



Immaculate Conception Church

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CLUSTER SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses

Immaculate Conception (IC) 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)..... 7:00 PM

Sunday Masses

Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:00 AM
St. Teresa 10:00 AM

Weekdays Masses/Communion Services

Monday Immaculate Conception..... 7:30 AM
OLG Communion Service 8:00 AM
Tuesday IC..... 7:30 AM
OLG 8:00 AM
Wednesday IC Communion Service 7:30 AM
OLG 7:00 PM
St. Teresa 7:00 PM
Thursday IC 7:30 AM
Friday OLG..... 8:00 AM
IC 9:00 AM (7:30 AM if no 9:00 AM
School Mass scheduled)

RECONCILIATION

IC Saturday 11:00 AM
OLG Saturday 6:15-6:45 PM
St. Teresa Wednesday 6:30 PM
Anytime by calling the parish office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS

Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. Sessions are held at 12:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms are at 12:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

WEDDINGS

Please phone the parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

Please come to the parish office to register. If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please inform the parish office.

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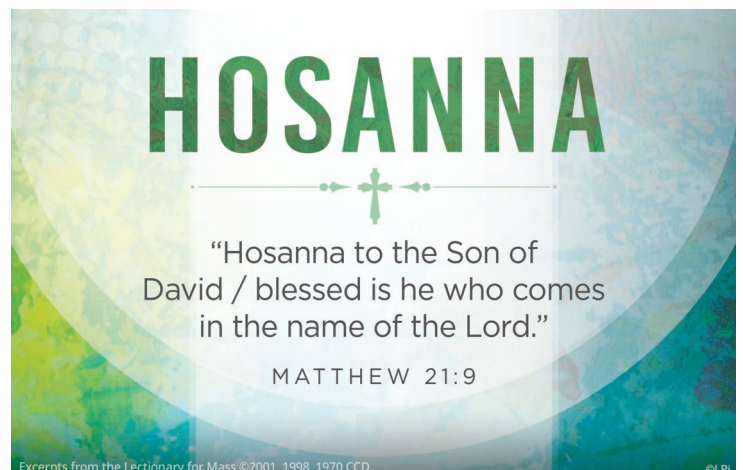
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5, 2020

Holy Week Easter Services 2020 Revised due to Coronavirus

Palm Sunday

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year. It is a time that calls us to immerse ourselves ever more deeply in the life, death and resurrection of Christ and to experience again the life-saving power of Christ that brings Easter joy! With the suspension of all public masses/liturgies due to the coronavirus, we seem to be immersing ourselves more deeply into the death of Christ this year, but we also need to remember the fullness of the paschal mystery that leads to life again. We pray that the Lord may bring healing to all those afflicted and affected and healing to our world.

Closed Door Holy Week Services Broadcast online at www.celina-ic.org

Palm Sunday Mass, Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 PM—celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Chrism Mass – On Tuesday of Holy Week, only the Deans of the Archdiocese will gather together with Archbishop Schnurr for the Chrism Mass. Here the sacred Chrism Oil, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. Normally, it is a time for priests to recommit themselves as servants of the Church. We too will need to do so online.

The Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter.

Holy Thursday Mass, April 9th at 6:30 PM Here we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist in a most unusual way this year receiving spiritual communion. Normally, the washing of feet is a reminder of our call to service, but omitted this year. The Holy Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish. ***Online adoration will continue until 8 PM.***

Good Friday, April 10th at 1:00 PM We celebrate the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A barren and empty church with a wooden cross becomes our focus. The path to Easter joy must go through Good Friday. Even the death and affliction of the coronavirus will lead to Easter joy. ***Online veneration of the cross will continue until 2:30 PM.***

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 11th at 5:00 PM The Easter candles from each cluster parish, symbols of Christ, are blest. Sojourners in the rite of Christian Initiation, desiring to join us through the waters of Baptism and as fully initiated members in our Catholic faith will be postponed until a later date. Even in the midst of the pain and suffering caused by the coronavirus, we know the joy of Easter will still resound as Alleluias ring out.

Easter Sunday – April 12th at 8:00 AM We continue to celebrate that Christ the Lord has risen and that one day we shall join in the glory and majesty of His Resurrection.

We pray the richness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter fill your hearts even in this time of crisis.

Fr. Ken & Fr. Tim

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 6

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Steve Grimes

Tuesday, April 7

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Mort Heckler,
Larry Wendel

Wednesday, April 8

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Fred Zeik

Thursday, April 9

Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Tom Grimm, Dan Pease,
Linus & Bernadetta Schulze,
Adrianna Selveggio

Friday, April 10

Good Friday

1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

Closed Door 5:00 p.m. For all affected by
COVID 19

Sunday, April 12

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. People of the Celina
Cluster

Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/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 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/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 [cf. 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: 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] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

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 Mt 28:1-10
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Reflections for Palm Sunday

Today we begin to remember the mystery of our salvation as we enter into this Holy week. This year will be much different than all of us can remember – as we find ourselves “sheltered at home” socially isolated from others.

Today we hear (or perhaps read) Matthew’s account of the passion and death of Jesus. What strikes me most in the passion narratives is the completely human and utterly shabby circumstances in which Christ died.

Take for example the behavior of his friends. Was there ever such a complete let-down? Judas was one of the specially chosen twelve. One can feel the hurt, almost the unbelief in Christ’s gentle words, “Friend, do what you have come for.” One could almost stomach the betrayal of Judas had the other eleven remained faithful. But one short line tells their story “Then all the disciples left him and fled.” And Peter, surely not Peter. Think of all those miracles Christ worked while Peter was by his side. He raised the dead child to life, set him walking on water, was transfigured before him. Only a few short hours before, Peter had boasted, “Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be,” but at a distance, a safe distance. And when he was cornered with a jibe or two from a servant girl looking for notice, Peter the Rock disintegrated. “He began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man.” That must really have hurt Jesus. “And Jesus turning looked at Peter and Peter went out and wept bitterly.” And these were his friends, his only friends. The people he lived with and loved. The people he showered his miracles on and shared his secrets with. And not one of them lifted a finger for him.

How does the Passion story relate to us? The Passion is the means of our salvation. But it is more, it is often the story of our lives. There isn’t a part in the whole script that we have not played to perfection. Peter in his pride and Peter in his fall and, hopefully, Peter in his repentance too. We’d mirror the disciples who fled at the first sign of danger, or the scornful spirit of Caiaphas and the high priests, eager to reform others while ignoring themselves. And Judas? Let’s face it, there’s a Judas element in all of us. And who among us hasn’t experienced betrayal and suffering in our lives?

Over the years I have listened and talked with people, they often look at Jesus’ life and think they could never be like him – after all He’s God. Yet more often than not, it’s in the little things in life that we often come to know God.

I was thinking of this as I reflected on the pandemic we find ourselves in today. I was struck by the way that something as tiny as a virus has had such a great effect on the world. A virus ranges in size

from about 20 to 400 nanometers in diameter (1 nanometer = 10^{-9} or 0.000000001 meters). By contrast, the smallest bacteria are about 400 nanometers in size. That’s quite an impact for something so tiny!

Perhaps we might use this time to reflect on the little things in our lives and consider the impact these have in our life and the lives of others. May you find on this day and in in this Holy Week ways in which you can encounter God in the small ways of your lives.

Fr. Tim

Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially John T. Roth.

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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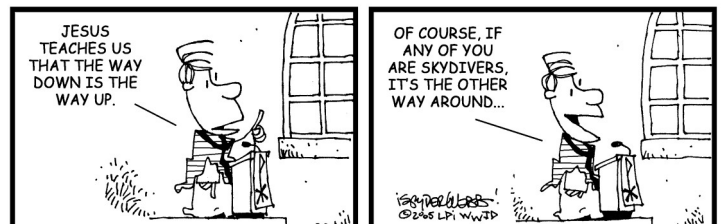
Radio Rosary

Tune in to the Radio Rosary every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WCSM (96.7 FM). Let us pray to end the Coronavirus pandemic. This weekly rosary is sponsored by individuals and various church related groups.



Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember Immaculate Conception Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

PALM SUNDAY



Empty Bowls Dinner Cancelled, Auction Moved Online

Our Home Family Resource Center launched the Empty Bowls Mercer County 2020 Campaign in Mid-December with a goal to raise \$27,500 never imagining the challenges that they are now facing.

In keeping with Ohio Governor DeWine's directive to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the dinner portion of Empty Bowls Mercer County had been cancelled, and the loss of dinner ticket sales, raffle proceeds, and income from the auction puts the organization's ability to meet this year's goal in jeopardy.

In response, Our Home is hard at work transitioning the Empty Bowls Auction to an online format. The online auction will be open to the general public and will feature donations from local and regional theme parks, zoos, cultural and sporting events, plus gift cards and certificates from local restaurants and boutiques.

The online auction will take place on Our Home's Facebook Page www.facebook.com/OURHomeFRC/ April 4th through April 20th. There will be five (5) items offered per day for 15 consecutive days. Each item will be featured in an individual post which will include a picture and full description of the item. Bidders will have 48 hours to place the winning bid.

Stewardship Offering March 22

Envelopes/online (103)	\$ 14,457.00
Loose	<u>1987.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 16,444.00
Weekly Offering:	\$ 16,444.00
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,600.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 1,844.00
YTD Total Collection:	\$557,529.83
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>554,800.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	\$ 2,729.83

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 visit www.celina-ic.org and click Donate.

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Stations of the Cross

Question:

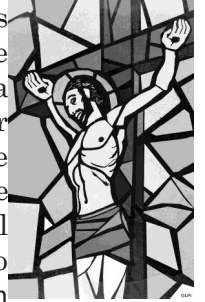
Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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Sign of the Cross

Question:

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

Answer:

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.

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