

## Daily Readings for the Week of April 13, 2025

April 13: Isaiah 50:4-7/ Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Philippians 2:6-11/Luke 22:14--23:56

April 14: Isaiah 42:1-7/ Psalms 27:1-3, 13-14/ John 12:1-11

April 15: Isaiah 49:1-6/ Psalms 71:1-6, 15, 17/ John 13:21-33, 36-38

April 16: Isaiah 50:4-9/ Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ Matthew 26:14-25

April 17: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/ Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

April 18: Isaiah 52:13--53:12/ Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
John 18:1--19:42

April 19: Genesis 1:1--2:2/ Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/ Genesis 22:1-18

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for April 13, 2025

Lector: Mark/Steve  
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family  
Servers: Kevin/Evie  
Money Counters: Mark/Sharon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

### Schedule for April 18, 2025

Lector: Shari/Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family  
Servers: Kevin  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Ron/Mary Ann

### Schedule for April 17, 2025

Lector: Mark  
Greeter/Gifts: Mary/Nadine  
Servers: Kevin/Declan  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

### Schedule for April 20, 2025

Lector: Katie  
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family  
Servers: Kevin/Grady  
Money Counters: Mary/Margo  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Ron/Rick

### Today's Mass Intention Treyton Lange

Mass Intention April 20th  
Deceased family members of  
Ray Koppes Family

### 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, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, John Swan,  
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Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,  
Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART



April 13, 2025

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PRAYER & SERVICE"**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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## Palm Sunday

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## THE EVENTS OF THE HOLY WEEK

This is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. The liturgy, particularly, the gospel, focuses on events of the first Palm Sunday in which Jesus Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with his disciples and undergo his passion.

Holy Week stands as one of the profound and transformative periods in Christianity. Each day of the year is made holy by the celebration of the sacrifice of the Lord (Mass), yet this week is called "Holy Week" precisely because it is the week in which the most solemn of celebrations (the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ) takes place.

Holy Week has its roots in the early Christian community dating back to the fourth century. Initially observed as a single day of celebration, it gradually evolved into an entire week commemorating the final events of Jesus' life. The events of Holy Week form the crux of Jesus' mission on earth; each moment is charged with profound meaning and purpose, embodying themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcome Jesus with palm branches, symbolizing victory and peace. It foreshadows the week's unfolding drama.

Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday, is a day of deep reflection. Here Jesus washed his disciples' feet symbolizing humility and service. In the style of the family Passover dinner, the Last Supper takes place among Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room to become the occasion for the institution and beginning of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood for continuing that lofty sacrifice of the body and blood until he comes again.

Good Friday reminds us of the crucifixion of Christ. This day represents sacrifice and redemption. It is a poignant reminder of the depth of Christ's love in suffering for humanity's sins.

Holy Saturday stands quiet in anticipation, representing stillness before the resurrection joy. It symbolizes hope amidst despair, bridging sorrow and celebration as we prepare for Easter morning.

Holy Week therefore invites us to a deep reflection on the mystery and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Each event from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday serves as a reminder of the crosses that we must carry as Christians and the glory that we are blessed with at the end.

Happy and Blessed Holy Week!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Table of Plenty last week. The next Table of Plenty will be May 4th before and after Mass.

The next Ladies of the Sacred Heart meeting will be held on April 27th following Mass.

Parishioners are invited to bring Easter flowers to decorate our altar for Easter. The altar will be decorated sometime after the Good Friday service at church.

Our bible study dates for April have been changed to April 16th and April 23rd at 6:30pm in the church library.

Thank You to the boys from CCD who dusted and polished the pews last Sunday.

Thank you to the CCD students and Sarah for helping with Mass last Sunday. Thank you also to their teachers and parents for supporting them as they helped with the ministries. We, as a church family, support and appreciate the students' help and participation.

You will find all the income and expense reports on the bulletin board regarding the kolache bake we have a few weeks ago. This fundraiser is one of the events during 2025 that will help keep our church vibrant and viable. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way to make this a very successful project!

## Holy Week Schedule for Sacred Heart, Oxford Junction

April 17th Maundy Thursday Mass 7:00pm

April 18th Good Friday Mass 3:00pm

April 20th Easter Mass 10:30am

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### April 6, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 460.00
Offertory	34.00
Candles	34.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 528.00</b>

## Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail [dbq155sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org).

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM