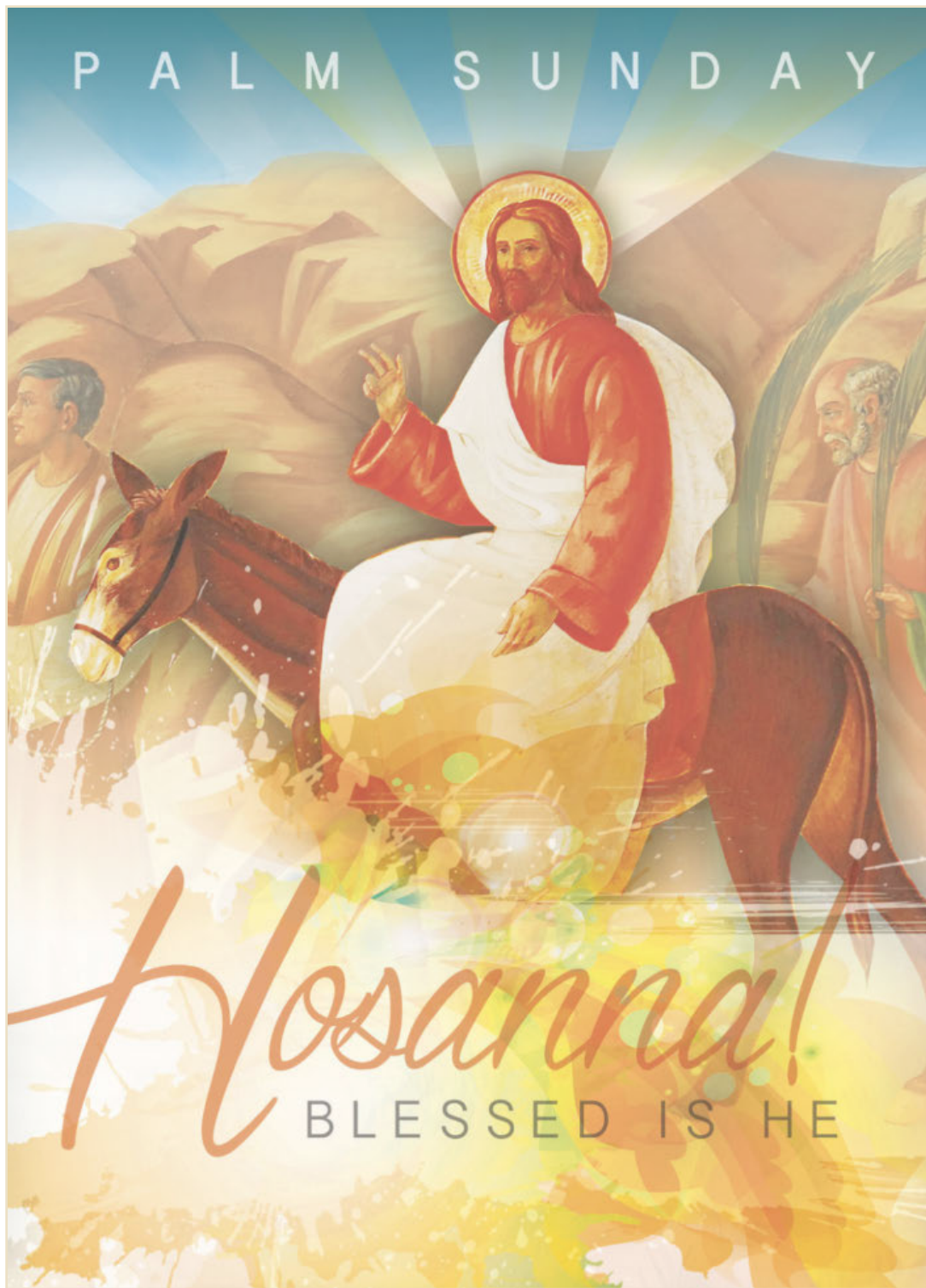


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | APRIL 02, 2023

P A L M S U N D A Y



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:  
8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

How could the theme for today's Readings be anything other than the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ? **During the final week of Lent, we celebrate the very highs and lows of Jesus' earthly life; and there are several themes, but all of them might be summed up in one word, LOVE.** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might have life."* (John 3:16) We must remember that Jesus did not come into this world just to be crucified; rather, He came to show us how much He and the Father love us, even enough to die for us. This is clearly shown in all of His teachings and actions.

**In the Processional Reading, from the Gospel of Matthew (21:1-11),** we hear the story of Jesus sending two disciples off to prepare for the Passover, their final meal together, and then we learn of His triumphal procession into Jerusalem where, a few days later, some of these same people will yell *"Crucify Him!"* In this reading we can tell that Jesus knew what was just ahead of Him, that with each step He comes closer to death. Still, He is willing to go through with it out of obedience to and love for His Father and for all mankind.

**The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-70).** We hear from the Prophet who, like Jesus, was persecuted because the people of Israel did not like what he said. Here he is explaining how he forged ahead even under severe persecution. You might consider Isaiah as being an early version of Jesus who was thought by His own people to be a prophet and yet, they killed Him as they did all the prophets.

**The Responsorial Psalm (22:8-24) begins with the words "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"** These are the words that Jesus cries out on the cross; first because He is human and in anguish, but also because these words were written about Him 200 years before as a prediction of God's suffering servant, a role that Jesus is now fulfilling. The ending of this Psalm is a victory speech predicting the resurrection; thus Jesus could be saying, in so many words, *"Today, this prophesy will be fulfilled in your sight."*

**The Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:6-11),** is a poetic summary of the role of Jesus Christ who sets aside His being the Son of God coming to earth and living and dying out of love for His Father and for all mankind, and the honor bestowed on Him for it.

**The Gospel Reading is a three-part reading from the Gospel of Matthew (26:14- 66).** In it, we hear the familiar story of the Last Supper, the betrayal by Judas, the arrest and suffering of Jesus, and finally the crucifixion. Not until Easter Sunday do we hear of the third part of this great event. **So listen carefully!** Place yourself in the crowd scene. Are you one who is yelling, *"Crucify Him"* or, are you one who is quietly standing by silently saying, *"Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner?"*

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## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling.

Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance.*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (*Is 50:6*)

**PSALM:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (*Ps 22*)

**SECOND READING:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (*Phil 2:8-9*)

**GOSPEL:** The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (*Mt 26:54*)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### APRIL 2, 2023

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/*Is 50:4-7*/*Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)*/*Phil 2:6-11*/*Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54*

**Monday:** *Is 42:1-7*/*Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14*/*Jn 12:1-11*

**Tuesday:** *Is 49:1-6*/*Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17*/*Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

**Wednesday:** *Is 50:4-9a*/*Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34*/*Mt 26:14-25*

**Thursday:** *Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9*/*Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27*/*Rv 1:5-8*/*Lk 4:16-21* *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14*/*Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)*/*1 Cor 11:23-26*/*Jn 13:1-15*

**Friday:** *Is 52:13—53:12*/*Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)*/*Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9*/*Jn 18:1—19:42*

**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 (1)*/*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)*/*Rom 6:3-11*/*Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*/*Mt 28:1-10*

**Next Sunday:** *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*



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## Sunday - April 2nd - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski  
*Requested by: Norman Michalski*

## Monday - April 3rd - Monday of Holy Week *(School Mass)*

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

## Tuesday - April 4th - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 am - †Flo Veroni (Birthday)  
*Requested by: Linda Mathewson*

## Holy Thursday - April 6th - Evening of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm - †Tiruwork Tadesse  
*Requested by: Loving Family*

## Good Friday - April 7th - The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm - NO INTENTION

## Holy Saturday - April 8th - Easter Vigil

9:00 pm - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

## Easter Sunday - April 9th - Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am - †David Lesiecki & Richard Garcia, Sr.  
*Requested by: Diana Lesiecki*

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Holy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm

*Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Paul, Anna S., Joanne C.*

### Good Friday, April 7th at 3:00 pm

*Eucharistic Ministers: Mike D.*

### Holy Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 pm

*Lector: Laura V.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Genevieve Z., Karen B., Joanne C.*

*Servers: Rose & Jacob K., Lucy K.*

### Easter Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 am

*Lector: Celia F.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.*

*Servers: Needed*

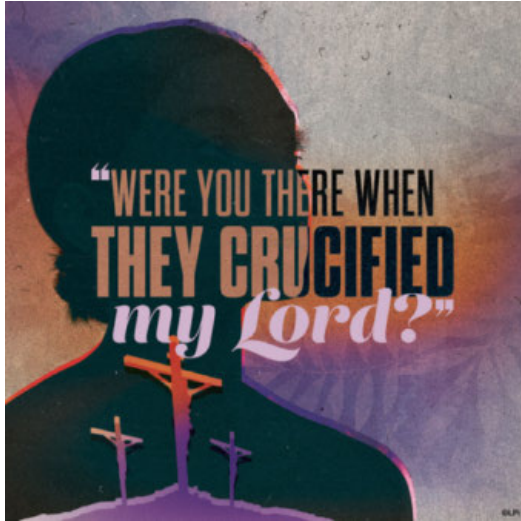
# OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00  
 Sunday Collection (3/5/2023)..... \$5,691.00  
 7/1/2022 to Date +/- Budget..... (-\$36,130.50)



## MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday, 4/6

7:00 pm - Mass at St. Anthony's with Fr. Ken

### Good Friday, 4/7 (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Noon - Stations of the Cross with Deacon Paul  
 3:00 pm - Services with Bishop Greis & Deacon Paul

### Holy Saturday, 4/8

9:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass with Fr. Smith & Fr. Ken

### Easter Sunday, 4/9

10:00 am - Easter Mass with Fr. Smith



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton
Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis
Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick
Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez
Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Dawn Smith-Hathaway	Nancy Hartman	Tim Haupt	Vicky Herrmann
Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs
Devin Jarvis	Colleen Jasinski	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Jeanne Provenza	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Rob Salkowitz
Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Sheila Strauser	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres
Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Velma Weichman
Cathy Weston	Paul Winkler	Bob Wisner	Doris Zgola-Whitka		

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna: 440-288-1644**

# ADORATION CHAPEL

"What a great thing the priest is. If he understood it, he would die. God obeys him: he says two words and Our Lord descends from Heaven at his voice and shuts Himself into a little host."

~St. John Vianney

"I asked the Holy Father, 'Give us holy priests, and we sisters and our families will be holy . . . Without priests we have no Jesus. Without priests, we have no absolution. Without priests, we cannot receive Holy Communion . . . The heart of Jesus is in the priest. In choosing a man to be priest, Jesus has given Himself totally to that man. It is only the priest who can give the real living Jesus to us; in the Blessed Sacrament.' "

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The imposition of hands consecrates you wholly and entirely through the gift of the Holy Spirit; through the anointing of your hands, it is granted to you to offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice. By participating day after day in the Savior's supreme offering, a priest offers with Him all of humankind to the Father who loves it . . . By celebrating Christ's Sacrifice, you will come to care for the salvation of the souls that will be entrusted to you, the care of the Good Shepherd."

~St. John Paul II, February 1992, Guinea



## ***Divine Mercy Meditation - May Every Soul Know***

I am very surprised that You bid me to talk about this Feast of Mercy, for they tell me that there is already such a feast and so why should I talk about it? And Jesus said to me, **And who knows anything about this feast? No one! Even those who should be proclaiming My mercy and teaching people about it often do not know about it themselves. That is why I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it** (*Diary, 341*).

### **My Prayer Response:**

*Lord Jesus, may the Feast of Mercy be explained and understood and celebrated, so every soul may know about it. May the Feast of Mercy be a great evangelistic tool in reaching the whole world with Your mercy! Amen.*

## **PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - ABORTION & ADOPTION**

The number of would-be adoptive parents (of newborn babies) far outstrips the supply in America. Each year in the United States, about 135,000 American children are placed for adoption. Experts estimate somewhere between one and two million couples seek to adopt yearly. Every year, there are about 1.3 million abortions. **Sadly, only 4% of women with unwanted pregnancies give their children up for adoption. Every child is wanted, and wanted desperately!**

~A Pro-Life Articles Author



## PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Thus begins the most solemn week of our liturgical year. Lent will be over soon and the great joy of Easter will be here. Will you be able to look back and say that your Lenten observance or resolution was successful, and that you can truly partake of the Joy of Easter? It's not too late. Begin now! **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

## OFFICES AND ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURES FOR EASTER

The School Office will be closed from **Thursday, April 6th** until **Sunday, April 16th**.  
*School will resume on Monday, April 17th.*

**Both the Parish Office & Adoration Chapel will close on Friday, April 7th at 3 pm & remain closed until Tuesday, April 11th.**

*The Parish Office & Adoration Chapel will resume normal hours on Wednesday, April 12th.*

Thank you for your understanding. Happy Easter!

## LENTEN LAMENTATIONS AT NATIVITY B.V.M. CHURCH

Nativity, located at the corner of 15th Street & Lexington Avenue, Lorain, will have a special service of Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale) in English on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 3 pm. This beautiful and moving devotion, honoring the Passion of our Lord, includes Benediction, hymns, and a period of reflection. Ample parking is available in the lot off 14th Street.

## HAPPY HEAVENLY 100TH BIRTHDAY, MOTHER ANGELICA

Join AM 1260 The Rock for candid conversation, a story of conversion, birthday cake & camaraderie on **Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm at Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Cleveland** as we approach what would have been the 100th Birthday of EWTN's Foundress Mother Mary Angelica of Annunciation. Hear from Dave Vacheresse, former GM of EWTN Radio, & Lisa Gould, former VP of EWTN Viewer Services as they share memories of Mother. Pick up a signed copy of Dave's new book *"Faith Over Fear: Lessons from My Life with Mother Angelica."* And what's a birthday celebration without cake?



## FIRST FRIDAY FORUM -- APRIL 14TH

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present **Sr. Rita Harwood speaking on Immigration on Friday, April 14th**. Lunch begins at 11:30 am & speaker at Noon at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College. RSVP's are needed by 6 pm on Mon., April 10th. Call 440-213-2132 or email [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com). Cost is \$25.

## CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS ON APRIL 16TH

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups both in-office & virtually on Zoom. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. **The next meeting is April 16th with in-office at 3 pm & virtual at 5 pm.** The topic is *"Mother's Day and Grief"*. Come & be present with those who understand at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, 32789 Detroit Road at 3 pm in the Main Office Building OR Sign-up for the Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 5 pm. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> or call Rhonda, 216-930-4866.

Visit <https://www.clecem.org> for the most updated schedule of events.



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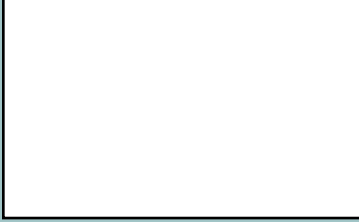
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