

# Holy Assumption

April 5, 2020

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

+Rita Summerfield by Family

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

+Pat Certano by Bob and Donne Whitburn

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Health and Welfare of Mike Benusa  
by Tom and Karen Hoffman

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

+Pat Certano by Helen Lundberg

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday

+Vernon Hoag by Irene Hoag



Palm  
Sunday

## Weekly Contributions

March 28 & 29, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....\$ 1035.00

Online Giving.....\$ 245.00

World Concern.....\$ 195.00

Palm Sunday.....\$ 50.00

Rice Bowl.....\$ 25.00

Black and Indian.....\$ 25.00

**Thank you to all of our parishioners who  
have continued to support our parish  
either online or by mail.**

## We Pray for Their Health and Welfare

Barb Schiller Fr. Lee Flaherty Fr. Ron Olson Helen Dudek Lois  
Dzuck Carol Schiesser Ron Engstrom CeCe Dorin Penny McGrath  
Barb Doherty Cindy Wnuk Boguslaw Wnuk Richard Krynski Tim  
Karling Mike Schmitt Lorraine Archambeault Paul Witzman Robert  
Amoth Charlie Dolsen Angie Timmerman Jan Marcuk Judy Dorin  
Ruth Gallagher Eileen Larochelle Mary Jean Dolsen Shirley Sickler  
Irene Kulig Ruth Fenhouse Bob Atkinson Michelle Crowe Joe  
Hagadorn Larry Atkinson Fr. Ron Levra Jim Barschdorf Don Krisak

*Those on the Prayer List are usually listed for  
four weeks unless notified otherwise.*



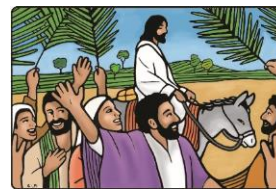
## Pray for Those Who Serve Our Country

Tim Motschman Jeremy Pionk Steve R. Koszarek Kelsey Merry Steve  
Wachtler Adam Sislo Nick Kiminski Ryan Alan Olson Lee Olson Erin  
Ansell Joshua Brand Jadon Stone Jeremy Knase Justin Knase

*All Mass Intentions will be said  
privately by Fr. Ron.*

## Liturgical Roles

*Thank you to all our Communion Ministers,  
Readers, Ushers, Servers,  
Cross Bearers and Sacristan.  
Your service is greatly appreciated.*



## Palm Sunday

*"Hosanna to the Son of  
David; blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the  
Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he  
entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken  
and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds  
replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from  
Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11*

**Holy Assumption**  
CSA Parish Goal Summary 2020  
as of March 4, 2020

CSA – 2020 Goal \$ 19,549.00

Total Payments & Pledges: 11,770.00

Remaining to Raise \$ 7,779.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our  
Catholic Services Appeal obligation.*

## NEW CLUSTER WEBSITE

Superior Cluster parishes have a new website  
<https://superiorcatholics.org>. If you would like  
to sign up for online giving, scroll down and  
click "Giving" and then click Holy Assumption  
and fill out the form for our parish.



## MEDITATION

How many times throughout our lives have we made the sign of the Cross? Stop and think: at Mass; meal prayers; morning & evening prayers; special gatherings; and moments of blessing and grace. This simple action, which we teach to children at an early age, invokes a connection with the passion of Jesus.

We adorn our homes with the Cross. A crucifix is a common gift to a new home; crosses are placed in bedrooms and common areas as a reminder that Jesus is the source of our help and strength.

We adorn ourselves with the Cross as well: a crucifix on a chain; a cross in our pocket; earrings; rings; bracelets; and all the extra cards, bookmarks, figurines, and miscellaneous items that remind us that Jesus died on a Cross.

The passion we read every year on this day focuses our attention on the central mystery of our faith. **Out of love for us God sent His Son, Jesus, who gave his life on the Cross that we might have eternal life.** Through his suffering and death, we recognize that God has made a pathway possible that we might all journey through this life to the gates of Heaven.

The Cross teaches us many lessons:

- Life is difficult, and at times painful
- Weakness and sin are part of our experience
- God identifies with our pain
- God dies that we might have life

At the core of our teaching the Cross stands as the testament of God's love for us. Yet the Cross appears to be an embarrassment – after all, why would God (all powerful, all knowing, supreme) choose to be humiliated? Does that not mean that God is weak? Why could God not take away our sins in a way that showed majesty and splendor?

In reality, the weakness revealed in the Cross uncovers our frailty, not God's. **Jesus endured the Cross because of our broken, wounded nature.** He carried the Cross because we were unable to – as St. Paul writes "The wages of sin is death" in Romans 6:23 – and he bore the suffering, pain, and grief that are the natural result of our sinfulness. God is not weak, rather God takes on our weakness so that we can be made whole.

The Cross proclaims the truth that **God meets us where we are in life.** In our weakness, in our humiliation, in our low moments of doubt and sin God comes to us. Jesus, like us in every way but sin, understands our pain because through his Cross he shares in the suffering of the world. He knows us, loves us, and saves us through his Cross.

Every time we make the sign of the Cross may we recall what the Lord endured for us. Through the Cross we discover our strength as we trust in God's love and seek to follow that love as we journey through this life toward the world to come.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Fr. Andrew

**Question for Children:** Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

**Question for Youth:** Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

**Question for Adults:** Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

### Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

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 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34[14c]/Mt 26:14-25  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* 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  
Friday: 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  
Saturday: *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/ 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

They took branches of palm-trees  
and went out to meet him.

Merciful Lord, help families, neighbors, and communities draw together in strength during this difficult time.

May all who have been affected by this disaster be wrapped in your eternal, healing embrace.

Fill their hearts with calm and courage, Lord, and awaken the indomitable spirit within them so that they may recover and rebuild their lives. Guide them protect them, and uplift them with hope now and always. Amen

*Kathryn Oates*

Adoration is possible wherever we are. He is near...

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### Still Serving Others and Staying Safe!

The cornerstone of our Society is the home visit. With a moratorium on evictions and utility disconnects a significant number of the 140 households who contacted us for assistance in March have not needed these forms of assistance - instead calls have been coming from those who are homeless. Shelters have been running full with waiting lists. Even warming centers have had to turn away individuals for overnight stays. We have had 22 phone conference calls (the family and two of our members) in situations in which there has been a request for assistance as it is unsafe for face to face visits.

Currently, we are providing shelter in motels for 12 households, some for several days, others for weeks until they have an alternative. Some families have children, some women are pregnant, some are veterans and many have been recently hospitalized and are vulnerable to illness. Since we have been putting many families in motels we have been starting them off with a bag of food - donations given to us directly or through the 40 Cans for Lent food collection. Fortunately there are other area food resources available and free DTA rides so we are able to direct people to other resources.

If you or someone you know has an immediate need - please call 715-398-4039 and leave a message. We will return a call as soon as we are able. We are not accepting goods at this time due to the closure of the Catholic Charities Building to the public. Financial donations can be mailed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 1416 Cumming Ave. Superior, WI 54880. We are grateful for your prayers!

## PLEASE USE OUR PARISH CLUSTER RESOURCES FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT:

- Our website for weekly bulletins and undated information: [superiorcatholics.org](http://superiorcatholics.org)
- Use the myParish app (instructions to download below)
- Online at Formed.org (instructions to download below)
- Facebook pages: Cathedral of Christ the King, Cathedral School, St. Anthony-Superior, Holy Assumption, St. Anthony-Lake Nebagamon, St. William
- Fr. Andrew's daily homilies and presentations: [studyprayserve.com](http://studyprayserve.com)
- And for those of you who do not use online resources: read your Bible, pray the Rosary, use the devotionals that were mailed to your home, or read any of the books handed out at Christmas and Easter
- During this time I will be offering Mass every day at 8:30am from the Cathedral that will be livestreamed on Facebook. It will be shared on all of our parish FB pages, and you will be able to view it any time after 9am.
- **Directions for downloading myParish app on a phone or tablet:**
  - 1. Search myParish on the Google Play or the App Store
  - 2. Download the app
  - 3. Enter 54880 as the ZIP Code
  - 4. Allow all notifications
- **Directions for Formed.org**
  - 1. Go to <https://formed.org/>
  - 2. Click Sign Up
  - 3. Click I Belong to a Parish or Organization
  - 4. Enter 54880
  - 5. Click on Cathedral of Christ the King



**NOTE:** If you have a computer, smartphone or tablet and we do not have your email address, please send an email to [secretaryhasw@centuryling.net](mailto:secretaryhasw@centuryling.net) so that you can receive any important information that is sent out by our parish



My peace I  
give to you

## Who Is this Man?

**H**e is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with “a well-trained tongue” who knows “how to answer the weary” (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What does Jesus' self-emptying tell us about God?*
- ★ *How would your world change if you chose to serve others rather than control them?*



*He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and]... humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:7–8

# Dear Padre,

## How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

**T**he Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

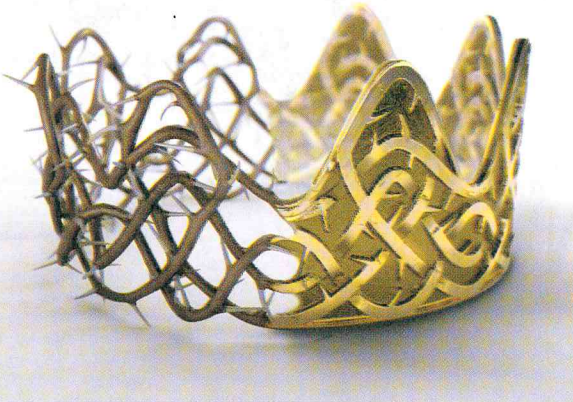
Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble

king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy...somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.*

—PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 6

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

APRIL 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

APRIL 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

APRIL 9

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

APRIL 10

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday

APRIL 11

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

### Sunday

APRIL 12

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*