

# St. Mary Catholic Church

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

## St. Mary Catholic Church

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Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:45 AM  
Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

### Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

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### Services:

Sunday: 8:30 AM  
Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

### Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

### Director of Music:

Dorothy Wood

## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Herbert Ene

**Deacon:** Wayne Tedford

**Secretary:** Lois Mahoney

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM



## A SHORT REFLECTION ON THE SECRET PASCHAL TRIDUUM

by Fr. Herbert Ene

### PART ONE: HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacred Paschal Triduum refers to the three holiest days of the year. The three days are the Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and the Holy Saturday of the Easter Vigil. All the ceremonies on these three days are only one single but continuous celebration.

On Holy Thursday morning the Bishop and his Priests celebrate the Chrism Mass during which priests renew their promises before their bishop. It is a special day for the entire priests throughout the world. It is our general anniversary. At the same ceremony the three different oils used by the church namely; Oil of Chrism, Oil of Catechumen and Oil of the Sick are blessed. In the evening of the same day the Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Consequently, three events are involved on Holy Thursday: the Institution of the

Holy Eucharist, the Institution of the Holy Orders and the Call for Fraternal Charity and Service.

On the night of the Passover meal, Christ instituted the Eucharist and called on his disciples (his Priests) and all of us to continue to celebrate this great mystery in his memory. Through the ministry of the priesthood, Christ is made present to his people. This fulfills his promise to be with us always till the end of time.

In the Holy Orders the Priest performs a three-fold role as Priest that sanctifies his people through Prayers and the Sacraments, as Prophet that teaches and admonish his people, and as King who leads his people just like a shepherd leads and guides his flock.

Finally, the last event is that of the Washing of Feet which expresses Fraternal Charity and Service. As Jesus said: "**Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served,**

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*but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*"; (Matthew 20:28). By virtue of our baptism, we all are called to this fraternal charity and humble service to one another, both in good and in bad times. We need to exercise this function more at this time of COVID-19 pandemic, though with extreme precaution.

As I celebrate the Holy Thursday event with our deacon, I assure you of my prayers and God's blessings and protection. Remember that Confession is by appointment. You may call the office. Be safe and remain blessed.

### PART TWO: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

On this day, being *Good Friday*, the universal Church celebrates the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, the *suffering Messiah* carried his Cross to Golgotha in order to pay his price for our salvation. "*He was pierced through for faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us healed*" (Is. 53:5). His wounds and bruises paid the price of our transgressions. His suffering and death are great price for the whole humanity.

To be a true follower of Christ, we must be ready to take up our Cross and follow Him. Jesus says to his disciples in **Matthew 16:24**: "**If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.**" Anyone who finds it difficult to do this will never be a true follower of Christ. As we commemorate the death of Christ, and as we face the challenges and hardship posed by **COVID-19** pandemic, may we all learn to die to sin so that we can rise with Christ to new life. May we also share in His suffering today through prayers, fasting and sacrifices that we will surely share in His glory in few days to come!

Furthermore, on the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion we celebrate the utmost expression of God's love for us. Here Jesus willingly suffered and died for us. In the Passion narrative, we may

discover the **three** kinds of suffering Jesus encountered.

1. **Mental Suffering** – Jesus endured the pain of betrayal, hatred and desertion by his loved ones.
2. **Physical Suffering** – He endured the pain of torture. Jesus was brutally beaten, crowned with thorns and nailed to the Cross.
3. **Spiritual Suffering** – He endured the pain of abandonment. Jesus hung helplessly on the Cross, hence he cried out: "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" (**Matt. 27: 46**).

Brothers and sisters, whenever we find ourselves suffering in one of these ways, especially in the present situation of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, we should turn to Jesus in prayer for he suffered before us. He knows how we feel in such a situation, and he will not fail to strengthen us.

At times one may ask, why should God allow this or that suffering to befall him? What crime has he committed that he should face such trials? Whenever we have such thoughts in mind let us remember that Jesus was innocent. Though he was innocent he accepted to die a shameful death on the cross. **Why?**

The suffering and death of Jesus speak to us in **three** ways.

**First**, it is a **Sign of LOVE**. Jesus says: "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*" (**John 15:13**).

**Second**, it is an **Invitation to LOVE**. He says: "*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you*" (**John 15: 12**).

**Finally**, it is a **Revelation about LOVE**. He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me*" (**Mark 8: 34**).

My beloved parishioners let us bear witness to this message of Jesus, by words and deeds. Let us testify to God's love for us which is made manifest

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in the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Cross of Jesus is not a sign of defeat or weakness but rather a sign of victory over sin and death. Let us hand over to God all we are and all we have. **God is good! All the time!**

### **PART THREE:**

#### **PART THREE: HOLY SATURDAY OF EASTER VIGIL**

In the morning of today which is Holy Saturday, the third day of the Paschal Triduum, the entire Holy Church is silent and waits in prayer for the resurrection of the Savior which we shall celebrate this evening during the Paschal Vigil. That is why this morning there are no liturgical celebration as such, no masses. Only private prayers in silence waiting for the great dawn of celebration we are going to have in the evening of today.

In the evening of today in which we are going to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, four major items are to be celebrated. They are the Liturgy of the Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In the **Liturgy of the Light**, we are going to celebrate Christ as the Light of the world. The celebration begins outside the church in which the priest and the congregation find themselves in total darkness. All light is turned out. The fire is blessed and from the holy fire the **Paschal Candle** is lighted and the red hot charcoal from the blessed fire is put in the thurible for the incense. The deacon carrying the Paschal Candle leads the procession to the church. The liturgy of the Light ends with the Easter proclamation called the *Exsultet*, which is a song of joy announcing the Light of Christ. It summons all creation to celebrate Christ as the Light of the world.

In the **Liturgy of the Word** we have seven readings from the Old Testament and two readings from the New Testament. The entire readings remind us of our journey with God from creation to our redemption. It is all about Creation, fall of mankind, God's Covenant with his people, the testimonies of the Prophets concerning the expected Messiah, the fulfillment of the prophecies with the coming of Christ and then our Redemption through Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

In the **Liturgy of Baptism**, the aspirants to the Christian faith which is called the Catechumen are baptized and initiated into the Mystical Body of Christ – the Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation can equally be administered at this point. All those already baptized will also renew their baptismal vows and become regenerated in Christ.

In the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, the newly baptized and all communicants share in the family love feast with Christ as our head. Here we receive his Precious Body and Blood as a family. The Eucharist is **true food** and **drink** but at the same time, it is very different from every other food and drink. We transform ordinary food into our own bodies but **the Eucharist transforms us into the Body of Christ**. As **Ludwig** rightly pointed out, **we become what we eat.**

Finally, the ceremonies of the Holy Saturday are all about waiting and watching in hope of the victory of life over death, of truth over falsity, of light over darkness, and of justice over injustice. This is the good news we all await, the good news that ends with a joyful song: "Alleluia!" To God be the glory.

Brothers and sisters, with the frustrations and challenges posed by the **COVID-19** pandemic, let us look to our loving God for an end to it. Christ our victor over death will see us through these hard times. Do not ever give up. God is still in control. He is good! All the time! Be safe and remain blessed.

### **PART FOUR: EASTER SUNDAY**

(Acts 10:34, 38-42; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9)

***"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad"* (Psalm 118:24)**. This is our Responsorial Psalm for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has turned into comedy.

On **Good Friday** we heard of the story of how Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted

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companions deserted him and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place.

It is a story of betrayal and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. Jesus was scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. It would have been a bad story - a tragedy, if that were the end of the story. But glory be to God it is not.

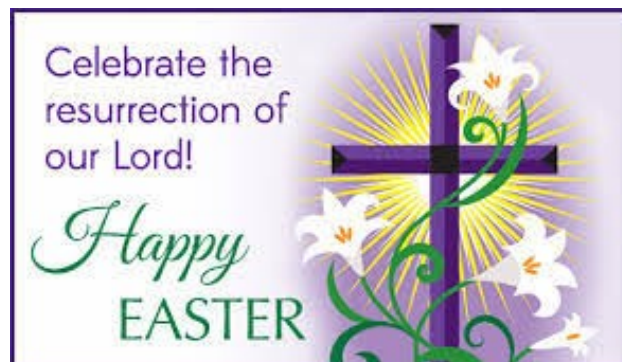
Death is not the end of the story. There is one more final chapter, a chapter of the story of Jesus rising from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord, who will prevail over all humankind, his enemies included. For us his embattled followers this is good news.

It is good news to know that truth is immortal. We

can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, and bury it in the grave but on the third day Truth will rise again. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth; do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining; knowing that by and by it will shine again.

My dear people of God, it is the end of the story that counts. That is why the church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. This period in our life, we are facing enormous difficulties as a result of **COVID-19** coronavirus pandemic. We have heard many confusing and conflicting views on the issue. God is not asleep. He is fully aware of all these trials. Yes, we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, and misrepresentations. At times the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Christ we shall overcome.

**GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**



## Easter Flower Offering

### In Memory of:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

- Hugh Conrad
- Michael R. Baloga
- Joseph Gacha
- Maria Kelly
- Larry King
- Judy Reye
- Lorraine Truty
- The Pierce Family
- W. C. Ruhlman
- B.J. Busch
- Sandy Tankersley
- Evelyn VanHuss
- Mary Mahoney
- Debbie Mullins
- Richard Gagnon
- Leon Houle
- Ellena Houle
- Patricia Frye
- Dena Gagnon
- Edward Taylor
- Louis F. Kukacka
- Mary Bily Korbel
- Richard F. Korbel
- Kendall Roudebush
- Helen Crokenower
- Hugh Conrad
- Paula Kee
- Matilda Bowen
- Mary Katherine West
- Vergia Kee
- Jeff Pierce
- Mr. & Mrs. Harold Nunnery
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lomax
- Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Massie
- Mr & Mrs. Michael Parisi
- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Massie
- Lillian Dejemar Kukacka
- The Boucher Family
- Mr & Mrs. George Gacha
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael C. Baloga
- George Gacha Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mel Shoemaker

## Easter Flower Offering

### In Honor of:

*Lord God, You loved this world so much that you gave your only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Amen.*

- Pat Baloga
- Joyce King
- Richard Mahoney
- Lorraine Lanello
- The King Family
- Mayme Dejemat Jindra
- Karen & Dwayne Pierce
- Mary & Patricia Boucher

Remember to mail your Offering Envelopes or drop off at the office between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays! Our address is 220 West Main Street, Camden, TN 38320 for both Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Mary Catholic Church.

## Catholic Diocese of Memphis

### “Live” Masses

**Nativity** will have **Bishop David P. Talley** streaming Mass “live” on facebook: M-F at 8:15am, Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am and **5pm (Spanish)**.

**Holy Cross** is streaming Mass “live” on YouTube: Tues.-F at 12pm and Sundays at 10am

**Immaculate Conception** (Union City) is broadcasting Mass “live” on Facebook and YouTube: Saturdays at 6pm.

**Incarnation** is streaming Mass “live” on its Facebook: M-F 8:30am, Saturday Vigil at 5pm and Sundays at 10am and **11:30am (Spanish)**.

**Resurrection** is streaming Mass “live” on its Facebook: Sundays at 9am and **10:15am (Spanish)**.

**St. Ann** (Bartlett) is streaming Mass “live” on its Facebook: Sundays at 10:30am.

**St. Francis** is taping its Masses and placing on its Website to watch during regular Mass times.

**St. Patrick** is streaming Mass “live” on its Facebook: Sundays at 9:00 am and as a replay on YouTube at 11:00am.

Go to <https://cdom.org/direct-streaming/> for more options!

## Thank you for your offering!

For all of you who have continued to pray and to support our church, we say thank you. May God bless you and your families as we pray for His strength and guidance as we weather this storm.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

#### For week ending 04/05/2020

St. Mary—Enrollment	92
Total Regular Offering	\$2,370.00
Total Families Contributing	16

Holy Family — Enrollment	39
Total Regular Offering	\$1,375.00
Total Families Contributing	5

### ONE COLLECTION

For weekend of 04/19/2020  
General Offering

## **Mass Intentions**

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	04/11/20	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Jeanette Kozak	Dan & Jean Ebeling
Sunday	04/12/20	Holy Family St. Mary	8:30 AM 10:45 AM	Holy Family & St. Mary Karen Dale+	Craig/Kathy Coltharp
Monday	04/13/20	St. Mary	12:00 noon	Ray and Beverly Massen+	Norm and Joan Krug
Tuesday	04/14/20		NO MASS		
Wednesday	04/15/20	Holy Family	12:00 noon	Delores Holdridge+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Thursday	04/16/20	Holy Family	12:00 noon	Debbie Mullins+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Friday	04/17/20	St. Mary	12:00 noon	Tony Krug	Norm and Joan Krug
Saturday	04/18/20	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nicholas Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	04/19/20	Holy Family St. Mary	8:30 AM 10:45 AM	St. Mary and Holy Family Lois Mahoney	Dan and Jean Ebeling



### **Prayer Intentions for the Health and Recovery of our Parish Family...**

*"Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit  
that I may serve You with all my strength.*



**St. Mary's:** Gerald Goldman, Eric Christensen, Donald Wilson, Jim McMillon, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, Fr. Charles, James Davenport, Jeanette Kozak, Anna Robertson, Vicky Story, Jane Adams, Jackie Ruhlman, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Barbara Krupa, Mary Brown, Raul Simoes, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

**Holy Family:** Deborah Thorne, Carl Reetz, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Donna Reindl, Sissy Munoz.

**For Our Extended Family:** Nathan Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; Elizabeth Brown, sister of Barbara Taylor; Eric Reiter son of Sharon Reiter; Kaelynn Bressler, niece for Dan and Jean Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbra Taylor; Arley McMillon, brother of Jim McMillon; Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Richard Muenze, brother-in-law of Pam McMillon; Jessica Smith, niece of Jim & Pam McMillon; James Scalfani, friend of Dan and Jean Ebeling; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbel; Gerald Coltharp, family member of Craig &

Kathy Coltharp; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; John H. Costello, Brother of Pam McMillon; John Brinker, uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Carol Dilgard, friend of Fr. Charles Allen; Dennis Stanion, brother of Sissy Munoz; Ruth Johnson, aunt of Jean Ebeling; Dee Vohnoutka, sister of Garry Korbel; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix, Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece; Robert Vohnoutka, husband of Garry Korbel's sister; Debra Thibedau, sister of Betty Gagnon; Deacon Tom Bello; Della Jungels, Carrie Etter's mother; Matthew Ebeling, son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman; Tom Gacha.

**For those on active duty in the military:**

Zakkary Klinzing, grandson of Mary Jane Klinzing; Eric Huot, husband of Lorna Johnson Huot; Brendon Dugger, son of Sigi & Tom Dugger and Grandmother Bella Stahl; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill, Jonathan Placido, son-in-law of Arlene Conrad.