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Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

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April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38

Mass Intentions

MON. April 11, Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am Joseph Ganshirt
+ Stefan Zawalski

TUES. April 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 am + Helen Tokarski

WED. April 13, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am + Mathai Joseph (anniversary)
+ Maria Kowalski (5th anniversary)

THURS. April 14, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm

FRI. April 15, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 am

SAT. April 16, Holy Saturday

7:00 pm + Bernice and Eugene Gaskin

SUN. April 17, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am
12:00 pm

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Conrado DeGuzman

and for his family and friends.

Prayer Requests



Please pray for our Sick

*Liam Herling, Mary Lourdes Jose
Gina Brettman, Paul Labant,
James Kuczma, Theresa Crane,
Nicholas Nardella, Olive Greer, Kathy Kenney,
Margaret Ludden, Patricia Klencik
Tom Birt, Josefina Hernandez,
Charles Scherer, Bill Bradford,
Chris Childers, Patrick W. Kamm,
Kenny Mounts, Kenneth Bransky,
Anne Bartelli, Maria Hernandez Johnson,
Michelle Hohmeier Ryan, Dawn Vail,
Frank Fergus, James Ouper,
The Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse,
Ray Hoffelt, Craig Grant, Carrie Kuczak
Milagros O. Cave, Brendan Nelson,
Sr. Florine Licavoli, Ralph Kudsk,
Joan Roth, Rita Mashechko, Sarah Williams,
Bill Bradford, Debra Nelson, John Kearns
Betty Kroll, Frank Polieher, John Calandra,
Terry Finn, Laverne Nardella
and those intentions on the Parish app.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless

acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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Sgt Scott Pekar (Marines)
SGT Joseph Konieczny (Army)
Bernard Brennan (Marines)
Private 2 Tyler A. Woelke (Army)
Lt. Col. Daniel C. Ouper (Air Force)
Joseph A. Casey (Navy)
SPC David A. Torres (Army)
Brandon Lee Logan (Marines)

CPT Patrick J. Collins (Army)
CPT Dan Allen (Army)
Mike Janson (Navy)
Sgt. Benjamin Juhasz (Marines)
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From Fr. Brendan's Desk

"Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself, (I am large, I contain multitudes)." So wrote the American poet Walt Whitman in number 51 of his *Song of Myself*. I can't help but think of this passage as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We hear two very, very different Gospel readings in this most unusual Mass. The first is Jesus entering Jerusalem triumphant. People are welcoming him as a great prophet and as a savior. Indeed, we hear that this is how he entered Jerusalem the final time. Yet just a few days later, as we hear in the second Gospel today, people are clamoring for Jesus to be tortured to death as they believe that he is mocking God, not understanding that he is God. In the Mass, we go from a triumphant, grand entrance procession to hearing the words of the psalmist, which Jesus says on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" We go from glory to darkness, and we go there rapidly. How did things get out of control so quickly in ancient Jerusalem?

On the one hand, we can easily explain this by saying that there are two different crowds of people. Jesus has a popular following, and that frightens others. So, it's not like the crowd is suddenly shifting, it's two different crowds, the normal crowd and the powerful, elite crowd. I suppose that's one way to read this. But is it possible that there were people who were, one day, welcoming Jesus in triumph and a few days later clamoring for his head? As crazy as it might sound, I think that could have happened. Okay, people do often have certain core beliefs that aren't going to change, and certainly won't change in just a few days. But I think there's part of each of us that can be rather fickle. Whether we like it or not, there is a part of us that is willing to take a position just because it's convenient for us, not because it's a principle that we hold dear.

We see that fickleness in society as well as in individuals. It's easy, I think, for anyone to jump on a bandwagon that appears popular. We as human beings have a tendency to want to fit in with those around us. We tend to think that people should adapt to the customs of the group. In some ways, that's not even a bad thing. After all, we need people to buy into the concept of the rule of law for society to exist. When a member of society is behaving in a destructive way, peer pressure can be a good thing to get him or her to acknowledge the needs of others. But, as we see today and throughout history, it can be a huge problem as well. We see the mob demanding Jesus' crucifixion. Elsewhere, we see the history of racism and sexism, the pogroms and the Holocaust, the Communist revolutions that destroy their own, and even the bullying that occurs on the playground or around the water cooler. It is easy for any of us to follow the wrong message.

I think it's easy for us to say, "Fine, but I would never do that!" But that's a dangerous way to think, isn't it? After all, Saint Peter, our first Pope, swore up and down to Jesus that he would never deny our Lord. Yet, when Jesus is being persecuted, Peter immediately denies Jesus three separate times. In our weakness, it is easy for us to be fickle and to follow Jesus only when it is convenient. Let us pray, on this Palm Sunday, that we might have the love of the Blessed Mother and Saint John to walk with Jesus even when it is difficult. Let us pray that the contradictions in our lives might be resolved and that we might be single-hearted for God.

We do contain contradictions, but God is pure goodness. Let us strive to be like God, confess our sins and root out the contradictions in our lives. It will mean walking with Jesus to the cross, but the cross is the source of life eternal.

Holy Week Schedule for St. Robert Bellarmine campus

Sat. April 9 - 5 pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday (Church)
 Sun. April 10 - Palm Sunday
 Masses at 10 am & 12 noon (Church)
 Wed. April 13 - 9 am Eucharistic Adoration ending with
 1 pm Benediction (Church)
 Thu. April 14 - Holy Thursday
 7 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (Church)
 Church will remain open until 10 pm
 Fri. April 15 - Good Friday
 3 pm Only - Stations of the Cross (Church)
 7 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)
 Sat. April 16 - Holy Saturday
 1 pm Blessing of Baskets (Church)
 7 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil (Church)
 Sun. April 17 - Easter Sunday
 Masses at 10 am and 12 noon (Church)

Soul Food

Join fellow parishioners and Deacon Bill as we spend time with Sunday Scriptures:

- Preparing to hear God's Word
- Learning more about Scripture
- Asking what Scripture is saying to me
- Growing spiritually with others

Wednesday mornings from 9am - 10am
 in the Convent Dining Room at the
 St. Robert Bellarmine campus.

All are Welcome - no weekly commitment
 required. Come when you can.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 15 at 3:00pm



The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness
 to Jesus' Passion and Death.

At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect
 prayerfully upon Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection,
 and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's
 love for us.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING LENT

ADORATION SCHEDULE

8:00am	-	Rosary (English)
8:30am	-	Holy Mass (English)
9:00am	-	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:00pm	-	Benediction

Volunteers needed for Holy Week



Holy Week

Please join us as we prepare the Church for Holy Week liturgies. Volunteers are needed for the following days:

Thursday April 14 at 9am

Friday April 15 at 9am

Saturday April 16 at 9am

Schedule Reminder

There will be no 8:30 am Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.



**Blessing of Baskets
will take place on
Holy Saturday, April 16
at 1 pm
in Church**



Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 10, 2022

Reading I

Is 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.

Reading II

Phil 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.

Today's Gospel is the Passion of the Lord according to St. Luke Lk 22:14 — 23:56. and can be found at:
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041022.cfm>

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 11

Is 42: 1-7 / Jn 12: 1-11

Tuesday, April 12

Is 49: 1-6 / Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 13

Is 50: 4-9a / Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday, April 14

Ex 12: 1-8, 11-24 / 1 Cor 11: 23-26 / Jn 13: 1-15

Friday, April 15

Is 52: 13—53: 12 / Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 /
Jn 18: 1—19: 42

Saturday, April 16

Gn 1: 1—2: 2 / Gn 22: 1-18 / Ex 14: 15—15: 1 /
Is 54: 5-14 / Is 55: 1-11 / Bar 3: 9-15, 32—4: 4 /
Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6: 3-11 / Lk 24: 1-12

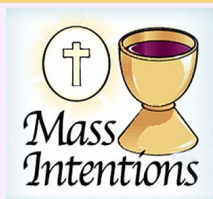
Sunday, April 17

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 / Col 3: 1-4 / Jn 20: 1-9

Daily Gospel Reflections

As many of you know, Deacon Bill has been posting daily Gospel reflections on Facebook. In addition, he has now added a blog particularly for those people who don't have Facebook.

To view the blog, go to: <https://deaconbillfrere.blogspot.com>



The Mass Intention Book is open. Please stop by the parish office to schedule a mass.

Mass intentions are available for Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

The masses for St. Robert Bellarmine Campus will be:

Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday at 7:00 pm

and

Easter Sunday at 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

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March 14, 2022

Father Robert Lojek
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Dear Fr. Robert, Barbara, and parishioners:

Thank you so much for participating in the 2021 Baby Bottle campaign and for the generous donation of **\$2,619.21** raised by your parish.

We are thankful to all that participated in making the project a great success, especially during this pandemic. We are grateful your parish continues to support our Life Saving Mission.

The Baby Bottle Project is an essential part of our organization's fundraising, so it is an incredible blessing to us and the women and babies we serve that we can count on your support year after year.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. Not only do we help them choose life for their babies, but then we are able to provide them with much needed material assistance and emotional support. We have over 3,500 appointments with women and their children every year and give away over \$500,000 in material goods.

We want to express to you, Barbara, the office staff, and everyone involved at your parish our sincere appreciation. Please know we are truly grateful for the parish's outstanding generosity.

May God bless you and thank you so much for continuing to support the lifesaving work at TWC!

Sincerely,

Janet Back
Manager of Fundraising

Donations to restore our Monstrance

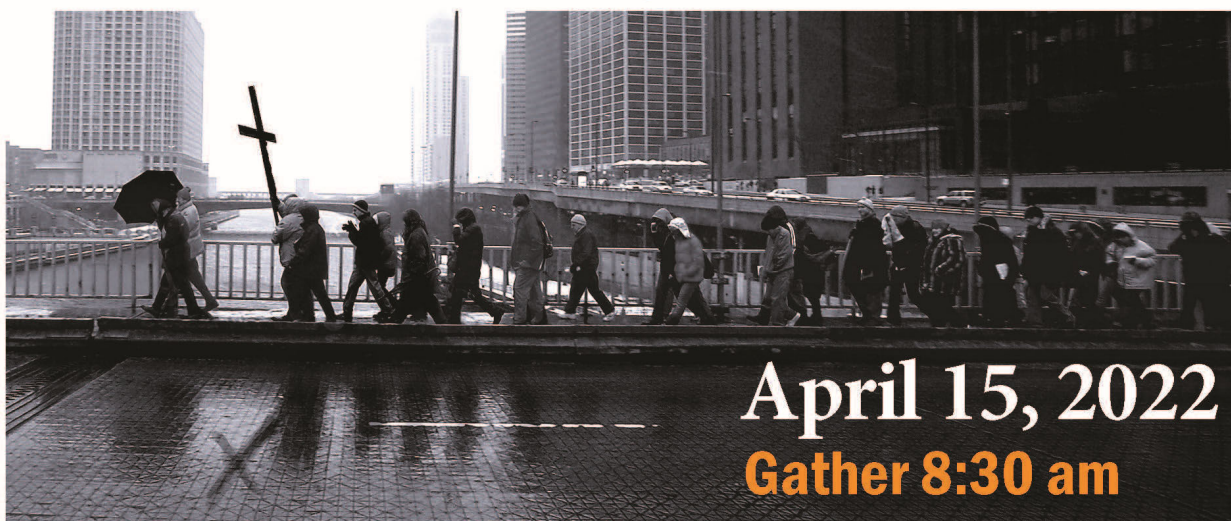


SRB's, possibly 90 year old monstrance, is in desperate need of repair. The cross is coming off and other maintenance issues need to be taken care of this very significant piece. We have a quote of \$500. We are asking if anyone can please make a donation. It is an important piece for adoration, May crowning and other church services.

Checks made out to St Robert Bellarmine with Monstrance in register can be placed in offertory baskets.

The Way of the Cross

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2022



April 15, 2022
Gather 8:30 am

Procession with Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob, and Most Rev. Mark Bartosic, auxiliary bishops of Chicago. Reflections by Fr. Connor Danstrom, director and chaplain of the Newman Center at UIC.

DALEY PLAZA

(Dearborn/Washington)

8:45 a.m. – Introduction

9:00 a.m. – The walk begins

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Tentative Route

DALEY PLAZA

(Dearborn/Washington)

8:30 a.m. – Gather

VETERANS MEMORIAL

(Riverwalk @ State/Wacker)

WRIGLEY BUILDING

(Michigan @ Chicago River)

WATER TOWER PLAZA

(Michigan/Chicago)

11:15 a.m. – The walk ends

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

(State/Superior)

12:00 p.m. – Conclusion



The Queen is Back!

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\$50	0210	Theresa Yamate	\$50	1306	James & Dolores Mancuso
\$50	0622	Dan Davis	\$50	0322	Valerie Holt

ON PAIN, AND TWO OTHER THINGS

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I'm squeamish. I don't do well with blood. Mine, or anybody else's. My son called the other day just as I was sitting down to write this column. His wife Annie was working with a piece of equipment at her job a few days prior and nicked two fingers. Badly. Paul said it took a long time for the bleeding to stop, and Annie's hand was heavily bandaged when the medical team was through with her. The wound is healing, but as Paul was telling me the details, my body cringed. Really.

It cringed the same way it cringes when I pay close attention to the Sorrowful Mysteries as I'm praying the rosary. I get no physical reaction from the Agony in the Garden or the Carrying of the Cross. But the Scourging at the Pillar? My body cringes when I ponder the whip digging into our Lord's flesh. It cringes when I ponder the crown of thorns pressing into his head. It cringes when I ponder the nails driving into his hands and feet. Cringe. Cringe. Cringe. Really.

And now, the Church gives me the evangelist Luke's Passion narrative to ponder. Nooooooo... And yet, there is not much physical pain and suffering here. Sure, Luke tells us that "The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him." And Luke tells us this, from Pilate: "I shall have him flogged..." And finally, Luke tells us this: "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there."

Not that I'm looking for it--and I'm not looking for it--but the physical pain and suffering of Jesus do not play heavily into Luke's Passion narrative. In truth, I see more of it in my mind's eye when I ponder the Sorrowful Mysteries. Hence, the cringing. And of course, movies like Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* give blood and gore a starring role. I caught some of the film on a Spanish-speaking channel a few weeks ago. I didn't understand all of the dialogue, but I understood the blood, and it made me turn away.

No, Jesus's physical pain and suffering are not what Luke is about. By my reading, Luke is about two other things, though. He's about Jesus's example of dying for others. Not on the cross, but in service. Throughout the narrative, Jesus empties himself--as the Apostle Paul puts it in the second reading--to fill up those around him. From telling his disciples as much early on ("let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant") to pardoning his tormentors ("Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"), Jesus shows us the way.

And I think the primary thing on Luke's mind is Jesus's innocence. Pilate acknowledges it four times. Herod essentially acknowledges it by returning Jesus to Pilate. One of the bad guys crucified with Jesus acknowledges it. And when Jesus breathes his last, we get this from the centurion who has witnessed it all: "This man was innocent beyond doubt." I still cringe thinking about Annie's wound. I still cringe thinking about the Scourging, the Crowning with Thorns, the Crucifixion. But when I really ponder Luke's narrative in its entirety, I'm not squeamish at all. Instead, I'm thankful, humbled, awed. Even as the lump in my throat begins to form. Really.

April 14—April 17, 2022

Mass	Presider	Servers	Lectors	Auxiliary Ministers
Thursday 7:00 PM	Fr. Scott Donahue	J. Sarau-Young, E. Mulcrone, B. Mulcrone	Ginger Frere Marilyn Skowron	Kathy Ernst, Kathleen Fergus, Deacon Bill Frere
Friday 7:00 PM	Fr. Scott Donahue	M. Mezydlo, A. Wojcik, E. Wojcik	Edward Day Daniel Gandor	Kathy Ernst, Ginger Frere, Deacon Bill Frere
Saturday 7:00 PM	Fr. Robert Lojek	J. Sarau-Young, AJ Paz, N. Paz, M. Mezydlo	Daniel Gandor Jane Hearnin Pat Zybur	Kathleen Fergus, David Nowak, Deacon Bill Frere
Sunday 10:00 AM	Fr. Brendan Guilfoil	E. Wojcik, A. Wojcik, K. Begovic	Edward Day	Ogie Cave, Paul Eifert, Kathy Ernst
Sunday 12:00 PM	Fr. Brendan Guilfoil	J. Perez, L. Perez	Daniel Gandor	Pastora Gandor, Mary Ann Glowacz

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Bulletin Deadline:

Thursday 12 Noon 10 days in advance
Submit articles via email:
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in person at the rectory or fax 773.777.2770

Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Weekends - Saturday Evening at 5:00 p.m.,
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Saturday- 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Weddings

Arrangements to be made with a priest
at least six months in advance.
Please contact the rectory for date and time
availability before making other arrangements.

Baptisms

Celebrated the second and fourth
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Parents need to register at the rectory office.
Baptismal preparation class for first time
Parents and Godparents is offered on the last
Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Please note: there are no baptisms scheduled
during the season of Lent.

Confessions/Reconciliations

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Third Wednesday of every month.
Adoration begins after 8:30 a.m. mass.
Benediction at 1 p.m.
Please sign up at the rectory office.

Novena

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is offered on the
First Tuesday of the month at 6:30p.m. in the church,
followed by Benediction.

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Pulpit Announcement Deadline

Friday by 12 Noon in the rectory.