



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica in Palmis

Philippians 2:5-11; Palms 72, 24:1-3; Matthew 26:36-75 and 27:1-60

28 March A.D. 2021

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 to 15:47

From the Pastor

The holiest week of our year begins today as we prepare to journey in faith and love through our Lord's Passion and death so as to celebrate His Resurrection with true joy.

Join us this Wednesday for Confession and Adoration at 6 pm followed by Mass and for the most important three days of the Triduum.

May we be blessed with great love for Our Savior who died on the Cross to redeem us from sin and death.

Prayers for a Holy Week of grace to all our families,

Sacred Triduum/Easter Schedule

- Holy Thursday:** 7 pm
- Good Friday:** 10 am Stations
Noon Mass of Presanctified
- Holy Saturday:** 8 pm
- Easter Sunday:** 9 am & 11am

Prayer for Those Entering the Church

Emily and Aaron Williams are currently undergoing instruction in the Catholic Faith as they look forward to entering the Church at the Easter vigil, at which time they will join their daughter Mary, already baptized, as members of the Body of Christ. Each year in Lent we accompany those everywhere who will enter the Church during the Paschal celebration through Baptism or Profession of Faith. Please include them in your prayers and sacrifices.

Stewardship

To designate a gift that stays within the parish please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense on the memo line. Thank you.

- Maintenance labor 1 Mar: PAID*
 - Catechisms/Evangelization materials PAID*
 - Maint Materials \$250.96*
 - Fest Oysters \$345 (Bal)
 - March Comcast \$254.34
 - March Oil \$199 (Bal)
 - March Health Ins \$1850.00
- (*Amount changed this week)

Palm Sunday: The Passion of the Lord

Dearly beloved brethren, the jubilant and triumphal day which ushereth in the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is come; even that day for which we have longed so much, and for whose yearly coming the whole world may well look. Shouts of spiritual exultation are ringing, and suffer not that we should be silent. It is indeed hard to preach often on the same Festival, and that always meetly and rightly, but a Priest is not free, when we celebrate so great and mysterious an out-pouring of God's mercy, to leave his faithful people without the service of a discourse. Nay, that his subject-matter is unspeakable should in itself make him eloquent, since where enough can never be said, there must needs ever be somewhat to say. Let man's weakness, then, fall down before the glory of God, and acknowledge herself ever too feeble to unfold all the works of His mercy. We may jade our emotions, break down in our understanding, and fail in our speech it is good for us, that even what we truly feel in presence of the Divine Majesty is but little, (compared to the vastness of the subject.)

-From the Sermons of Pope St. Leo the Great

Why is our church building closed?

For some time now we have noticed cracks in our plaster ceiling. Last Monday an inspection by a plaster restoration and conservation firm recommended by ADW revealed that it has been damaged by age and other factors which endangers its integrity. For safety reasons we are offering holy Mass at the hall. We are pursuing an expedited paperwork process, requesting emergency status and hope to begin repairs soon. Thanks for your patience.

ADW Jubilee Mass 2021

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021.

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory Of "Your Loved One's Name Here"

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Proceeds help defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

"Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church" is now on Facebook. "Like" us today!

**Spring Oyster Fest
2021**

**Current total:
\$4,813.00
As of 21 March**

*Thank you for your generous
support!*

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappelle, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Carolyn Parson, Ruth Anne Carr.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact Deacon Butkiewicz to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at jbutk@gmail.com.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of March 28 and April 4

Scarlata Family

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

Service on the Altar

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

UPCOMING:

**April 2: Second Collection - the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
April 25: Second Collection - Church Missions with the US**

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	28 Mar	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Palm Sunday
		11:00 am †Carole Ann Finnin	Dominica in Palmis
		5:30 pm †Carol Ann Bianco	
Monday	29 Mar	9:00 am Intns Thomas Scarlata	Monday in Holy Week
Tuesday	30 Mar	NP** Intns Fr Ted Hegnauer	Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday	31 Mar	6:00 pm <i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm Intns BVM	Wednesday in Holy Week
Thursday	1 Apr	7:00 pm Reparation Hearts IHS/BVM	Holy Thursday
Friday	2 Apr	10:00 am <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
		12:00pm <i>Mass of the Presanctified-Holy Father</i>	Good Friday
Saturday	3 Apr	8:00 pm †Suzanne Douglas	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
Sunday	4 Apr	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Easter Sunday
		11:00 am †Liz Marcus	Dominica Resurrectionis
		No 5:30 Mass	

* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 11:00am, 5:30pm
Weekdays: Mon 9am, Wed 7 pm, Thurs-Sat 9 am
Holy Days: 8:00am, 7:00pm
English: Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 6 pm
Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance. **Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop it in the collection basket.