to make the most of them. I was very moved by the many reactions of people about the announcement, and I appreciate the messages of appreciation, support and gratitude.

This weekend, the first of the last thirteen, is Palm Sunday. Jesus entered Jerusalem in style, triumphantly, with a welcome fit for a king or a celebrity of the city of David. Until today, that triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is marked as one of the most important Christian celebrations in the Holy Land. Starting from the foot of the Mount of Olives, by the St. Stephen Church, people would still be carrying big palm branches and with songs of praise and hosanna’s in various languages and prayers mixed with chattering sounds from rowdy crowds and tourists, the procession goes all the way to the church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. While I have never been there on that exact day, I have seen enough videos to be able to imagine what that might be like in real life, and I can only imagine it to be crazy exuberant for every Christian. This day marks the beginning of the holiest week in the Christian calendar, one that culminates in the celebration of the triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday which begins with the solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday! The complete program of events is available in our bulletin, social media and official website.

My dear Church, please don’t ignore this week. Observe it well, keep it holy, and take the privilege with all your heart. There are so many beautiful things that happen during this season, and let us appreciate it all with devotion and reverent disposition.

Together with the most important triduum services, I also invite you to make the most of the services of Holy Tuesday, where our own parishioners will share their reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross. This will be our third year of doing this activity, as well as the Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) on Holy Wednesday. Both events will be held at seven o’clock in the evening.

This Holy Week is especially meaningful for me because this is my last Holy Week with you all. I have truly savored all the previous Lenten days and holy weeks here at Mary Queen, and I hope that this last one with you will be equally joyful, meaningful and unforgettable. Let us pray together that we may have the ability and opportunity to give God due praise for the many heavenly favors and blessings we receive from God every day, but most especially the gift of new life and salvation won for us by our Good Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Holy Week, my dear church. And may God’s love be with you always.

In the spirit of this holy week,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

for March 31, 2024

SUN. 1:00 PM 3/24/24

for April 7, 2024

MON. 1:00 PM 4/1/24

CALENDAR

3/23/24 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man is You in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 1:00pm OCIA Retreat
 4:30pm Mass

3/24/24 PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word

3/25/24 HOLY MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service
 7:00pm Prayer Group

3/26/24 HOLY TUESDAY

8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Reflection of the Last 7 Words of Christ
 7:00pm Choir Practice

3/27/24 HOLY WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Tenebrae Service

3/28/24 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Lord’s Supper
 8:00pm Eucharistic Vigil at the Altar of Repose

3/29/24 GOOD FRIDAY

Parish Office - Closed

3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

3/30/24 HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
 11:00am Blessing of the Baskets
 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

3/31/24 EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:30am, 10:30pm, 12:30pm

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to MIMI NOLAN

Mary Queen of Heaven's CCW 2024 Woman of the Year!

Mimi has been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 24 years and has always been actively involved. She was involved in RCIA, the Bereavement Ministry, served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and is currently in charge of the Ministry of Care.

Mimi will be honored at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on April 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday-March 30th at 10:30am

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545A4AE29A7FF2-48195588->



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Friday March 29, 2024

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father’s annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Our programs provide an open-ended curriculum to meet the children at all levels with a balanced program of academics, religion, arts, and play combined with activities specifically designed to develop their physical and social skills. In partnership with parents and the support of our parish community, MQH offers an excellent and secure learning environment.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

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PARISH NEWS



VACATION BIBLE

"CAMP"

When: June 10th - 14th

Time: 9 to 11:30 am

Who: children ages 3 - 10

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Registration is now open. See the link to sign-up at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Growing Faith - Registration is now open!

As we journey through Holy Week with the anticipation of Easter, we look to the Resurrection for a renewed growth in our faith. Grow your child's faith and register now for 2024/2025 Faith Formation.

New registration forms are now available online at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> or stop by during office hours.



“and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”

(Philippians 2:11)

Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and help sow the seeds of faith in our young people. We are looking for adult and teen volunteers. For more information check out the volunteer forms also online or contact Mary Glaudell at 630-832-8962 or re@maryqueen.org



Don't forget to continue giving to our Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. **Turn in your Rice Bowls to the Faith Formation Office by April 12th or donate directly online: www.crsricebowl.org**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join us for this presentation:

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Morning of Reflection



At Baptism, we receive seven special gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at Confirmation. Join us to learn and reflect on these seven gifts and how they aid us in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2024
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
 One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
 2041 W. State Route 113
 Kankakee, IL 60901

For more information about our programming, please contact Susan Amann: samann@sscm-usa.org • (708) 790-8141

Sponsored by:
Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Presenter:
Sr. Loretta Finn, sscm



Sr. Loretta Finn, Servant of the Holy Heart of Mary, has been a teacher and/or principal for over 60 years, offered parenting programs, facilitated Scripture study programs, given Advent and Lenten retreats and Prayer Mornings for over 20 years. For several years, as an "adventurer", she organized pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Shrines of Our Lady. At the present time she is a volunteer in the Pastoral Care department at St. Mary's Hospital.

The cost for this program is \$15

To register or pay online, please use this QR code to visit our website:




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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL TALK

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST.

SUNDAY
April 14, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WELCOME

Nationally Known Speaker
SISTER ALICIA TORRES
 Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago

- 6:00 PM Rosary for Vocations
- 6:20 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:25 PM Sr. Alicia Talk on having a relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.
- 6:40 PM Meditation with scripture guided by Sr. Alicia
- 6:50 PM Adoration
- 7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition
- 7:15 PM Fellowship

For further information regarding the above presentation, see the link: https://sscm-usa.org/images/Workshops_Retreats/20240320_ExploringWeek_Web_1.pdf

PARISH NEWS



VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

3/24 - Dcns. James Eaker, Gerald Erickson, John Feely, Richard Feltes, Joseph Ferrari, Fredrick Filippo

3/25 - Abbott Austin Murphy

3/26 - Sr. Kristina Pucik, Sr. Beata Sawicka, Sr. Katarzyna Zaremba MChR

3/27 - Dcns. Robert Fitt, Richard Ford, Patrick Forsythe

3/28 - Fr. Hugh Fullmer, Fr. Martin Gabel

3/29 - Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez, Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe

3/30 - Dcns. Dino Franch, John Freund

3/31 - Fr. John Ronaldo Abulag

Readings of the Week ©LPI

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

37: *Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)* 38: *Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39*

Monday of Holy Week [6]

257: *Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11*

Tuesday of Holy Week [6]

258: *Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

Wednesday of Holy Week [6]

259: *Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25*

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) [6]

260: *Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21*

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

36: *Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15*

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)

40: *Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42*

HOLY SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

41: (1) *Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22* (2) *Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 16:5, 8-11* (3) *Ex 14:15-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18* (4) *Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13* (5) *Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6* (6) *Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ps 19:8-11* (7) *Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; or, when baptism is celebrated, (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19* (8) *Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23* (9) *Mk 16:1-7*

Prayer REQUESTS

Please see the parish prayer requests in the bulletin insert on the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday weekends.



Director of Faith Formation - St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes, Joliet IL

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation (DFF) will be primarily responsible for coordinating different faith formation activities at our parishes. Job Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in a related field or background in theology. A theology certificate may also qualify. Proficient with Microsoft Office products and social media and communication. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, conflict management skills, and a strong ability to multi-task. Ability to comply with diocesan safe environment policies along with a valid driver's license and reliable means of transportation. **This individual must be a practicing Catholic who supports the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet.** The DFF must act as an example and role model in personal life.

To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.](https://www.dioceseeofjoliet.org/)



Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30am † Anthony Del Santo
For the Faithful MQH
10:30am † Frances Chiarchiaro
† John Dimonte

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:30am Lizzy Walsh

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30am Russ & Lynn Kubycheck

Thursday, March 28, 2024

8:30am No Morning Mass
7:00pm † Harold Brendle

Friday, March 29, 2024

8:30am No Morning Mass
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:30am No Morning Mass
4:30pm No Afternoon Mass
7:30pm † Anthony Vrlec Jr.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30am † Jim Quinn III
10:30am John Martin
12:30pm Rita Fehring
For the Faithful MQH



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT
SUNDAY, March 10, 2024**

Sunday \$ 5,340.00
Mail in \$ 590.00
Electronic \$ 1637.50

TOTAL \$ 7567.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Second Collection

Good Friday - March 29, 2024

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
Commissariat of the Holy Land

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 28, 2024 & Sunday, March 31, 2024

LECTORS

Holy Thursday March 28th 7:00pm Ken Sutkus

Good Friday March 29th 3:00pm Wilma Wollard

Holy Saturday March 30th 7:30pm

1st reading: Ellen Walker

2nd Reading: Randy Styka

3rd Reading: Patti Taylor

4th Reading: Tim Kowalski

Easter Sunday! Alleluia! He Has Risen! March 31st

8:30 am Michelle Pretlow

10:30 am Marie McCall

12:30 pm Phil Reynertson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	P. Twardowski (Capt) P. Delaney B. Dunn G. Pozen
Good Friday	3:00 pm	T. Sabel (Capt) P. Delaney
Easter Vigil Saturday	7:30 pm	M. Grozik (Capt) K. Passarelli T. Sabel R. Styka
Easter Sunday	8:30 am	J. Eichorst (Capt) J. Dezur A. Locascio M. Mooney M. Nolan N. Sietsema W. Woollard
Easter Sunday	10:30 am	D. Reed (Capt) P. Delaney B. Dunn D. Justus M. Reed D. Styka P. Twardowski
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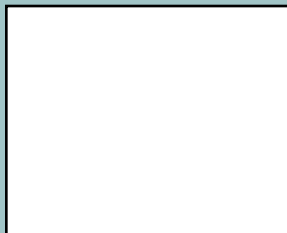
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