

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday April 4 – First Saturday

VIGIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
No Mass

Sunday April 5

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
No Mass

Monday April 6

No Mass

Tuesday April 7

No Mass

Wednesday April 8

No Mass

Thursday April 9

HOLY THURSDAY
No Mass

Friday April 10

GOOD FRIDAY
No Mass

Saturday April 11

VIGIL EASTER OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
No Mass

Sunday April 12

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
No Mass



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - April

Universal – Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

No Palms

In keeping with the current restrictions on distribution of Holy Communion, the distribution of palms should likewise not take place until public Masses and distribution of Holy Communion resumes. There is little or no control over the spread of the virus either by passing out palms to cars driving by or by allowing people to pick them up in the church. More importantly the distribution of palms should not be presented as a substitute for the Sacrament of the Eucharist for which the faithful must currently abstain.

(Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission)

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Bishop Lucia has announced that due to the Coronavirus, all public gatherings for Mass, prayer, Faith Formation, and certain parish activities are suspended effective immediately.

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$1,892

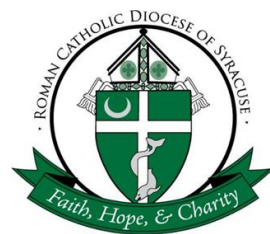
Please mail your donations or drop them through the slot at the front door of the rectory.

Please Pray For...

Isabelle Callahan, Dennis McEnery, Ed Dillon, Riley Christine Perkins, Nick Olenych, Roger Schott, Danielle Painter, Nate Wagner, Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski, Michelle Fleegel, Jo-Ann Foertch, Ellie Hauver, Justin MacLachlan, Jack Bragger, Florence M. Linda, Peggy Paradise, Missy Fitz, Austin Marlowe, Brian Stonelake, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry, Allan Stonecipher, Genie Barnes, Donna Martin, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Jo'Ann F., J.E.L., Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for Our Homebound...

Isabelle LaClair, Theresa Holmes, Kay Wilson, Jim Reagan, Helen Volcko, Mike Berish, Ethel Cole, Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Barbara Vautrot, Patricia Welch
Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.



From Bishop Lucia:

Effectively immediately, all Catholics entrusted to my care as well as those who are within the territory of the Diocese of Syracuse are hereby dispensed from the obligation of abstaining from meat on Good Friday as well as on the remaining Fridays during Lent. The purpose of this dispensation is to assist those for whom the practice of abstinence is difficult at this time, for example, because of the current shopping situation. However, those who can abstain from meat are encouraged to do so. Additionally, the law of fasting on Good Friday remains for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. It is important that the remaining days of Lent continue to be days of penance and prayer.

Please see the website for the link to the Frequently Asked Questions the Letter from Bishop Lucia.
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April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

-Phil 2:8-9

Scripture Readings

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

Question of the Week- *Love and Betrayal*

For Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

For Children: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

To the Francis Xavier Community

We are about to enter Holy Week, the most sacred time of our Church Year; and yet, we still cannot come together as a community for these Most Holy Days. However, we can still pray: Pray the Rosary, Pray the Stations of the Cross, privately, Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Prayer the Novena Pray for an end of this Pandemic, or simple talk to God in your own words; but pray.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David." Quickly we move from exultation and joy to the agony of the Passion. On Holy Thursday, we recall the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. And then comes Easter: the great exaltation of unimaginable joy for the victory of our God over sin and death.

This Holy week reminds me, perhaps like no other that I can remember, that even though we are in dark times now, these will end and once again the light of our faith will help us overcome.

God Bless you all,

Fr. Dan

This prayer is traditional said at noon and 6 PM (when you hear our St. Francis Xavier Chimes)

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit if your womb., Jesus

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

And the word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. -Amen

PLEASE NOTE: - The 1st 3 rows of pews at church are available & will be cleaned regularly.

Live Streaming Palm Sunday Mass & Easter Sunday Mass

Fr Dan will be live streaming Palm Sunday Mass and Easter Sunday Mass from St. Francis Xavier! The link will be on the website: sfxmarcellus.com

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER- Altars of Repose are not to be set up for private prayer. The faithful are not able to gather publicly as there is little or no control over the formation of crowds on a night when, according to tradition, they are accustomed to visiting churches to continue their adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Churches, however, may remain open for private prayer. Again, these occasions are not to become public gatherings.

EASTER SUNDAY - If the Vigil is not celebrated, the paschal candle is prepared before Mass begins, lighted, and placed in its stand.

In Masses that are streamed, the Rite of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises may take place after the homily. In this case, the Creed is omitted.

In keeping with the current restrictions on the distribution of Holy Communion and palms, the distribution of holy water should likewise not take place until public Masses and the distribution of Holy Communion resumes.