Daily Readings

Week of April 10, 2022

Sunday, 4/10: Lk 19: 28-40/Is 50: 4-7/Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18,

19-20, 23-24/Phil 2: 6-11/Lk 22: 14; 23: 56

Monday, 4/11: Is 42: 1-7/Ps 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12: 1-11

Tuesday, 4/12: Is 49: 1-6/Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17/Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, 4/13: Is 50: 4-9a/Ps 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34/Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday, 4/14: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/Ps 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11: 23-26/Jn 13: 1-15

Friday, 4/15: Is 52: 13; 53: 12/Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/Jn 18: 1; 19: 42

Saturday, 4/16: Gn 1: 1-2; 2: 2/Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22: 1-18/Lk 24: 1-12



Schedule for April 14, 15 & 17, 2022

Lector: 14-Shari, 15-Margo/Shari, 17-Katie

Greeters/Gifts: 14-Volunteers, 15-Volunteers, 17-Sauer Family

Servers: 14-Kevin/Eli, 15-Kevin/Tyler, 17-Kevin/Grady

Money Counters: 14-Volunteers, 15-Volunteers, 17-Kris/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 14-Mark/Doris,

15-Patty/Margo, 17-Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention: Deloris Eganhouse

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.



Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,

Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson,

Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper

• Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew





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April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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To Our Parishioners & Friends

Palm Sunday-A Remarkable Example for Us

Two highly noticeable events are occurring this weekend in Sacred Heart: the start of the 10:30 Mass schedule and the beginning of Holy Week. I'm delighted to welcome you to these momentous situations and prayerfully invite your active, complete, and conscious engagements.

I recognize how most of us may approach one or both occasions with ambivalence. As Catholics, we get it that the extraordinary events of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, and the Triduum call for our full, active, and conscious participation. But the necessities of life and juggling several activities can be stressful and challenging in partaking fully of these liturgical celebrations.

Similarly, cutting sleep by a half-hour can be complicated, especially when young children are involved. Also, the sweetness of physical slumber can drag the waking time and interfere with the readjustment.

However, we can apply what is known in organizational change as Kurt Lewin's three-step theory of evolution: *unfreezing*, *change*, and *refreezing*.

Unfreezing means stepping away from the old mindset and habits by realizing the necessity to usher in a new condition. Change occurs as we initiate the actions required under the current circumstances. And finally, refreezing means being in the present conditions and making it the new norm.

We notice in the scripture reading of Holy Week the contrasting points of glory (*Hosanna*) and suffering (*Crucify Him*) illustrated by the crowd as Jesus entered Jerusalem and the dramatic turn of events of His unjust trial and death by crucifixion.

Holy Week thus challenges us to remember and relive the sacrifice of Christ that brought redemption to us in our individual and collective lives. We are called to show profound gratefulness for the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to practice this undying love of God in all our actions as part of our faithfulness to Christ.

The apostle Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 2:21, "To this, you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

Our meditations on these Paschal mysteries in these times should enable us to die to sin and self-centeredness and resurrect with Jesus Christ to a new life of healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, love, faith, hope, and restoration to life forever.

We should also consider that proper preparation and active participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, others, and self; it will strengthen us to live as disciples of Jesus.

Here is a useful joke: Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from Church holding a palm branch. "Why do you have that palm branch, dad?" The little boy was curious. His father explained, "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honor Him; so, we got palm branches today." Johnny responded, "Aw, shucks! The one Sunday I didn't go to Church, and Jesus shows up!"

I hope to see your family in Church in the coming days, and each Sunday! A blessed Holy Week to all our parish families.

- THANK YOU! Sacred Heart Family. We had 67% response of eligible participants to the survey sent out by the Archdiocese a few month ago. We are in hopes that this shows that we are really interested in the viability of our parish and parish family.
- THANK YOU! CCD kids and teachers for participating last Sunday at Mass. Good job done by all!
- On May 1 we'll be recognizing our four graduating seniors at Mass and refreshments afterwards. We hope to have a good crowd to enjoy both Mass and refreshments and greet our seniors.
- Please stop by the bulletin board in the hall and check out the Confirmation class artwork. Thanks Stacy A and kids for decorating so beautifully and learning about the church and our beliefs. Some good photos of kids of all ages there too!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, May 1st at 9:15am, followed by our "Children's Mass".
- Please consider volunteering for one or all of our ministries we have here at Sacred
 Heart. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, sing in the choir, altar server, or
 be a greeter and gift bearer. Many options that we would love and invite everyone to
 partake in.
- Since our Mass time will be changing, so will the time of CCD! Sunday, May 1st CCD will be at 9:15am with our last Children's Mass for the year following at 10:30am. Sunday, May 15th CCD is at 9:15am and after Mass there will be a CCD Celebration @ the Rissler Ranch! Please join the CCD family and friends at a lunch celebration at the home of Matt & Sarah Rissler. Please let Sarah know if you'll be able to make it. They will have hotdogs, tableware and drinks and ask each family to bring one side to share. The celebration will be outdoors (in a barn in case of rain) and there will be games and activities for everyone!



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