

Daily Readings

Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday, 4/2: Is 50: 4-7/Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24/

Phil 2: 6-11/Mt 26: 14; 27: 66

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

Tuesday, 4/4: Is 49: 1-6/Ps 71: 1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, 4/5: Is 50: 4-9/Ps 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday, 4/6: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/Ps 116: 12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11: 23-26/Jn 13: 1-15

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

Jn 18: 1; 19: 42

Saturday, 4/8: Gn 1: 1; 2: 2/Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/Gn 22: 1-18/Ps 16: 5, 8-11

Ex 14: 15; 15: 1/Ex 15: 1-6, 17-18/Mt 28: 1-10



Schedule for April 6, 7 & 9, 2023

Lector: 6th-Shari, 7th-Shari/Margo, 9th-Patty

Greeters/Gifts: 6th/7th-Volunteers, 9th-Mark/Doris

Servers: 6th/7th-Kevin/Grady, 9th-Kevin/Tim/Tyler

Money Counters: 6th/7th-Volunteers, 9th-Jon/Mary Ann M

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 6th/7th-Volunteers, 9th-Margo/Patty

Today's Mass Intention:

Monk & Marguerite Coon

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, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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PASTOR SPEAKS

As Celebrating Holy Week Together

Holy Week is Here: Beginning today, the Christian world enters a time of reflection and prayer to mark Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Even more remarkable is the way our universal Catholic brothers and sisters will be celebrating the holy event. Catholics will gather in our local parish churches with palms in our hands to commemorate the awe-inspiring events of the Lord's final entry into Jerusalem and his passion and death that followed.

Personal Invitation to Come to Christ: I am personally inviting all individual parishioners and families within our parish to come to the Holy Week celebrations. Also, pray that the Lord instills in your heart somebody that he wants you to encourage and invite back to church as we celebrate this amazing time of God's welcoming and open love to us. It is this understanding that should fill our hearts with joyful anticipation as we look forward to our coming together as a church family to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord.

Witness of Self-giving Love: Last year as I visited the Holy Land, I had the opportunity to see all the sites that are featured in the gospel readings during this Holy Week. Observing these sites brings the heart of a responsive soul to a sober recognition that it was Christ's self-giving love that led to face such much fate.

From high mountains of Gethsemane to the deep Kidron Valleys, Christ made His passages willingly despite being forced and treated like a criminal; He subjected himself to all the difficulties for us. To the eyes that behold these sites which still bear the marks of the savior, it is a life-transforming moment and an open invitation to say, "*Live Jesus, live forever in me!*"

The Eucharist as Holy Week: As Christians, our perception of the reality Holy Week as the foundation for Holy Communion should continue to nudge us to run towards the Lord of the Eucharist. Whatever purpose for which Christ died, he expressed it in the Eucharist for us: "Do this in memory of me," (Luke 22:19). So, the celebration of the Eucharist as a reliving of the Paschal Mystery always needs to end in the reception of Holy Communion.

Christ gave Himself out of love for us so that we may reciprocate this love by honoring and receiving Him in Holy Communion. Thus, our faith does not hinge on the participation or encounter with the Mass but on the reception of him who comes to us in Holy Communion.

I hope to see you at Mass to celebrate and receive Holy Communion during Holy Week and Easter.

- We are inviting you to donate Easter/Spring flowers to help decorate our altar during the Easter season. Flowers may be brought to the church the week before Easter. Decorating will be done after the Good Friday service, either Friday or Saturday.



- **KOLACHE BAKE SALE DATE IS APRIL 22!** There are flyers printed, ads will be placed on local tv, and fb ads can/will be shared. We hope you'll mark the date on your calendars and will be able to share your time, talent & treasure to this project. If we have lots of orders, some of the baking may be done on Friday, April 21. More info to come.
- The next Guild meeting is set for Monday, April 3rd @ 6:30pm in the church library.
- **Reduce your 2023 Iowa income tax bill by 75%!** Tax day is a couple of weeks away and filing taxes is on many people's minds. It is also the time when many Catholic school families submit their applications for STO tuition assistance. Each year, thanks to a **75% tax credit** from the state of Iowa, families with the greatest need can apply for STO tuition assistance to help pay for Catholic education. Help them, and help yourself by pledging to donate to the Our Faith STO. *Your pledge today reserves your 2023 tax credit for the next tax season. To pledge, please visit: www.OurFaithSTO.org/pledge, or call Steve Kane at 563-552-0297*

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 6, 2023: Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:00pm

Friday, April 7, 2023: Good Friday Service @ 3:00pm

Sunday, April 9, 2023: Easter Sunday Mass @ 10:30am



March 18, 2023 Collection:

Envelopes = \$775.00

Offertory = \$11.00

Candle Money = \$5.00

TOTAL = \$791.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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