

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 2, 2023  
PALM SUNDAY



side chapel at the beautifully decorated Altar of Repose, or Sepulchre, for 24 hours, and should not go unvisited, or be left unattended. The **Men of the Guard of Honor** are asked to keep their hours for All Night Adoration to guarantee that Our Lord is not left unprotected during the hours of the night.

¶ **GOOD FRIDAY:** You may make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament all morning long. **Stations** begin at **11:25 AM**, followed at **12:00 noon** by the traditional Tre Ore (“three hours”), with the chanting of the Passion, solemn prayers, the unveiling and adoration of the Cross, and finally the mystic rites of the Mass of the Presanctified. A sermon and devotions take us to **3 PM**, when the relic of the True Cross is venerated. **Confessions** are heard starting at **3 PM**.

¶ **HOLY SATURDAY:** The **Easter Vigil** begins at **8:00 AM** on **Saturday** with the Blessing of the Fire and the Prophecies, with the **Mass** commencing closer to **10:30 AM**. The Blessing of Easter Baskets takes place at the Communion rail after the Mass. All are then invited to a luncheon, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER.** The Easter Sunrise Office of Matins & Lauds is at **5:45 AM**. **Blessing of Religious Articles** after all Masses. No Sunday Classes. Please note, there will be **no 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday**. Easter Vespers are at 6 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Easter Sunday; Sequence, Preface of Easter with special Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

¶ **PALM SUNDAY:** Blessed palms are available at every Mass today. Feel free to take extra palms to bring home or to a shut-in. Remember to return your Easter Memorial Flower offering envelopes today, so your memorials may be included in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses are also available. The Novena will be said daily beginning Easter Sunday.

Confessions will be heard before and during the morning Masses. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be moved to Easter Sunday. Sunday Classes are on a brief vacation and resume on Low Sunday. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45.

¶ **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Holy (Maundy) Thursday is *the day* of the year to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion.

**Mass** begins at **9:00 AM**. Bring the whole family to experience the “Birthday of the Mass” with bells and clackers; the Blessing of the Holy Oils; the Pange Lingua as Our Lord leaves the church; the sorrowful Stripping of the Altars. **Parents, bring your children to walk in procession to the beautiful Altar of Repose, dropping rose petals along the way to show Him love and adoration.** A little luncheon follows the Mass. Please do come, and stay for the Maundy.

The **Maundy** is a rich Sacramental of the Church, performed on Holy Thursday, in honor of Our Lord Who washed the feet of His Apostles. This service is an ideal one for mothers with little ones, as it is short, and children can sit so as to see the ceremony. Come **Thursday at 1 PM**.

**The Blessed Sacrament will be in the**

¶ THIS WEEK: TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, Latin for “darkness,” is the chanting of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds of the following day. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective; its dramatic features are the gradual extinction of a 15-branch candelabra in the sanctuary, as the Church contemplates the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the world, and a loud noise at its conclusion, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. Tenebrae is at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

Tenebrae is a popular service (but not good for very little ones, because the silence is important), especially for its dramatic ending when you finally get to make noise. Translations provided.

¶ OFFICE CLOSED

Please note: The office will be closed from Holy Thursday, April 6, through Easter Tuesday, April 11. It will be open again on Easter Wednesday, April 12.

**Wedding Banns**



*First time: Matthew Giese & Leanne Arlinghaus*

¶ EASTER EGG HUNT!

Holy Saturday is right around the corner. We would love for you to come out and be a part of the parish with all the ceremonies and festivities later in the day. Find the full schedule in the bulletin. The egg hunt is open to children and will take place after the Easter luncheon. The cloister area is for little ones up to age 4. There will be a larger area for the older children. This is a popular activity after the quiet ceremonies in church. Pray for good weather so the kids can run. See you then.



Collection Report

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> .....\$8,010.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Sunday Ushers

7:30: S. Pepiot, P&A McConnell, J. Brueggemann  
9:00: P., S. & L. Arlinghaus, J. Seyfried  
11:30: B. Uhlenbrock, P. Puglielli

THE PALM SUNDAY EPISTLE

Christ as the preexistent Word took freely on Himself the humiliation of human existence. In that existence He chose for Himself what was most difficult, and to men most unattractive: at His birth, poverty; in His upbringing, privation and obscurity; in His public life, the arduous and thankless work of a missionary in an unfriendly world; in the close of His earthly career, betrayal, torture, bitter and ignominious death, apparent defeat.

– Dom Eugene Boylan



A HOLY WEEK PRAYER

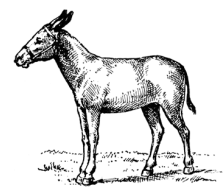
O my powerful God and merciful Father of my soul, Creator of all the things of the earth! Since Thou art my only good, I firmly believe without the possibility of doubt that I am to be saved through the infinite merits of the Passion and death of my Lord Jesus Christ, no matter how very great may be the sins of my youth and all that I have committed since then. Thou, Lord, hast created me and hast given me my body and soul and all that I have; and Thou, my God, hast made me to Thy likeness, and not the false gods of the gentiles. O Christians, let us give thanks and praise to God, Three and One, Who hast given us to know the faith and true law of His Son Jesus Christ!

Weigh, Lord, my sins against the merits of the Passion and death of my Lord Jesus Christ, and not against my few deserts; and I shall thus be delivered from the power of the enemy and shall go to enjoy forever the glory of paradise. Amen.

– St. Francis Xavier

THE DONKEY

When fishes flew  
and forests walked  
And figs grew upon  
thorn,



Some moment when the moon was  
blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil’s walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

– G.K. Chesterton



FOR THE BIRDS

This morning cold  
and wet in West  
Chester,  
*Castrum Occi-*  
*dentale* in Latin

But that’s for the birds anymore

A lone Cardinal ponders over the  
Crucifix,  
Perplexed. Where’s the Consistory?  
He’s heard the Conclave chatter  
And what about the form and the  
matter?

Will they mate this time  
Or does it matter?

Mourning Doves come, called by  
April’s cruelty.  
A pair has sublet the Robins’ nest  
Perched above my office door  
*Sede vacante* all year  
Now again in demand  
But the full nesters didn’t count  
On traffic beneath  
And flee with a cry of the deepest  
surprise.

– Bishop Dolan  
April 6, 2022

Well, the Sisters' cat with a million names is doing just fine, according to the Vet. She is partly bald since Mrs. Smith came and removed all the matting that developed from lack of care. **Fr. McKenna** calls the cat Rumpy Cat now. I think she has also been called Fluffy, Kitty, Penelope, Penny, Azul, Angel, etc. I am still not sure what her official name is though. We have trouble with cat names around here, apparently. I am fine with Fluffy or just plain Cat. Margaret Sutton's tabby cat, Dickens, has been spotted several times now. Please say a prayer to St. Francis that we can catch her and return her to Miss Sutton. I know your prayers will help!



It is starting to get busy around church now as everyone is preparing for Holy Week. The choir has been diligently preparing for a while now. There is a lot of singing that goes into Holy Week and it must be no easy task to learn or even to review it all. Paddy Omlor, our MC, isn't able to make the Holy Week ceremonies this year, so Christopher Richesson, Thomas Lawrence, and Michael Simpson (our other three MCs) are running the show this year. We don't have many Holy Week veterans this year. A new bishop, new priests, a new sacristan, new MCs, young sacristy helpers, a couple of new choir members...oh! I am so proud of them. I am very much looking forward to doing Holy Week with them and am so confident that they will do a wonderful job. I am so thankful to our "veterans" as well. It goes without saying that their work is much appreciated and that Holy Week never has been so beautiful without you.

Carrie, the mule, should be joining the Palm Sunday procession today. St. Francis de Sales wrote a sermon on the qualities of a donkey and why it is that Our Lord chose this animal for His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. I included a little part of it in today's bulletin. I hope it makes up for what St. Francis said about mules earlier this Lent!

Lent is nearly over now and the joys of Easter will soon be here. How was your Lent? Did you stick to your resolutions? Whether you did or not, these last few days of Holy Week with all of the ceremonies is an opportunity from heaven to make up for it all or to perfect it. May Our Lord see you in church!

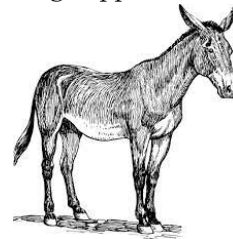
– Bishop McGuire



**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ON THE REASONS OUR LORD CHOSE A DONKEY FOR PALM SUNDAY**

The second quality is its patience. Not only is the ass humble, it is exceedingly patient, allowing itself to be beaten and maltreated without ever forgetting its origin. [Is. 1:3]. It neither complains, nor bites, nor kicks. It endures all with great patience. Our Lord so loved patience that He wished to become its mirror and pattern. He endured scourging and ill treatment with invincible patience; He supported so many blasphemies, so many calumnies, without saying a word.

Now humility and patience have such an affinity with one another that one can hardly exist without the other. He who desires to be humble must be patient enough to endure the contempt, the censure, the reprehensions that the humble suffer. Likewise, he who desires to be patient must be humble, because one cannot long support the labors and adversities of this life without the humility which makes us gentle and patient. Finding these two qualities in this animal, Our Lord chose it rather than any other for His entry into Jerusalem.

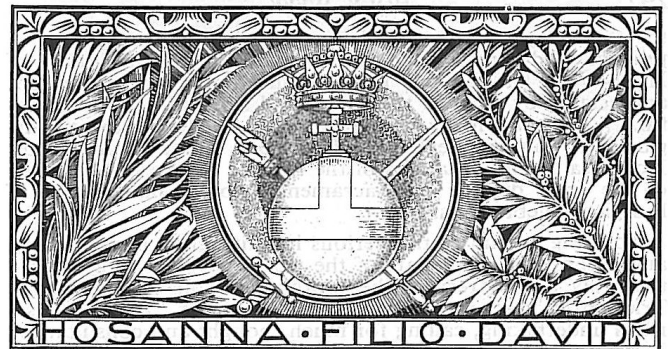


*(Dedicated to Carrie the "Donkey")*

**THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS**

The narrative of the solemn entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, placed as it is in the Liturgy at the beginning of Holy Week, reminds us, like the Transfiguration, that glory and suffering are ever near together, and that those who hope to share in the final triumph of Christ must be willing to share in His sufferings and humiliations. The waving palms should remind us of the symbols of martyrdom.

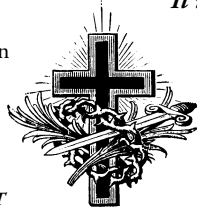
– Dom Eugene Boylan



SERVERS: SEE SACRISTY BULLETIN BOARD FOR SERVING SCHEDULES  
 SUN 4/9 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
 11:30 AM LOW & BENEDICTION: Capetillos

## ✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

**MON 4/3/23 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK** *FAST*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Andrew Prell – special intention (*Mom & Dad*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**



**TUE 4/4/23 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK** *FAST*  
 ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BPCD  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Grandchildren, their spouses, great grandchildren (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** 6 Godchildren (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Mary Rose Young – Happy Birthday! (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**

**WED 4/5/23 SPY WEDNESDAY • FIRST WEDNESDAY** *FAST*  
 ST. VINCENT FERRER, C  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Children & their spouses (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Joseph Young – Happy Birthday! (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)  
**9:15 AM High Mass** Mary Christensen (*Keith Christensen*) (from 4/6)  
**followed by Vespers**  
**6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae**  
**8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Thursday**

**THU 4/6/23 MAUNDY THURSDAY • FIRST THURSDAY** *FAST*  
**9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass** For our priests, living and deceased, and our seminarians (*Alter Christus*)  
**Blessing of the Holy Oils, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar**

*Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 12:00 PM on Good Friday*



**12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon** (*bring a dish to share if you would like*)  
**1:00 PM The Maundy (Washing of the Feet)**  
**6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae**

**Holy Thursday – April 6, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

**THE MANDATUM**

**ALBERT D. KINNETT, JOHN SEYFRIED, LEVI GIESE, BOB UHLENBROCK, BEN CAPETILLO, TIM CAPETILLO, HUNTER LUMBATIS, MIKE VOLZ, NOAH KUEBLER, RAPHAEL KUEBLER, COLLIN SMITH, ALEX BALL, JOE BAYER**

*The above listed men should arrive no later than 12:45 PM and report to the sacristy to prepare and receive instructions.*

**FRI 4/7/23 GOOD FRIDAY • FIRST FRIDAY** *FAST*  
**11:25 AM Stations of the Cross**  
**12:00 PM Tre Ore**

*It is a fine tradition to keep silent from Noon to 3:00 PM today*

**12:15 PM Mass of the Presanctified, Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross**  
**2:15 PM Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon**  
**3:00 PM Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross**  
**3:00 PM Confessions**  
**3:15 PM Vespers**  
**6:25 PM Sacred Heart Novena**  
**6:35 PM The Office of Tenebrae**  
**8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Saturday**  
*Come when you can, leave when you must.*



**SAT 4/8/23 HOLY SATURDAY** *FAST TILL NOON*  
**8:00 AM Easter Vigil: Blessing of the Fire, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, First Mass of Easter** For our choir and servers, sacristans and workers (*Bishop McGuire*)  
**Vespers, Blessing of Easter Food**

*A complimentary Easter Luncheon follows Mass—all are invited*



**4:00 PM Confessions (till 5 PM)**

**SUN 4/9/23 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**5:45 AM Easter Matins & Lauds**  
**7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass** Family & Friends (*K/V*)  
**9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass** Easter Novena I  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great, **Benediction**  
**6:00 PM Vespers**

*No 5:45 PM Mass*



**All Night Adoration Holy Thursday Guard of Honor**

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Doby Curran  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor  
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Nick McClorey, Alfonso Capetillo  
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, Collin Smith  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & John Brueggemann  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** McConnell Brothers  
**4:00 AM - 5:00 AM:** Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

*✠ If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

*✠ If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

## DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Lord, I lay before Thee my weak heart, which Thou fillest with good desires. Thou knowest that I am unable to bring the same to good effect, unless Thou bless and prosper them, and therefore, O Loving Father, I entreat Thee to help me by the merits and Passion of Thy dear Son, to Whose honor I would devote this day and my whole life. – *St. Francis de Sales*

## Monday in Holy Week

Our Lord's third word was one of consolation. He spoke it to His sacred Mother who was at the foot of the Cross, pierced by a sword [*Lk. 2:35*] of sorrow, but certainly not swooning nor with faint heart, as artists have falsely and impertinently painted her. The Evangelist clearly says the contrary, insisting that she remained standing with an incomparable firmness [*Jn. 19:25*]. That courage did not keep her from the grieving which she endured with the generous and magnanimous heart belonging to her alone. O God! what agonies were hers! They are inexplicable and inconceivable. Her heart was crucified with the same nails that crucified Our Lord's Body, for now she would be without both Child and husband.

Seeing her in this distress, our dear Savior said a word of consolation to her. But this consoling and tender word was not given to lift her heart from such great desolation. The heart of this perfectly submissive and resigned holy Virgin needed to be extremely strong, and Our Lord, Who knew her so well, dealt with her accordingly. Indicating St. John, His Heart's beloved disciple, He said: Woman, there is your son. [*Jn. 19:26.*] He gave him to

her to care for her, for this holy Virgin was not thinking of herself at all. Her every thought was centered around her divine Son's sorrows, sorrows that she herself pondered in her soul [*cf. Lk. 2:35, 51*] while at the foot of His Cross.

– *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*

## Tuesday in Holy Week

Miserable people, what do you mean by asking our dear Savior and Master to descend from this gibbet? He will certainly not do so, for as St. Paul says, He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a Cross. He mounted the Cross through obedience and died on it through obedience. All those who are willing to be saved through the Cross will find salvation there. But those who desire to be saved without it will perish miserably. There is no salvation except in this Cross. – *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*

## Spn Wednesday

**“Never despair!”**

O miserable Judas! He saw the gravity of his crime and despaired. Truly, he confessed his sin, for in returning to the chief priests the thirty pieces of silver for which he had sold his good Master, he acknowledged aloud that he had sold innocent blood. [*Matt. 27:3-5.*] But these priests would give him no absolution. Alas, did not this unhappy man know that Our Lord alone could give it to him, that He was the Savior and held Redemption in His hands? Had he not seen this truth clearly in those whose sins Jesus had remitted? Cer-

tainly, he knew it, but he did not wish nor dare to ask pardon. To make him despair, the devil showed him the enormity and hideousness of his crime and perhaps made him fear that if he asked his Master's pardon, He might impose too great a penance. Perhaps for fear of such penance, he was unwilling to ask for forgiveness. Thus, despairing, he hanged himself; and his body burst wide open, all his entrails spilling out [*Acts 1:18*], and he was buried in the deepest of Hells.

– *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*

## Holy Thursday

Oh, how great was the flame of love that burned in the Heart of our gentle Savior, since at the height of His sufferings, at a time when the vehemence of His torments seemed to take from Him even the power of praying for Himself, He succeeded through the strength of His charity in forgetting Himself but not His creatures, and with a strong and intelligible voice uttered these words: Father, forgive them. With this prayer He wanted to make us understand the love He bore us, undiminished by any suffering, and to teach us how our heart should be toward our neighbor.

– *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*



## Good Friday

He died, then. But although He died for us and was lifted up on the Cross, those who refuse to look upon Him will surely die, for there is no other redemption but in this Cross. O God, how spiritually beneficial and profitable is a consideration of Thy Cross and Passion! Can we contemplate our Savior's humility on the Cross without becoming humble and having some affection for humiliations? Can we see His obedience without being obedient? Certainly not! No one has ever looked upon Our Lord crucified and remained dead or sick. On the other hand, all who have died have done so because they were unwilling to gaze upon Him, just as the Israelites died who were unwilling to gaze upon the serpent that Moses had raised upon the pole.

– *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*



## Holy Saturday

“Into Thy hands, O my God, I entrust my spirit. Dost Thou wish me to be in dryness or in consolation? Into Thy hands I entrust my spirit. Dost Thou wish me to be contradicted, to experience repugnances and difficulties, to be loved or not, to obey this one or that one, and

in whatever it may be, in great things or small? Then into Thy hands I entrust my spirit.”

...“All is consummated, O God; in everything I have accomplished Thy divine will. What remains now for me except to entrust my spirit into Thy hands at the end of my life, just as I entrusted it to Thee at its beginning and during its course.”

– *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*



## Easter Sunday

Alas, how the faith of Jesus' Apostles is shaken after His crucifixion! Assembled in a room with closed doors, they are filled with fear. Then Jesus enters, stands in their midst, and greets them: Peace be with you. Showing them the signs and marks of the reconciliation of humanity with God, He says, See My hands and My side. Why does He do this? To bolster their vacillating faith. Without the presence of our Savior, they felt timid and lacked strength. Such is the case when one is without God. They were afraid. Like a ship tossed in a storm without a pilot, such was this poor boat. Our Lord appears to His disciples to bring relief to their fear.

– *Sermon of St. Francis de Sales*

# Lent with St. Francis de Sales



Daily Thoughts and Prayers  
Lent 2023