

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 17	\$522
DPAA Rebate	\$540

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat. Mar. 23	5:00 PM	For Pete & Sandy Collins (L)
Sun. Mar. 24	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Mar. 25	8:00 AM	For †Jerome Groeschen
Tue. Mar. 26	8:00 AM	For the Ehlman Family (L & †)
Wed. Mar. 27	8:00 AM	For †John Lomax
Thur. Mar. 28	7:00 PM	For Special Intention of Patty Neuspickel
Fri. Mar. 29	3:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (EASTER)

Sat. Mar. 30	7:30 PM	For †Madeline Ledford
Sun. Mar. 31	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Imogene Fisk, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Jim Wolfe, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Pax Minch, and Jeff Ralenkotter and family on the death of their father Joseph.

BIRTHDAYS—Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 9-Sarah Gripshover, Mar. 11-Bill Kappesser, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 18-Elissa Baker, Mar. 21-Howard Kluesener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27-Tim Schlachter, Mar. 29-Esther Cooper, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman

ANNIVERSARY— Mar. 14-Andy and Shelli Schroder, Mar. 17-Tim and Ella Dickerson

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 24, 2024

CHRISM MASS— Tues. March 26 at 7PM at the Cathedral in Covington.

PALM SUNDAY OPPORTUNITY—St. Catherine is hosting an event about enduring suffering by focusing on the inexhaustible gift of God’s Divine Mercy. A local couple and their children will speak on their children’s extremely painful rare skin disease requiring extensive daily care. At the beginning of COVID, 12 yr. old Carson started praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on FB for the end of the pandemic and people’s personal intentions. His humble gesture of faith went viral. EWTN interviewed him and received 1 million views worldwide. Do not miss this beautiful witness from a young man who recognizes he does not suffer in vain, and instead offers up his suffering for others. This is family friendly. Doors open at 6:30 and the event starts at 7pm. No charge.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LOSS OF A CHILD—A memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 11 at 7PM. Very Rev. Ryan Maher will be the celebrant. This Mass is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child through any means of death. All are welcome.

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal is \$13,000. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail.

EASTER BASKETS—Fr. Straub will be offering the traditional blessing of Easter baskets after Mass next Sunday. Please feel free to bring your baskets and leave in the gathering space until after Mass.

EASTER FLOWERS—Please get any donations in for Easter flowers before Good Friday if you would like your memorial/”in honor of” recognized in the Easter bulletin.

LECTOR—March 24-Bill Funke, March 31- Rita Funke

CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; one main meal; two other lesser meals may be consumed which must not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc.); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc.) permitted

Other circumstances may merit a dispensation from these rules (pregnancy, disease, etc); please talk with Fr. Straub if you have any issues or questions or would like a dispensation from these rules.

FROM THE PASTOR – HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week of the Church’s liturgical calendar: Holy Week. This is the week of suffering and salvation, the week for which Jesus was born into the world. Palm Sunday gives us both joy and sorrow, for we hear and join in the triumphant entrance of Christ the King into His royal city Jerusalem, while we also hear His sorrowful passion and death. At the bare minimum, Palm Sunday gives us a miniature Holy Week so that we are prepared for Easter.

While we should make every effort to participate in the solemn liturgies of these most important days of the year, we cannot relegate their celebration to the church. We should do all we can to join ourselves to the mystery of each day. How ought we to observe Holy Week in our daily lives?

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. We also enter into the suffering of Our Lord by doing as He asked: “Could you not watch one hour with me?” (Mt 26:40) I encourage you to make the time to pray after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper for one hour before the church closes at midnight. As far as in our homes, we could have a larger supper to rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist, and to prepare ourselves for the fast.

Good Friday is the great day of sacrifice and death. We not only have to abstain from meat and most food altogether through our fasting, but we ought to abstain from serious work and pray about the Passion of Christ. I encourage each one of you to take either the whole day or the afternoon off from your work so that you may either participate in the solemn liturgy at 3 PM or to observe the hours of Jesus’ crucifixion in silent prayer and meditation in your homes. Stay off the devices and look to the Cross.

Holy Saturday is still a day of penance until the Easter Vigil has begun. Holy Mother Church encourages us to maintain the Good Friday fast and abstinence throughout that day as well. You could spend the day in prayer, meditating upon the fact that Jesus has experienced that same death

that we must experience one day, and how we ought to pray to Him, along with St. Joseph, for a blessed death, in hope of rising again.

I hope that you will be able to join us in following the sorrowful way of Christ up Calvary, and to finish Lent on a strong note, so that we may indeed rejoice at the day the Lord has made on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Jacob Straub

