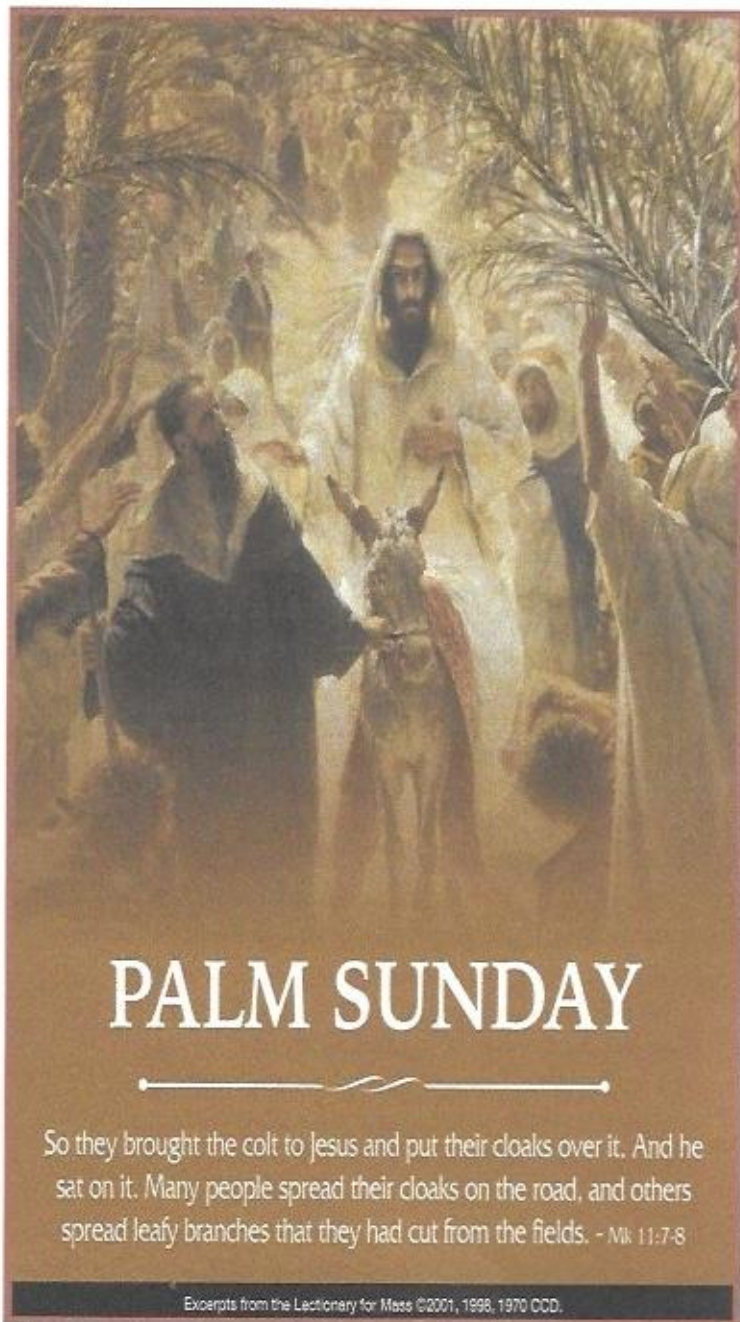


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES RACINE, WISCONSIN · APRIL 5, 2020



## PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8


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### LEGACY GIFT

Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Please call their office, 639-1071, or visit [racinecemeteries.org](http://racinecemeteries.org)

 Join us on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine to access archived bulletins and more.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN  
Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. - SJ  
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 4 p.m. - SJN  
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 5:15 p.m. - SJ  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - SJ  
9:45 a.m. - SJN  
10:30 a.m. - SJ

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment or Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m. - SJN

### TRUSTEES

Jim Tresemer - SJN      John Gates - SJ  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

**Registration and calendar:** [st-joes.org](http://st-joes.org) or 262-633-9005

Registration questions: 262-633-9005

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**
**MONDAY, APRIL 6 Monday of Holy Week**
*Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11*
**TUESDAY, APRIL 7 Tuesday of Holy Week**
*Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

9 a.m. + Mike Harrington

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 Wednesday of Holy Wk.**
*Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25*

9 a.m. + Tristram and Edith Ricchio

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9 Holy Thursday**
*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15*

7 p.m. + Edward Somers

- The Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Joseph Parish

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10 Good Friday / Day of Fast  
and Abstinence\***
*Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25*
*[Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42*

1 p.m. Liturgy of the Word

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 Holy Saturday**
**EASTER VIGIL**
*Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12*

8 p.m. + Gil Miller

- The Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Joseph Parish
- The Living and Deceased Members  
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 Easter Sunday (S)**
*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/*
*Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10*

9 a.m. + Tom Kohlmann

+ Jerry Bowman

+ Pat Steimle

+ C. Jane and Andrew J. Jacob

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:**

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,  
please remember in faith, **SUE SISAK.**

Dear Parishioners,

I trust and pray that you are safe at home with your loved ones! Probably in your lifetime, you never imagined that the church would be closed for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. How can we celebrate in private?

According to the Decree from the Congregation of Divine Worship, the liturgy for this day must take place entirely inside the church building. The direction from Archbishop ListECKI states that only those ministers deemed essential may be present, and all included cannot number more than 10. Obviously, there is no ritual of washing the feet on Holy Thursday.

On Palm Sunday, there is no solemn blessing of palms and children singing Hosanna, instead the memorial of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem takes place by means of a Simple Entrance. I will read,

"Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

"O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

"Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." *See Page Two*→

**\*The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character of Lent.** For this reason, Catholics, who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, are bound to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent**; the age of fasting is from the completion of the 18<sup>th</sup> year to the beginning of the 60<sup>th</sup> year. Hence, in addition to abstaining from meat, one should **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, eating only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. *United States Council of Catholic Bishops*

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For those of you who can, please join us for our live-streamed, private Masses at Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine. Our Mass schedule is:

Daily and Sunday Mass—9 a.m.,

Palm Sunday—9 a.m.,

Holy Thursday—7 p.m.,

Good Friday Liturgy—1 p.m.,

Easter Vigil—8 p.m., and

Easter Sunday—9 a.m.

Let us make this prayer our own personal prayer on this Palm Sunday and Holy Week:

O Jesus as you began the journey to Jerusalem and courageously embraced the passion, please grant us grace to walk this way with you, give us the grace to lift high our heads at this time of hardship and give us the lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in your new life of resurrection.

Blessings of Holy Week,


*Fr. Steve*



**We need your kind contributions!** Relying on your generosity and mindful of the times we face, we remind you that we have secure USPS mail service at St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph parishes. Thank you.

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**St. Joseph's Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner and St. Joseph Spring Raffle 2020 drawing are postponed** to a later date to be determined.

 **The Bible study, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation***, scheduled to begin Friday, April 17, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the St. John Nepomuk Parish Center, has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be **rescheduled** when it is safe to meet. Running eight consecutive Fridays, this DVD-led study by Jeff Cavins also features other presenters. There is no cost to join, but an optional, helpful study guide for the DVD is \$20. Direct questions to John and Kathy Sardino at 633-6231.

**An archdiocesan consecration to St. Joseph began a day-long Eucharistic Procession to the ten-county area.** An inspiration during a holy hour on Tuesday morning, March 17, led Fr. John Burns to resolve “to take the Blessed Sacrament on the morning of March 18, and to drive around the perimeter of the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, performing Eucharistic Benediction. He enlisted the help of Fr. Cliff Ermatinger, spiritual consultant for the archdiocese, and alerted Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki of his plans....

“For Archbishop Listecki, the Eucharistic Procession was imperative, not just to send a message to the faithful but to ‘place ourselves before God’s Real Presence and ask for his love and mercy.... We need to give a sense that God has not abandoned us, that we do have certain spiritual powers (in the face of this pandemic.) The Eucharistic Procession was a testament to “our belief in the Real Presence of Christ, and (the fact that) that Real Presence is there for us....”

“The archbishop suggested they begin at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, the mother church of the archdiocese, and proceed with the Blessed Sacrament to 11 churches, each representative of a deanery within the archdiocese. On the group’s first stop at the Cathedral in downtown Milwaukee, the archbishop consecrated the archdiocese to St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus Christ.

““That’s a huge deal, actually,” said Fr. Burns. ‘Joseph is the terror of demons. He’s the protector of the Church. Literally, that marks a change in the archdiocese’s relationship with St. Joseph, the head of the Holy Family. That ushers in a new season of relying upon the intercession of St. Joseph....”

“At each church site, the group held a prayer service that included Benediction, traditional rite of protection to arrest evil influences and consecrations to St. Joseph of those individual deaneries....

“This public health emergency and the disarray into which it has thrown all of modern society is a bold reminder that human beings are not the ones in control, said Archbishop Listecki. ‘We get into our routines; we rely solely on ourselves and our own human devices, and all of a sudden we’re shaken to our core because we can’t control everything,’ he said. This crisis is an opportunity for us to orient ourselves once again to the Lord — ‘the source of all our being....”

Excerpted from “Archbishop, 2 Priests Make Eucharistic Procession”. Catholic Herald. March 26, 2020, Vol. 152, No. 9.