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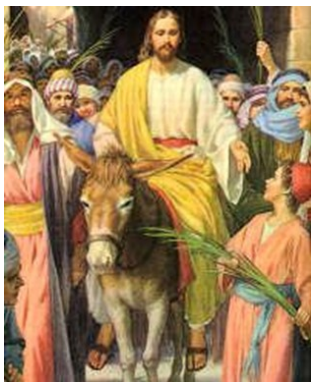
**Palm Sunday**  
**April 5th, 2020**  
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**Holy Cross Parish**  
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Reconciliation:

St. Joseph's-Saturday: 4:15-4:40 PM or by appointment  
Holy Cross-Sunday: 8:00-8:20 AM or by appointment

**Palm Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" (Jn 12:13-15).

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example, we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel. (Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

We carry palm branches as a tribute of *waving* joy, before Christ, victorious over death; also as a symbol of our *wavering* fickleness, betraying Christ unto His Death.

Jesus is our "example;" let us never lose sight of the eternal joy of "sharing in His Resurrection," when with Him we now "suffer on a cross" (Prayer).

In glorious language we read how the Son of God became the "slave" of man; how "He humbled Himself" and is now our pledge "in the glory of God the Father" (Epistle).

Even as Christ adhered to the Father, so must we, despite the seeming "prosperity of the sinner" (Gradual).

The "long Gospel" enables us, as it were, to be eyewitnesses of Christ's Passion and Death, revealing His love "unto the end" (indicated by Calvary in background).

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

*Courtesy of Catholic Culture.org*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Parish updates due to coronavirus:**  
**Mass information**

As of now, our Masses remain suspended. It is not yet known until when. We all miss our social gatherings in the Churches for prayer, but we can use this opportunity for spiritual self-reflection and see how we can remain connected with God on our own. It takes some sacrifice and discipline.

This is Holy week and I will try to follow the schedule of Masses, Confessions as well as the passion of our Lord services as indicated in this bulletin. All these services will be streamed live via Facebook of our parishes at given times. However, if need be, they will be recorded and posted. Sometimes the internet is low due to many users especially during the weekend.

Note some changes of Mass times, and venue during this Holy week celebrations. All will be streamed, and you can follow from home. On Good Friday, I ask you to do your own stations of the cross. The Churches are always open and feel free to come in.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2019/2020**

We do have 3 candidates from St. Joseph, Wisner, who have been preparing since last September. We were to receive them during this Easter vigil Mass. Unfortunately, we can't due to the restrictions that have been put in place as a result of the virus. Secondly, the congregation has to be present who join the universal church in accepting the new members officially. We will therefore receive them on the Vigil Mass of Pentecost (May 30<sup>th</sup>) hopefully that this flu will be gone.

**Online giving**

Even though we haven't set up our own online giving platform, the Archdiocese has set up a link that was designed particularly to assist parishes that do not have online giving capabilities. You may make a gift online, including a recurring gift, and designate your parish. Here is the link... <http://archomaha.org/offertory> Feel free to use this link to give your tithes and it will be passed on to our account.

We appreciate those of you who are mailing checks to our parishes, dropping them in the church as well as at First Community Bank in Beemer and Pinnacle Bank in Wisner. We rely on your support at this challenging time.

**Communication**

I ask you to read the bulletin as it has important information and schedules for online Masses and other church services during this Easter season. We will post the bulletins in Facebooks of parishes, email them to those who have provided us with email address and continue to place few copies in the church for pickup. We will use Facebook for quick announcements. We are working on website for our two parishes and it will be done in next few weeks to come. This will be handy in disseminating information to our parishioners.

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**Holy Cross Church—Beemer**

**OLD PALMS:** There will be a box for old palms in the church entrance.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** To insure continued financial support of **Holy Cross Parish**, envelopes that contain checks may be dropped off either in the offertory basket at the front of church, at the parish office, or at First Community Bank in Beemer. Any cash payments should be dropped off at the bank. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labeled. We thank you for your continued generosity.



**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS**

**St. Joseph—Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00pm**

**Holy Cross—Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm**

In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese, confessions are permissible with no face to face. Also in order to observe State guidelines, please remember to observe social distancing practices while inside the church.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church—Wisner**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Due to the increasing threat of COVID-19, we are suspending our regular counting groups. Instead, if you are available to help count on a Tuesday morning, please call Sarah at the church office, 402-529-3891, to schedule a day that works for you.**

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2020**

**Chair: Scott Mendlik**  
**Co-Chair: Dave Ebel**  
**Members: Dixon Godbersen, Gerald Gentrup, Drew Feller, Gary Godbersen, Michael Liermann, Duane Mendlik**

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**EASTER LILY DONATIONS:** Even though Masses are temporarily suspended, we are still accepting donations for lilies with the remembrance of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to fill out, or you may leave an envelope at Pinnacle Bank labeled Easter Flowers with your loved ones names noted. Lilies are \$20 each.

**PALMS FOR ST. JOSEPH AND HOLY CROSS**



Palms will be available to be picked up this weekend since it is Palm Sunday. They will be blessed and placed at the entrances of each parish by 11:00am. Please be mindful of when Father will be streaming Mass as to not interrupt. The best time to pick them up would be Saturday, 11:00am-4:45pm, as Mass is at 5:00pm or Sunday, before 9:45am, as Mass is at 10:00am.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Mass intentions will continue to be scheduled as Fr. Vincent will be saying private Masses. No Masses for the people will be held until further notice.*

Mon	06	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	07	+ Ron Esser
Wed	08	+ Arthur & Marcella Kalvoda Streamed via Beemer's Facebook
Thu	09	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> One Mass at 5:30 Streamed via Wisner's and Beemer's Facebook
Fri	10	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> One service at 3:00 pm Passion Narrative and Cross Veneration Streamed via Wisner's and Beemer's Facebook
Sat	11	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> One Mass at 8:00 pm Streamed via Wisner's and Beemer's Facebook
Sun	12	<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS</b> One Mass at 10:00 am Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish Streamed via Wisner's and Beemer's Facebook

**FACEBOOK PAGES**

St. Joseph—Joseph Wisner  
 Holy Cross—Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-6**

Our teachers have gathered some lessons and projects for your students to work on over the next couple months. There are some about Holy Week in some of the packets. Please spend some time working and talking with them about their faith in Jesus. There are bags or packets available for each student in the basement of the church with their name on it. If you could pick them up between Saturday and Wednesday, that would be great. We will either try to mail or deliver the remainder. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 402-841-6144 or Capri at 402-380-2925.



**Continued From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Rice Bowls:**

The rice bowls of lent are supposed to be returned on this Holy Thursday during Mass at 5:30. We ask you to drop them in your respective Church basket before the time of Mass. We will appreciate your generosity. If you can't bring them at this time, you can in the following week or two. It is important to return them. These Rice Bowls will be added to our Works of Mercy collection.

**Works of Mercy collection:**

Holy Thursday, is the time for our Works of Mercy collection in both parishes. There are gold colored envelopes in your box that list the organizations for this collection. There are normally collections throughout the year for these charities, but our parishes do just this one on Holy Thursday and the dollars are split between them, so a \$90 contribution would give \$10 to each organization. We appreciate your generosity and your ability to see to the care of the those in need.