



Saint Paul
the Apostle

MARCH 29, 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."*

- Mt 21:5

Dear SPA Family,

There is no good use for buildings, projects, or strategies that are not yet ready or unfinished. If we try to live in our climate in a new house without a roof, we will still be able to endure some unexpected weather or bugs in the summer, but autumn will quickly teach us that we moved in hastily. If we want to put the dam into operation, we need to check everything well so that a great catastrophe does not happen next year.



Jesus enters Jerusalem, greeted with an ovation by the crowds – they spread cloaks and green branches at the feet of the donkey on which the King enters. But they are not ready; they have not yet followed Jesus all the way, and they do not realize the nature of His kingdom or how the Messianic prophecy of the Old Testament is to be fulfilled in reality. Christ knows this very well and will lead them to the end on His way – it will turn out that this King feeds the people with His Body and Blood, undergoes the way of the cross, dies the death of the worst criminals, and finally rises from the dead to free people from their sins and death, false ideas about God and about themselves. He enters Jerusalem to fulfill everything, to be prepared for the Kingdom of God, which will extend to all times and nations.

We are starting Holy Week today – perhaps we are prepared by Lenten services, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many also do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. We stand like crowds and cheer – such a rite, after all. Holy Week will end quickly; it will be the same again, we will endure it, and then we will celebrate peacefully.

If we look at it this way, we are somewhat not ready yet – we have accepted everything superficially, and we only want to ‘check-mark it’ like the crowds of Jerusalem who came for the feast.

Such a Christianity must end in spiritual catastrophe – putting ourselves and our needs on a pedestal. Jesus wants more. He wants to finish His work in us, to destroy sin, arbitrariness, and selfishness in us. He wants to prepare us for a new life through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. He, the King, the Son of David, wants to sit on His rightful throne in our lives.

Dear friends, it is not too late to make an effort to work on ourselves, to enter the path of transformation, improvement, conversion, and return to God. Let this Holy Week be a kind of examination of conscience over our attitude towards God and others.

We are not just Christian Catholics in church. We are in it in everyday life, in which we are to be guided by God’s Commandments.

Have a blessed Holy Week,
Fr. Chris

To read Mary Penich's Something to Think About...
please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir ©LPH

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #421 All Glory, Laud and Honor (ST. THEODULPH)** by Melchior Teschner and

Saint Theodulph of Orleans, translated by John Neale

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Hosanna** by Brooke Ligertwood

Responsorial Psalm: **My God, My God** by Sarah Hart

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF THE DESERT** by Tom Booth

Preparation Song: **Behold the Lamb of God** by Bob Dufford

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #312 Above All** by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

Eucharistic Acclamations: **THE GLENDALOUGH MASS** by Liam Lawton

Communion Songs: **Pietà** by Tom Kendzia

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #162 Run to the Cross** by Josh Blakesley, Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger, and Mia Fieldes

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #312 Above All** by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

At Sunday 5:00pm: **At the Cross** by Ed Cash, Matt Armstrong, Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, and Jonas Myrin

READING I

ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING II

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!"

When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

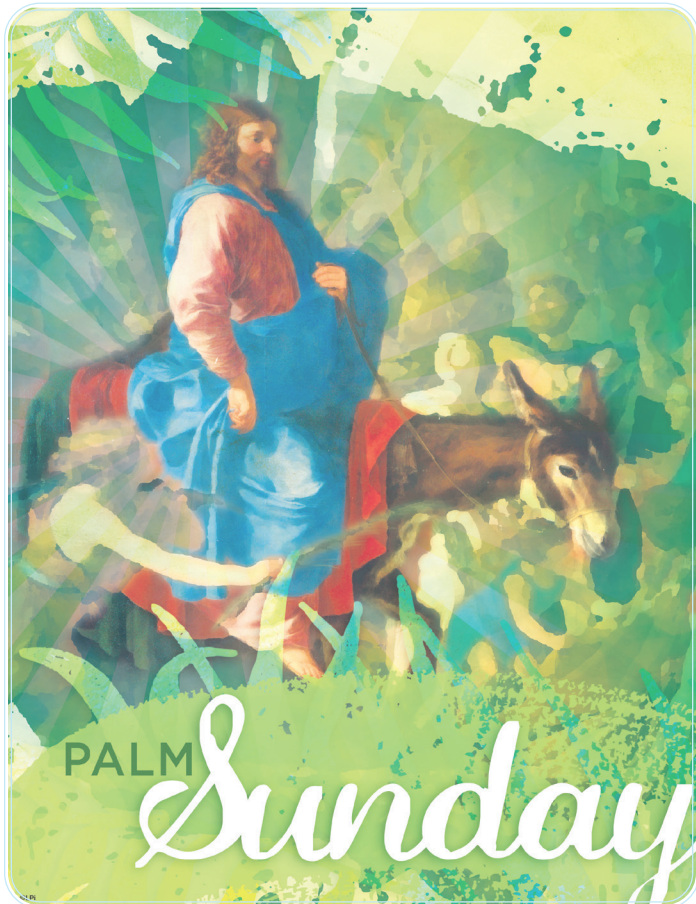
Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/
Is 50:4-7/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/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: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/
Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and
25/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
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or 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/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Tuesday: Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
I will sing of your salvation.

Wednesday: Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Thursday: Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Friday: Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Saturday: Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy
Week begins

Wednesday: April Fools' Day

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Jaime Gorospe | Isabel Gorospe
Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
Walter & Emily Macrowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

7:30AM: Rose Krissek | Alice De Silvial | Ben Serrano | Neal Carpenter
9:30AM: Joe Prosen, Jr. | Harold & Edna Maricle | Mark Ofenloch
Casis Family | Kinga Szymoniak | Miguel DeGuzman | Lina & Tony Regacho
11:30AM: Bob & Harriet Sutton | Héctor B. Brual, Jr. | Celia J. Auguste
5:00PM: Leroy Klein | Rizalina Macavinta | Jose Rull, Jr. | Our Family Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

7:30AM: Leonarda & Richard Hunt

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

7:30AM: Charlotte Klein

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:30AM: Jim Klein

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:30AM: NO MORNING MASS
7:00PM: Robert Klein

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 - GOOD FRIDAY

NO MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - EASTER VIGIL

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Bill & Pat Vasilius | Alice De Silvia
Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | Barry Rader | Thomas Rusnak,
Sr. | Helen Rusnak | George Braniff | Marian Braniff | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 - EASTER

7:30AM: Judy & Bob Russell, Sr. | Victor Peccioli | Michael Kinahan
Carl Willaby | Carl & Catherine Johann | Komelia Macholla | Helena
Maroszek | Kazimierz Maroszek | Norma Roccasanto | Gerald & Leanne
McMahon | Tom Valley
9:30AM: Thomas R. Rajchel | Robert Chester Buttrey | Joan Slak
Caroline Shebenik | Julie Hamby | Edmund Kana | Magno & Lucina
Carino | Ruben & Consolacion Canlas | Renato & Eloisa Carino
Allison Carino | Marina Culpepper | Miguel DeGuzman | Casis Family
Marybeth Nelson | Nancy Studer | Lina & Tony Regacho | Michael
Velasco | Sabina Taquilar
11:30AM: Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Joseph Richardt | Hilo & Calcal Family
Peter Higman | Alice O'Day | Stanley O'Day | Jim Hughes | Rosie
Alejandria | Richard Yap | George Lawrence | Celia J. Auguste | Lily
Vergara | Celso Balita Castor | Silveste & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina
Negrillo
5:00PM: NO 5PM MASS

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of March 23, 2025

Sunday- \$11,345 Online Sunday- \$10,264
Sharing- \$120 Online Sharing- \$388
SVdP- \$223 Online SVdP- \$432
Lenten Almsgiving - Catholic Extension- \$1,690

Month to Date - March

Sunday- \$58,958
Online Sunday- \$33,761
Sharing- \$770
Online Sharing- \$1,793
SVdP- \$2,819
Online SVdP- \$1,831
Lenten Almsgiving - Catholic Extension- \$12,979



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Reginald Dulaca	Mary Thachil
Melody Cook	Daniela Gaborik
Brian Smolicek	Amy Patterson
Roberto Movilla	Emily Meryer
Shani Stahnke	Kathy Hunt
Abby Swygard	Laura Hopkins
Rod Reyes	Bill O'Brien
Betty Falotico	Katie Travelstead
Keith Kellogg	Shanklin
Lisa Mischke	Roman Stankiewicz
David Zilligen	Charles Brown
Eduardo Perez	Reginald Dulaca
Maria Domitila Zam-	Melody Cook
brano de Polanco	Jeanne Tan
Rafael Gloria	Gemma Olaiz
Collen Wishall	Giovanni Deligero
Silvia Pinedo	Holly Wall Freund
Consuelo Vargas	Maureen Hisel
Juan Miguel Currea	April Grandgeorge
Gloria de Cardenas	Eileen Boyle
Helena Sznicer	Toni Mengarelli
George Lawrence	Dan Garrett
Michael Miller	Rosa LaBellarte
Cynthia D. Caudell	Sharon Browning
Glafira Bunsen	Donna Kalinoski
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Dan Garrett
Gino LaBellarte	Ruth Blood
Dianne Scirri	Kay Breuscher
Pat Wilson	Rachel Ciullo
Kimmy Cozart	Lynn Malorey
Mark Wilson	Maria LaBellarte
Pat Gundrum	Tony LaBellarte
	Kailey Porter

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

*John Sattler
Sharon Cobb
Krystyna Borecka
Simon Flores
Zofia Mrozek
Savannah Schultz
Michael Miller
Charles Lucas
Eileen Boyle*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

7:30AM BCBP CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM
 9:30AM FUNERAL - MILLER
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:30PM BAPTISM - ESCOTO
 1:00PM BAPTISM - LORENZEN
 1:30PM BAPTISM - OKCZYK
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

7:30AM MASS
 9:00AM OCIA
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS
 6:00PM LIFETEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

7:30AM MASS
 6:30PM ITF Q&A
 7:00PM LENTEN HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 2:00PM FAITH SHARING
 4:00PM OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 6:15PM HANDBELL REHEARSAL
 6:30PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:30AM MASS
 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
 5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1
 7:00PM HOLY WEEK CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:30AM MORNING PRAYER AND ROSARY
 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 8:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

7:30AM MORNING PRAYER, DIVINE
 MERCY NOVENA AND ROSARY

5:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
 7:30AM MORNING PRAYER, DIVINE
 MERCY NOVENA AND ROSARY
 8:00AM LEGAL CLINIC
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
 2:00PM BASKET BLESSING - ŚWIĘCONKA
 7:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS (CHILDREN'S CHOIR)

APRIL 4/5 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 7:00PM	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Debbie Williams Mike Biarnesen	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Fr. Chris Dns. Ivan & Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Keith Kouba Jan O'Brien	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Fr. Joe Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Mary Maus Lisa Seifried	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Sheila Tinetti Anna Richardt	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	SIGN-UP ONLINE IN WEEKEND MASSES	Fr. Martin Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28/29TH

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross presented by teens after Sun. 5pm Mass

MORNING MASS
- 7:30AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

- Memorial Garden, Tuesday - 4pm

MORNING PRAYER
- 7:30AM

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Adoration - after Mass-11:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy - 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Blessing of Easter Food - 2:00pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy - 7:00pm

HOLY WEEK



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

Masses - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

No 5:00pm Mass

DINE FOR A CAUSE

PRIMO **FATMANS** LAKEHOUSE *Lola's* **Pot's**
italian american cuisine 860 PIZZA POLLEYBALL BAR + GRILL + BANQUET TACOS & TEQUILA SUPPER CLUB

TEN
ROYAL - CONFIDENT SERVICE - FRIENDSHIP

Visit any of our locations during Lent
 and 10% of your food bill will be donated to
 Knights of Columbus- Divine Mercy Council 1112 charities

Knights of Columbus
 Fundraiser benefitting
 St Paul The Apostle, Gurnee

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry
 Every Friday Night
 at Fatmans & LakeHouse Restaurant

Make a reservation
www.khayatenterprises.com

Valid during Lent
 Must present this ad at the time of ordering.

No one should travel their grief journey alone. Please join us if you have lost a loved one and would benefit from support and encouragement in a non-judgemental environment.

Next meetings:

April 1 at 3 pm, Rm 32

April 15 at 6:30 pm, Rm 15

Contact Sandy Gbur,
 Certified Grief Educator
 sgbur@spa.church | 708-217-2209

You are cordially invited to the 2nd informational session to learn more about the **Ignite the Future Campaign.**



Please join us on **March 30th at 6:30pm in the Lower Level.**

The meeting will include a presentation, a Q&A session, and a time to hear participants' opinions, and will also help build momentum and increase awareness on the given topics.

Please register on our website.

We look forward to sharing this important event with you.



OPERATION RICE BOWL 2026



Once again, our parish family is uniting to combat hunger in this world of ours. Our religious education students are leading this effort by doing their best to fill Rice Bowls this Lent. They'll do extra chores, share their allowances, and anything else they can think of to lead us in this year's campaign. If you'd like to help, please pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space or use any container at home to store the loose change (and cash, of course!) that you can spare to feed the hungry. You can also give online on the parish website. Our parish family never misses an opportunity to help others. This Lent, conditions in this world and here at home indicate that our help is more crucial than ever. Thank you for all we know that you'll do to help!



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TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail:

835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:

annualcatholicappeal.com



2026 Lenten Almsgiving

In partnership with Catholic Extension Society, St. Paul of the Apostle Parish is supporting **the missionary priests and Catholic communities of Wyoming**. Your Lenten almsgiving helps sustain priests who serve vast rural areas, strengthens parish life, and plants seeds of faith in young people who are discovering God’s love.

Your generosity this Lent will help raise up future missionaries and support faith-filled communities that persevere despite distance, isolation, and limited resources.

What Is It Like to Be Catholic in Wyoming?

Wyoming is a land of breathtaking beauty—and extraordinary challenges for the Catholic Church.

- Wyoming spans **98,000 square miles**, and the **Diocese of Cheyenne covers the entire state** *(That’s 70 times larger than the Archdiocese of Chicago!)*
- Only **586,000 people** live in Wyoming, compared to **9.4 million** in the Chicago area
- There are just **36 Catholic parishes and 34 missions** statewide
- That means **one Catholic church every 1,380 square miles** *(In Chicago, there’s one every 4 square miles)*



**St. Edward Mission Church, Kinnear, WY
(Population 44)**

Life for Catholics in Wyoming looks very different from life in urban dioceses.

If you’ve never been to Wyoming, it’s hard to imagine the vast distances.

The Diocese of Cheyenne describes itself this way:

“Our state is a land of wide-open spaces and sparsely populated towns, but our people are faith-filled and tightly-knit, bound together by a love of God, country, community, and a Western spirit unique to this special place.”



Fr. Chris Ciastoń leads parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven Mission in prayer



Faith That Endures the Distance



Fr. Brian Hess drives 150 miles every Sunday between 3 parishes in rural WY

Missionary priests often travel hundreds of miles to bring the sacraments to their people. For example, **Fr. Brian Hess**, pastor of three parishes, drives **150 miles every Sunday** to celebrate Mass in each community—often in difficult weather conditions. Despite these challenges, Catholics in Wyoming deeply cherish their parishes. In small towns with few Catholics, the parish becomes family. This spirit of faith bears fruit. **Fr. Lee Noel of Cheyenne** credits the St. Paul's Newman Center in Laramie with helping him discern his call to priesthood. The **University of Wyoming**, the state's only four-year university, is also home to the **only campus ministry for young adults in the entire state**. Youth and young adult evangelization is essential—and it depends on outside support.

How Your Lenten Almsgiving Helps

100% of the funds collected will go directly to supporting missionary priests and parish communities in Wyoming.

Lenten Wish List

- \$5,000** – Salary support for a Campus Ministry Coordinator
Establish student leadership teams and community engagement
- \$2,000** – Support the Religious Education program in Riverton, WY for one year
Curriculum, books, supplies, and catechist training
- \$1,500** – Provide dinners for 13 RE students for one year
- \$800** – Vestments and linens for missionary priests
- \$600** – Sponsor a young adult to attend a retreat
- \$500** – Sponsor a middle school student to attend a youth gathering
- \$300** – Improved phone and internet access for a mission parish cluster
- \$100** – Gas for Fr. Hess' 150-mile Sunday travel
- \$80** – Gas for a priest traveling 60+ miles to a mission church
- \$60** – Books and supplies for one RE student
- \$35** – Groceries for a family at a mission church
- \$20** – Devotional kits for families
- \$15** – Soccer ball for a youth group

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of God's work in Wyoming this Lenten season.

Join Us for
Bible Study

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Bible Study will begin March 25 at the Parish House. We will be doing a 9-week overview of the Wisdom Books: Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and the Book of Wisdom, and applying it to practical areas of our life like relationships, speech, finances, aging, making decisions, and finding God's will. The lectures by Jeff Cavins are excellent, and there is a workbook/journal for \$25 payable at class. The 2 classes at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM are the same material; please specify which class when you sign up on the Church website. Questions and sign-up can also be sent to Barbara Wagner (847) 767 - 1202 or barbarawagner25@earthlink.net.

All are welcome, even if you are new to the Bible!

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The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit **our website** or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the Gathering Space.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 18 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will receive the results this spring/summer, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!



Ministers of Care

What is the Ministry of Care? It is a group of parishioners who have been trained and commissioned to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to members of our parish who are sick and unable to attend Mass, including those who are homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

We have several Ministers of Care available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Please contact Doug Nieman at 847-715-6798 or dougnieman791@gmail.com, and one of our ministers will be in touch to schedule a visit.

For those interested in joining this ministry, please contact Doug Nieman. Training opportunities will be available in Lake Zurich in April 2026; more details will follow in future bulletins.

Divine Mercy Novena

- Good Friday - Holy Saturday - after the 7:30am Prayer Service
- after Easter after the 7:30am Mass.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

- April 12th at 3pm



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You are cordially invited to join the **Waukegan 40 Days For Life Campaign** for a special closing event on Day 41 of the spring 2026 campaign to end abortion featuring Fr. Jim Heyd and Victor Vallejo.

What: Light the Night Waukegan Day 41
Where: Waukegan Planned Parenthood
1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan
When: Monday, March 30th at 7:00 pm
Notes: Bring your own light.
Ample Parking Available at Tony's Fresh Market.

Questions: Contact Leslie at (847) 951-1064
40daysforlife.com/waukegan



Circle of Women invites women to their meeting on April 11th at 9:30 am.

All women are welcome. Bring friends!

Circle of Women meets on the 2nd Saturday 9:30am each month for a new topic.

Each session is separate. Consistent attendance is not required. Breakfast is provided. We gather in a sacred space of trust. We are women rooted in faith, called to share that faith with each other or just come and listen if that is what you need.

Circle of Women



April 11th at 9:30am



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EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HELP WITH LOCATING AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND OTHER SERVICES AIMED AT ADDRESSING ALL ISSUES A PERSON OR FAMILY MAY BE FACING WITH THE INTENT OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED POSITIVE CHANGE.

Crisis Support Resources

DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT:

Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911
988

FOOD PANTRIES:

Avon Township: 847-546-1446

Holy Family: 847-782-4166

Saint Anastasia: 847-623-2112

Warren Township: 847-244-1101



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
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SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00AM

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