

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER PASSION SUNDAY



Standing with Christ

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God be praised in all of our actions! This Sunday's Gospel is perhaps one of the saddest of year. After teaching them holy morality and revealing to them God's love for man, after revealing to the crowds His divinity, but only after performing works that only God can do; they pick up stones to throw at Him. And Jesus hides Himself and leaves the temple.

These words ought to make us shudder. God, Who is love, enters His creation only to redeem it, endures the hardships and humiliations of an impoverished life. He healed the sick everywhere He went, He instructed the ignorant and brought hope to those in despair, only to have rocks thrown at Him. One thought that might help us avoid sin when tempted; Christ endured all of these humiliations, rebukes, and abuses for love of me, what am I willing to endure for love of Him? Is this little pleasure worth more than all

He did for me? What am I missing out on? The fear of missing out (FOMO) is a real thing and we often end up thinking, doing, or saying something we shouldn't because we feel we will miss out on something. This can be a deep temptation for us. We think that if we choose to follow Christ, to really follow Him in a spirit of poverty, humility, obedience and purity that we will miss out on all kinds of good times that we deserve. We are quite comfortable to make Christ a "part" of our life, so long as He doesn't ask for too much, so long as He doesn't ask for the "whole" of our heart. These fears of missing out on created goods quickly lead us to pride and resentment, and pretty soon we find ourselves with stones in our hands. Even if we don't throw them at Christ, they weigh us down from following Him. We can't receive His love and grace, if we are filled with love for other things. If you find yourself stuck in this pattern it's often a sign of tepidity. To remedy this we have to have a pure intention being 100% committed to serving Christ, making Him the center of your heart, the center of your day, the center of your life. It's the scariest thing in the world, to let go of the things of the world; to let the love of created things go. Remember this principle, "Our Lord cannot be out done in generosity." He only asks for our finite, limited, weak imperfect selves, but He promises to give us in exchange His Eternal, Infinite All-powerful Self and the unending happiness in Heaven! We just have to choose to serve Him, whole heartily and every day. This is the essence of the Morning offering prayer.

We should never be content with tepidity. It's so important to be constant in our good habits of daily prayer and always try to improve from the day before. Every day make that decision to stand on the side of Christ. Undoubtedly you will suffer stones as well, but if we always stand up for Christ and with Christ, He will always be on our side. May God love you and bless you this Passiontide.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 3-9

SUNDAY: PASSION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

4:30 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM MASS/OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY: FERIA OF PASSIONTIDE

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM MASS

CONFESSIONS

MONDAYS IN LENT: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 I offer Thee all my prayers, works,
 joys, and sufferings of this day,
 for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
 in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
 throughout the world,
 in reparation for my sins,
 for the intentions of all my family and friends,
 and in particular,
 for the intentions of the Holy Father.
 Amen.



And He hid Himself, and went out of the Temple

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

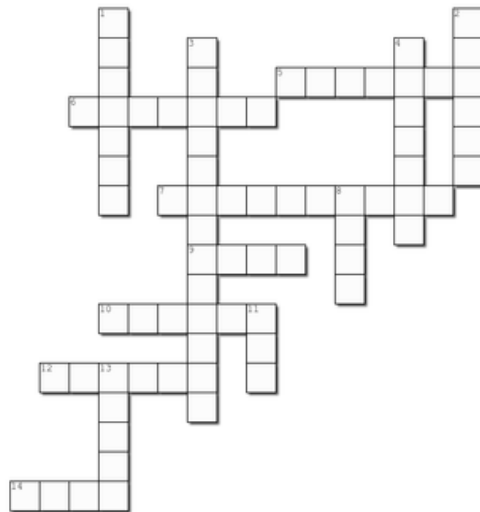
8:00 am Low Mass
 10:15 High Mass

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: please note that the palms will be blessed and distributed at the high mass. Palms will be available after mass and throughout the week for anyone that didn't receive one.

Confessions: Please note the confession times during Holy Week. We will try to offer these times to the best of our ability but just keep in mind that our main goal (as priests) is always the worship of God. As priests we have to make sure that everything is prepared for mass, the servers, singers, sanctuary, and that we ourselves are prepared. We will do our best to be available for confession before the ceremonies but please be patient if one or both of us has to do something to prepare for mass. If you need to go to confession and we can't hear you before mass, don't hesitate to talk to one of us after mass to hear you then.

Brown Scapular & Miraculous Medal

This Friday after the evening mass, we will have an Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous medal. If you have a scapular or medal bring it to bless, or we will try to provide one.



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Across

5. The Archangel who brings the souls of the just to judgment.
6. Christ cursed it for not bearing fruit. (2 words)
7. AKA the Second Sunday of Passiontide. (2 words)
9. Animal that often depicts the Holy Spirit.
10. The statues during Passiontide are covered in this color.
12. River that was blessed by Christ's baptism.
14. The knee we genuflect to honor the local bishop.

Down

1. Founded the Order of Preachers.
2. Thirty pieces betrayed Our Savior.
3. First disciple to visit the tomb after the Resurrection.
4. High Priests that convicted Christ Annas and _____.
8. River that turned to blood.
11. Number of candles lit during a low mass.
13. The knee we genuflect to reverence Our Lord in the tabernacle.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am. They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out from the temple."

-FROM THE GOSPEL OF PASSION SUNDAY
 JOHN 8:58-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo
 Matthew Gillenkirk
 rb: Gillenkirk Family

Monday: 7:45 AM

+Stephen Carey Hamilton
 rb: Davidson Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

+Mark Perez
 rb: Sica Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Trish McGovern
 rb: Sica Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

+Jacob Folda & Dave Folda
 rb: Fr. Mahowald

Friday: 6:00 PM

Odessa Criales-Smith
 rb: Susan Shields

Saturday: 9:00 AM

+Edward Jensen
 rb: Van Beek Family