

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 27-28, 2021

Palm Sunday



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – + Rob Moon

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, March 29 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 30 – No Mass

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. – + Msgr. Joe Senger

Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - + Dick Johnson

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil

No Reconciliation

8:30 p.m. - + Reuben & + Rosella Elshaug

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - + Jerry Liska

Offertory Gifts

March 20-21, 2021: \$4,044

Children's Envelopes: \$11.30

Improvements: \$285

Foundation Repair: \$1,155

Poor Fund: \$25

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$81,137.25	General Fund	\$91,200.00
\$143.25	Children	\$360.00
\$5,098.50	Improvements	\$12,000.00
\$323,068.45	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00
\$49,250.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00

Mission Statement:

As loving disciples, we the faith community of Blessed Sacrament, strive for full and active participation in joyfully serving Christ while recognizing the gifts and dignity of all.

This Week:

Preschool/Kindergarten, Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Rehearsals – See page 2.

RCIA Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Parish Office Closes at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2 and will be closed Monday, April 5.

NO RECONCILIATION, Saturday, April 3

Holy Week

Holy Thursday – April 1, 7:00 p.m. Mass
Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2, 12:10 p.m. Service

Easter Vigil – April 3, 8:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday – April 4,
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Holy week is a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.



The following changes have been made to our Holy Week Celebrations:

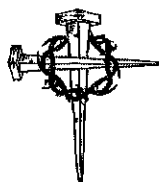
HOLY THURSDAY – Mass at 7:00 pm.

- TIME Change – 7:00 p.m.
- No Stew Supper.
- No ringing of handbells during the Gloria.
- No Washing of feet.
- No procession out of the church after Mass.
- Churchgoers will leave the building while singing “Stay With Me”.
- Following Mass, those wishing to sit in adoration of the exposed Eucharist, are welcome to go to the Gathering Area and find a chair.



GOOD FRIDAY – 12:10 p.m. Service

- You will be given a nail as you enter the building. This nail represents SIN. As you venerate the cross, drop the nail into the bowl at the foot of the cross.
- During veneration of the cross, process up in the same way we go to communion. The Cross will move to each aisle.
- We encourage you to use hand sanitizer prior to veneration if you plan to touch the cross.



EASTER VIGIL – 8:30 p.m. Mass

- No ringing of handbells during the Gloria.
- No reception following Mass.



Holy Week Rehearsals

Holy Thursday

Oil Bearers: March 28, 1 p.m.

Procession: March 28, 1:15 p.m.

Good Friday

Lectors: March 28, 11:45 a.m.

Cross Bearers: April 2, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil

Altar Dressers: March 28, 1:30 p.m.

If you are not able to be at rehearsal, please call Karen at 282-3321 so an alternate time can be set up.

Lenten Banks. All Lenten Banks are to be turned in on Holy Thursday, prior to Mass. Place your banks on the altar.



Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Good Friday.
- On Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Penance Services in the Area

All times are 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

March 28 – St. Mary's Cathedral **4:00 p.m.**

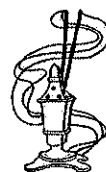
March 28 – St. Benedict's **4:00 p.m.**

March 30 – St. Anthony's

March 31 – St. Paul's Newman Center

Thank you! A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped box and sort Pack The Pew groceries after Mass last weekend.

Use of Incense: We will be using incense during Mass on Holy Thursday (April 1) and the Easter Vigil (April 3).



Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament,

Thank you all so much for your donations! **This year you donated 782 pounds** of food for the people of Fargo-Moorhead! That is no small task during the best of times, but extra gratitude to you for doing this amid a global pandemic when so many are straining their resources thinner than ever before. We appreciate you and what you have accomplished, and we look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,
the staff and volunteers
at the Emergency Food Pantry



Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

No Class

Mar. 31

Reminder – Lent Banks are to be turned in on Holy Thursday, prior to Mass. Place your banks on the altar.

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org



Instrumentalists Welcome. If you play an instrument and would like to occasionally accompany the piano during Mass, please contact Ronda.

Song Leaders Welcome. I am looking for song leaders for weekend Masses. Someone to lead the Opening, Communion and Closing songs. Please contact me if you are interested.

-Ronda

Parish Life

Birthdays We Pray for those celebrating a birthday this week.

- Pauline Klinger (4/1) Happy Birthday!

Coming in April – STEW IN THE PEW! We will be collecting cans of stew for Churches United for the Homeless (CUH). More information will be coming!

Daily Readings – March 28-April 3, 2021

March 28: Mk 14:1-15:47, Is 50:4-7, Phil2:6-11

March 29: Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11

March 30: Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33,36-38

March 31: Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25

April 1: Ex 12:1-8,11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26,
Jn 13:1-15

April 2: Is 52:12-53:12, Heb 4:14-16:5:7-9,
Jn 18:1-19:42

April 3: Gn 1:1-2:2, Ex 14:55-15:1, Is 55:1-11,
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28, Rm 6:3-11,
Mk 16:1-7

God's Gift Appeal Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is **64% toward our goal of \$76,212.** If you have not yet made a gift of pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the magazine rack of the Gathering Area. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.



Our Sympathy

- Corlynnn Scheett on the death of her husband, Gabriel.
 - Cathy Faltersack on the death of her husband, Thomas.
- May Gabriel and Thomas rest in the arms of our Lord.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

March 28: Blanche Noe, Lucille Kraft,
John Coleman

March 29: Carol Hamann

March 30: Frank Beaton, Scott Burley

April 2: Hermine Wahowski

April 3: Paulette Seiler

Sick List: Please join us in praying for all our ill parishioners and family members.

*Rosemary Coleman, Bruce Reiter,
Tommy Severson, Courtney Brand,
Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.*

Soup & More: Coming in APRIL! Stay tuned for more details.

Community / Diocesan Events

West Fargo – North Sheyenne Street Reconstruction Project This project will totally reconstruct Sheyenne Street from Main Avenue to Seventh Avenue. The city of West Fargo began construction March 22.

Phase 1: Sheyenne St. from 4th Ave. to north of 7th Ave. including portions of 4th, 5th, & 6th Avenues W. This phase is expected to last through most of June.

A Map detailing the reconstruction project is posted on the bulletin board in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area.

BOOK STUDY - "Fear - Essential Wisdom for Getting Through the Storm" Online via Zoom, Thursdays April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27 - 8:30 p.m. \$35 donation. Scholarships are available. Registration: Limited to 10 participants. RSVP to Scott at, presentationprayercenter@gmail.com or 701-799-2076. The book will be available at Hurley's (Fargo). Book study leader is Dave Solberg.

The author shows us how to use the practice of living in the present to acknowledge and embrace our fears. He guides us through practical exercises for transforming fear into clarity. The worries of the past and anxiety of the future disappear as we discover the power of the present. We have the capacity to restore balance and happiness and be present with what is beautiful and affirming inside us and around us, every day.

Catholic Daughters Meeting Tuesday, April 13, St. Anthony's beginning. Mass at 5:15 p.m.; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. If interested in Catholic Daughters, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations and/or new baby items/clothes for Birthright Baby Shower. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Trivia
The apostle who was a tax collector is...

a) St. Philip	b) St. Simon
c) St. Matthew	d) St. John

(c) When Jesus called Matthew to follow him, Matthew immediately left the tax booth.

Reflections on Palm Sunday - March 28, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

On this day, the Sunday before Passover on Holy Thursday, the church celebrates Jesus' last entry into Jerusalem. When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people were shouting "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" It is no coincidence that we sing or recite that song every time we celebrate the Mass. Because, shortly after that, Jesus went to the temple and cleansed it from all the selfish money-changers – who made the house of prayer a house of business. And, at Mass, shortly after we sing the Hosanna, Jesus comes to cleanse this place – and our hearts – not with a whip and cords, but with his very presence – his Body and Blood.

Notice, too, that in the scriptures, Jesus wasn't immediately taken in by the authorities. He walked around the streets of Jerusalem for a few days. It was the same time the Jewish people were getting ready for the Passover. At that time, young, unblemished, male lambs were brought in to be slaughtered, roasted, and eaten as a part of their ritual Passover meal on Thursday of that week. The lambs were paraded around town so people could see that they were unblemished and good for the meal. Jesus, now, is that new Passover lamb. He walks through the streets of Jerusalem so people can see how spiritually unblemished he is, who then becomes the new Passover lamb who is sacrificed on the second day of Passover, which we call Good Friday. The point being that Jesus is now that new Passover lamb of the New Covenant who frees us like that first Passover lamb, not from the hands of Pharaoh in Egypt, but from sin. Jesus takes away our sins so we can live forever with God in heaven!

Blessed Sacrament Holy week events are: Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday, April 2, 12:10 p.m.; and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 3, 8:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend those events, I encourage you to ponder on each of those days what actually happened that first Holy Thursday, that first Good Friday, and that First Easter Sunday, and to be thankful for what Jesus did for you and me. And so, when we think of Jesus' suffering and death, which the church is going to remember in a very powerful way this week, at first it seems sad, but when we understand the deeper meaning behind it, this great act of giving His life for us can't help but to bring us joy because Jesus has conquered the power of sin and death and gives us new life!

-Fr. Gary

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2021

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28

5:15 p.m. Mass Saturday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday: April 1

7:00 p.m. - Mass 'Liturgy of the Lord's Supper'
Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 2

12:10 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

Holy Saturday: April 3

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 4

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass



Ministries of Service

April 1, 2, 3, 2021 – Holy Week

Masses	Holy Thursday April 1 – 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday April 2, 12:10 p.m.	Easter Vigil April 3, 8:30 p.m.
Proclaimer	J. Allmaras, R. Martin	M. Geary Curfman, B. Schmidt	Various
Eucharistic Minister	*A. Pritchard, *J. Jones	*D. Nechiporenko, *K. Beets	*J. Jones, *M. Kern
Greeters	A. Pritchard, K. Beets	J. Regner Family	Staff
Ushers	T. & H. Allmaras	J. Regner Family	J. Jones, S. Curfman
	*Bread Minister		

April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

Masses	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Proclaimer	N. Peterson	R. Martin
Eucharistic Minister	*N. Peterson	*B. Lenertz
Greeters	G. & J. Yourczek	K. Beets, B. Lenertz
Ushers	G. & J. Yourczek	K. Beets, B. Lenertz
Media Minister	M Sloan	
	*Bread Minister	

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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