



Mass Intentions of the Week
Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 24th
5:00PM H. Flint Ranney

Sunday, March 25th
8:00 AM Our Parish Family
11:00 AM Wincenty Koziel

Monday, March 26th
7:30AM For the intentions of Fr. Tom Clements

Tuesday, March 27th
7:30AM Christopher Golden

Wednesday, March 28th
7:30AM Communion Service

Holy Thursday, March 29th
7:30AM NO AM MASS
7:00PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday, March 30th
8:30AM Morning Prayer
3:30PM Special Childrens' Service
7:00PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 31st
8:30AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 1st
8:00AM Our Parish Family
11:00 AM For All We Remember & Honor with the
Easter Flowers

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday, April 29 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the office for information. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from October to June, and at 1 pm July to September.

Religious Education News

All grades meet today March 25th. Next class April 8th for all grades

Up-Coming Collections

March 24/25: Parish Stewardship
Rice Bowls: You can return your offerings for the Catholic Relief Services in the receptacles in the vestibule at any time now.
Holy Thursday, March 29: Catholic Relief Services; this collection is to supplement that of the Rice Bowl (no envelope with this date). See below for more details.
Good Friday, March 30: The churches of Eastern and Central Europe and the Holy Land.
Easter, March 31- April 1: At all the Easter Masses there will be two collections:
- the first will be your Easter gift for the support of our parish.
-the second will be for the support of the retired and infirm priests of our diocese who have spent their lives in the service of the Lord and His people.
Your generosity will be appreciated!

Prayer Request

Book provided in the Lobby for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer. **Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way. SICK:** Pray for: Michael Ferreira, Kimberly Feinsod, Irene Garnett, Gladys Soverino, Kathleen A. Meehan, Julie Grimaldi, Bernard Walsh, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almodobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage, Santiagueta Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurriel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahon, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, Gisela MacDonald, Felix Soares, & Jerry & Brad Giles. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; 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; Mk 16:1-7

Stewardship

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.
Mar. 17 & 18: Stewardship: \$3,608.00
Diocesan Assesstment \$949.00



Wednesday at 5:15 pm, followed by Lite Bites in the Parish Center.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday and Tuesday - Mass (March 26 & 27) and Wednesday – Communion Service (March 28):

The liturgies at the beginning of Holy Week serve to lead us to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter. The Triduum begins Thursday with the solemn celebration of Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We move then to the Commemoration of the Passion on Good Friday, and our celebration climaxes at the Easter Vigil. Our joy spills over to the Easter Sunday Masses. The schedule for all this and more appears in the bulletin insert. Plan on bringing family and friends to join in our most solemn and important days of the Church Year.

Reminder: Lenten Regulations 2018

Reminder: Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. In addition, **Good Friday is a day of Fast.** All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.



EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS:

There are envelopes for this purpose in your packets, and extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. And you can give online. Just indicate those in whose memory (deceased) or in whose honor (living) you are making the offering, and drop the envelope in the collection basket at any time, or at the rectory. Names will be published soon after Easter, and the 11am Mass Easter morning will be offered for them.

Listening Sessions with Bishop Da Cunha

Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church! Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process. They are scheduled as follows: April 5, Christ the King Parish, Mashpee; April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 18, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans; April 20, St. Julie Billiart Parish, Dartmouth; and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00PM with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00PM.

Chrism Mass on Tuesday

Father Bouchard will attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Fall River on Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27) at 4 pm. Father Kevin Cody will attend at his cathedral in Manchester, NH. So, there will be a Communion Service at 7:30 am on Wednesday, March 28. At the chrism Mass the priests will join their bishops and their brother priests in renewing their vows.

Collection on Holy Thursday

The Roman Missal says: "There may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine." To give our worshippers the opportunity to participate in this sign of generous giving, on this night there will be no collection "down the aisle." Rather, those in attendance will be invited to approach the front of the altar, where our large collection basket will be. Donations will be added to our parish gift to Operation Rice Bowl of the Catholic Relief Services. You may place your "Rice Bowl" in the basket, if you have not already returned it.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday Morning

Liturgy of the Hours: Office of Readings and Morning prayer will be prayed at 8:30 am in church. All are welcome to keep holy these days by starting with this liturgical prayer.

Special Stations of the Cross for Children **3:30 pm On Good Friday:**

All are welcome. We'll begin with a music rehearsal and prayer, then divide up into age groups for 20 minutes of teaching and activity in relation to our Lord's Passion. Then we'll gather and process to 5 special crosses, where we will pray and remember the love Christ has for us. After these five "stations" we'll gather for a closing prayer and blessing of special **gifts** to be shared by all there. Parents and older siblings are welcome, too. There will be a special 20 minute session for them.

St. Mary Cemetery

Please help us keep our cemetery neat and clean. Please remove all Christmas decorations and anything that you would like to keep no later than March 25th. The generous members of our K of C have scheduled a clean up. Whatever remains will be discarded.



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