

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER PALM SUNDAY



### "Stay Here and Watch With Me."

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God's graces and blessings be upon you and your families this Holy Week!

"Stay here and watch with me." (Matt 26:38) These words are one of the last requests Christ would make to His disciples before He would be arrested and crucified. These words are meant for us too, not just for Holy Week, but every day, Christ desires us to "**keep watch and pray.**" This week, in a very special way, try to keep watch with Our Lord. Ponder these terrible and sacred events, meditate on their meaning, empathize with Jesus and His mother. Place yourself in their midst and seek to understand and appreciate what Love endured for us. Identify the drops of sweat, the streams of blood, the bruises and wounds that our sins caused and implore Him to bestow upon you the grace of true repentance. Be resolved not to go back to your old stomping grounds of sin, but make a true resolution to start new and better habits.

As the Passion account is before our attention today, let us take a closer look at a few of the characters contained therein to see how best to "watch" with Christ.

The Apostles, the closest and most devout friends of Christ; even after He warned them about His impending arrest and death, they didn't seem to believe Him. Only Peter, James, and John followed Christ into the garden, and while He sweat blood, being "sorrowful unto death," these 3 slept. When the soldiers showed up, they all fled. Peter fought briefly, but he was admonished by Our Lord as this was not the kind of follower that He was calling them to be.

The Pharisees, in their efforts to zealously keep the law of God, they lost sight of the spirit of the law and so they missed the 'time of their visitation'. What's even worse, this blindness made them very bitter and spiteful towards their God and Savior.

John came back, because he went to Our Blessed Mother. She always leads her children back to Christ. Peter came back too, but all 4 gospels point out that Peter followed Christ, but "afar off" or "at a distance." He kept his eyes on Our Lord but wouldn't get too close. From this distance, he felt cold, so the scripture tells us that "he warmed himself" by the fire. And in the company of those 'afar off' from Christ, he ends up denying even knowing Jesus. How quickly do we deny our Faith when in the midst of peer pressure. The beginning of his conversion was brought about when "the Lord turned" to him (*conversus Domino*). Christ turned to look on him and Peter's heart melts in sorrow for his denial.

One character in the story stands out among the others as the model to follow. Mary 'stood by the cross of Christ'. When all others fled, Mary stands firm next to her Son. There is no fear in her devotion, she follows Him closely. She bears these indescribable pains patiently. She remembered each step and revered every blow. She was the sole comfort to His pierced heart. "Behold your Mother!"

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 10 - 17

#### SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

#### MONDAY: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:45 AM LOW MASS

#### TUESDAY: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:45 AM LOW MASS

#### WEDNESDAY: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:45 AM LOW MASS

#### THURSDAY: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM SOLEMN HIGH MASS

#### FRIDAY: GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
3:00 PM SOLEMN LITURGY

#### SATURDAY: HOLY SATURDAY

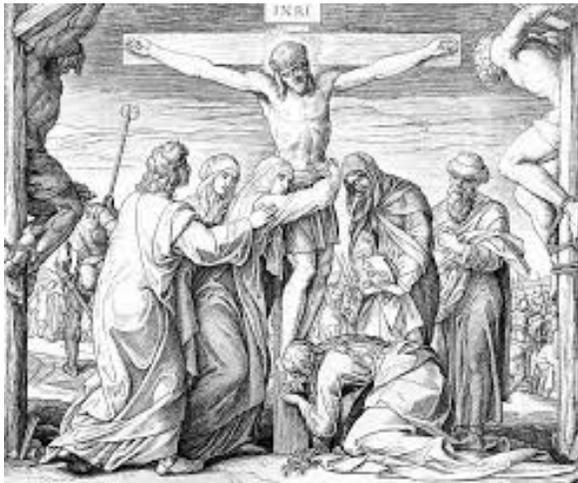
10:00 PM SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER

#### CONFESSIONS

MONDAY: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
SEE SCHEDULE ON BACK  
MON-WED: 7:25AM - 7:40AM  
FRIDAY - SUNDAY:  
45 MIN BEFORE MASS

OR BY APPOINTMENT

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Holy Mother, pierce me through;  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Saviour crucified.

### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.  
Amen.

## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Low Mass  
10:15 am - Solem High Mass

### Monday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass  
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Confessions

### Tuesday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass

### Wednesday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass

### Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm - Solemn High Mass  
Confessions before and after  
Adoration till Midnight

### Good Friday

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Confessions  
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

### Holy Saturday

9:00-9:45 pm Confessions  
10:00 pm Solemn Vigil

### Easter Sunday

8:00 am Low Mass  
10:15 High Mass

## Prayers to Our Crucified Lord

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five Wounds, having before my eyes that which David, thy prophet, spoke of Thee: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."

### Prayer of Reparation

My Crucified Jesus, wash me with Thy most Precious Blood.

Look upon me as the good thief, who hung on the cross next to Thee on Calvary. A sinner, paying for his crimes but recognizes Thy divinity and begs for mercy and forgiveness and asks: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

Dear Lord, look upon me like the Good Thief and I should be so lucky, full of Peace. Amen.

## Reverences in Church

To the tabernacle when Our Lord is Present -

Genuflection on right knee.

To the altar when Our Lord is not Present-

Shoulder bow.

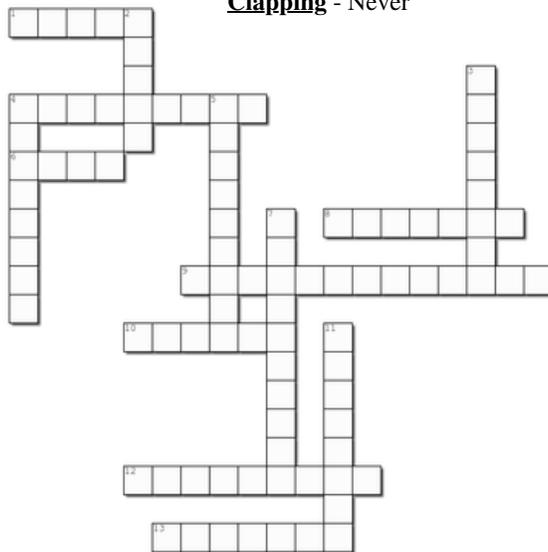
To the unveiled crucifix on Good Fri and H. Sat -

Genuflection of right knee.

To the Eucharist exposed in the Monstrance -

Genuflection on both knees.

Clapping - Never



### Across

- The Traitor.
- Mysteries of the Rosary recalling Christ's passion and death.
- Abbreviation of Jesus' crime. (Jesus Nazarene Rex Iudaeorum)
- Pontius Pilate's better half.
- He said to Jesus, "What is truth?" (2 words)
- Name of the penitent thief.
- Joseph of Arimathea and him, besought Pilate to take the body of Jesus from the cross.
- Hebrew word of praise and adoration proclaimed on Palm Sunday.

### Down

- Cyrenean father of Rufus and Alexander.
- Wiped the face of Jesus.
- The wounds of Christ as shared by some saints.
- Place of the last supper and the Descent of the Holy Ghost. (2 words)
- Another word for the Garden of Olives.
- Hebrew word meaning Praise Yahweh. (Sung throughout Paschal Time)

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*"Have this in mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was by nature God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be clung to, but emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave and being made like unto men. And appearing in the form of man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even to death on a cross."*

ST. PAUL TO THE PHIPIANS 2:5-7

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

+Christine Marie Tuminello  
rb: Sica Family  
Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Special Intention  
rb: Sandra Noll

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Lee Anne Boyle  
rb: Michael & Mary Pheasant

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Joseph Doggett  
rb: Jeff and Lisa Doggett

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Priest's Intention

Friday: 3:00 PM

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Saturday: 10:00 PM

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