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April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

Worship Schedule

Holy Week Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed.: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday.: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12 noon

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-3:00pm

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*This is Jesus,
the King of the Jews.*

MATTHEW 27:37B

PALM SUNDAY

Note from the Pastor



PALM SUNDAY

It never fails, we are just making the turn in the aisle of life when we hear the announcement over the loud speaker, "Clean up in aisle 5". You turn the corner and sure enough someone just dropped a large sized jar of Ragu and there is broken glass and red all over the place. It's got to be cleaned up, but who will do it? Enter the young Puerto Rican shelf stocker, Jesús (Hey-soos). He doesn't recite the expected mantra, "dats not my chob, man." He goes immediately and silently to clean up the mess that someone else made. And he's doing it again.

Let's face it. On one level or another we are all in a mess and find ourselves shouting, "Clean up in aisle #1." Despite our best efforts (and God knows how hard we try), in one way or another ---socially, economically, spiritually, physically---the container of our lives holding our life blood has slipped through our hands and now lies shattered on the floor. And we are helpless to clean it up ourselves. Would somebody call Jesús?

He will be right there. The question is, will we be there when he comes to clean up our mess? With us or without us, he's coming to wash all things clean and create all things anew. If we are there to watch him and pay attention to how he does it, we too will be made clean for he is the Master of cleanliness. And cleanliness is next to Godliness. If we are not present, we will simply wander into another aisle of life creating another mess.

Now, the question is, are you going to show up? For 3 days, the 3 holiest days of the year, the Sacred Triduum, the Master will not only show us the way to cleanliness, wholeness and life but show us that He is the way. And if we miss it, we miss life's greatest lessons.

On Thursday, Jesus will get down on his hands and knees and wash our feet. If the feet hurt, the entire body hurts. And our feet are killing us. If our lowest parts, our feet are cleansed, massaged and dried with love, we are made whole. Now, what he has done for us, he mandates us to do for one another. It is the great Mandatum, the order of God to wash each other's feet that the whole world may be healed and cleansed. And in our washing of one another's feet, we are cleansed.

On Friday, we will be washed cleaned not only by water but by blood. Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? "This is my Blood, the new and eternal covenant, it will be shed for you and for all and to the cleansing, and forgiveness of sin." From His side on the cross, there flows

blood and water, life blood and cleansing water. Will we take the time to kiss that cross and embrace his willingness to die so that we might have life? Or will we be too busy wandering the aisles?

On Saturday evening, the holiest day of the year, he will come once again not just to clean up the aisle but to cleanse and conquer the biggest mess of all...death. You see, Jesús is not just a Puerto Rican boy, he's God...hidden in human flesh. All human flesh must die but because of Him, His Divine Spirit eternally resides in us. Even if our mortal flesh dies, we will live forever for we have been baptized, washed clean, given new life in the blood of the Lamb.

This Saturday evening, three of our most beautiful and precious children will enter into that baptismal bath with Jesus to be given the pledge and promise not only of cleanliness but of the fullness of life. Will you be there to witness it, or are you just too busy or bored?

The greatest drama of life is about to unfold before our very eyes.

Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm.

Good Friday, 7:00 pm.

Holy Saturday, 7:30 pm.

The question for us will ultimately be, were you there? Be there.

In Jesus, the Son of God,
the Son of Man,

Father Tony



Parish News



Reminder:

**All Sunday Bulletin articles are due
at noon on Mondays.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 9

(No morning Communion Service)

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Foot Washing

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, April 10

(No Morning Mass)

Children's Living Stations at 3 p.m.

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 11

(No Confessions, No 4:30 pm Mass)

Blessing of Easter Baskets

at 11 a.m. in Church

Easter Egg Hunt for Children Ages:

Toddler to 5th Gr.

(Immediately following Blessing of Baskets)

Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

(Counts for Easter Mass)

Easter Vigil Reception in Barrett Hall

(Immediately following Easter Vigil)



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12

Masses:

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 NOON

Parish News



BREAD FOR THE WORLD... YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Many thanks to all those who took the time to write letters to their representatives in Congress after Mass last weekend. This project of BREAD FOR THE WORLD was part of a larger effort (many members of many churches across our country) to urge their Congressional representatives to fund legislation which would bring relief to the poor of our country and of the world.

It takes just a few minutes to write... BUT it sends a message of urgency to Mr. Peter Roskam, our representative for the Illinois 6th Congressional District in the House of Representatives and to Mr. Dick Durbin and Mr. Roland Burris, the two senators who represent all of the people who live in the State of Illinois in the Senate of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C.

We particularly want to thank all the young people who wrote letters last weekend. It is so important that every young citizen of the USA learns how to communicate with their representatives in Congress.

Finally, we wish to thank all the individuals who contributed money to purchase stamps for the envelopes. The generosity of our parishioners is noteworthy.

Unfortunately, the paperwork associated with this project won't be done until later this week. Tom Goebel and I can't give you a final count of letters written until later this month. If you have any ideas for improving this project, please contact me: co-chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, Milt Honel at (630) 279-7086.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKENDS SCHEDULED

No program can renew a parish, only Christ can. But through openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and a desire to establish a deeper relationship with Jesus, a program like "Christ Renews His Parish" can be very effective in making our community of faith become more spiritually vibrant and alive. It is a 30 hour, overnight weekend of spiritual renewal being held right here at Mary Queen of Heaven.

A **Men's weekend** is scheduled for **October 3-4, 2009** and the **Women's weekend** is scheduled for **November 14-15, 2009**. Mark your calendars! More information will be coming soon.



EASTER VIGIL HELP

We are now all aware of Father Tony's expectation that the church will be filled for the Triduum as well as for the Easter Vigil! We always have a reception following the Vigil Mass on Saturday April 11 which is a celebration for those who received the Sacraments of Initiation that evening. You are all invited! In order to prepare for a larger group, we will need help with snacks for the reception. Please contact Mimi (941-3851) if you can bring something. Mimi will be personally contacting those individuals who have been part of the RCIA experience in the past...You know who you are! Let's make this the most festive event ever!



GIVE UP

Has anyone asked this question of you this Lent, "What are you giving up"? Maybe you've answered them with another question, "What are you giving up"?

How about a new twist on this question. During the most solemn week in our Church year, Holy Week, come and "give up" one hour with Our Lord at Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, April 6th from 9 am to **4 pm!** Notice the closing time has changed, and **Benediction will take place at 4 pm** (all are welcome). This will allow people who need to get to the 7:00 Chrism Mass at the cathedral. If you are unable to "give up" an hour on the 6th, the Visitation-Mary Queen of Heaven perpetual adoration chapel in the convent at 799 S. York Rd. is open 24/7.

WIDOWED?

**COME EXPLORE THE TURNING POINT.
AFTER GRIEVING - THERE IS NEW LIFE!**

The Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program is designed for men and women who are widowed and are searching for a new, hope-filled life direction.

Information at:

1-708-354-7211,

joyfulagain@att.net, or www.joyfulagain.org.

Gospel Verse

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

12 Days: November 30 – December 11, 2009
Under the Spiritual Director of Fr. Tony Taschetta

Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, with the Office for the Missions for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Joliet Diocese Peace and Social Justice Ministry as your hosts, this pilgrimage will include visits to the Holy Places, the "Ancient Stones", important to the People of God. We will walk where Jesus walked. We will also take time to visit God's Holy People, the "Living Stones", the Palestinian Christians who live in Israel/Palestine.

Each day will be steeped in scripture reflections, prayer times, and liturgy. We will also have an opportunity to hear from the oppressed of the land, to witness efforts to bring justice and peace through development and empowerment, to learn from peacemakers and Middle-east issue experts. This will not be a tourist trip, but a pilgrimage. It will be a pilgrimage of prayer, solidarity, and the quest for peace.

\$2,499 Special Cash Discount Price / \$2,618 Standard Base Price. For complete details please visit www.paxjoliet.org/events or call 815-834-4028.

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Alexander Ross
Florence Konkolewski
Peggy Luckey
Vicky Nied
Daniel Spratt
Bruno Turkula
Carrie(Sugrue) Var-Verschot
Lauren Woods

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 5 - APRIL 12 HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 5, 2009

8:00 AM - 12:30 AM RCIA Retreat in Church/Social Hall/
School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses

Monday, April 6, 2009

PRESCHOOL CLASSES RESUME
8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:00 AM - 7:00 PM Municipal Elections in Mary's Gathering Place
8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice in Church

Thursday, April 9, 2009 - Holy Thursday

NO MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Foot Washing

Friday, April 10, 2009 - Good Friday

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:00 PM Children's Living Stations
7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 11, 2009 - Holy Saturday

NO CONFESSIONS
11:00 AM Blessing of the Easter Baskets in Church
Easter Egg Hunt immediately after Blessing
7:30 PM Solemn Easter Vigil
Reception after Vigil

Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Easter

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM Easter Mass in Church
12 noon

PALM SUNDAY



Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Lenten Project

This Wednesday, April 8th is the last day for our Easter "basket" collection for Marillac House. Any items that are appropriate for a child's Easter basket; candy, small toys & stuffed animals, etc. all will be welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

Thinking about being a catechist.

If you would like to talk about how you might share your time and talent with our children, please call us at the REO. The children of Mary Queen are counting on you.

Registration packets for the 2009/2010 RE year have been mailed. Please note the change in some policies for the coming year. Please get your registrations returned early. If you or someone you know did not get a registration form, call the REO.

Our annual presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross will be depicted by our 7th grade RE classes at 3:00PM in Church on Good Friday, April 10th. Please come pray with our 7th graders. They have been working very hard.

Please mark your calendars:

Good Friday, April 10 - The Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 7th graders in church at 3:00PM

Wednesday, April 15 - All 8th graders and their parents will meet in Barrett Hall for a special video presentation. There will be no 5:15 Gr. 8 session that evening.

Saturday, April 18 - Session for First Communicants and their parents in Church and in Barrett Hall at 10:00AM

For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Mary Queen of Heaven continues to accept registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Please join us at one of our Open Houses to tour the school, **meet the teachers, and visit the current families.**

Thursday April 16th from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm

Sunday April 19th from 9:30 am to noon

**For additional information please contact
the Preschool Director Liz Lowrey**

(630) 833-9500

mghpreschool@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 5, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners
10:30 AM † Alex Villamil

Monday, April 6, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

8:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 9, 2009 - Holy Thursday

7:00 PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday, April 10, 2009 - Good Friday

7:00 PM *Good Friday Service*

Saturday, April 11, 2009 - Holy Saturday

7:30 PM † Gertrude M. Carey

Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Easter

8:30 AM † Joseph and Jeff Heldak
10:30 AM † Aristituto Villamil
12:00 noon All Parishioners

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2009

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Gn 22:1-18 or 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/
Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9	GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2009	
	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	K. Passarelli	E. Walker T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Le Tourneau (S) D. StaRosa (C) H. Todd M. Conway G. Pstrzoch K. Diggins G. Regan	M. White (S) D. StaRosa (C) B. Nosek J. Goryl M. McCall B. Quist R. Styka
Altar Servers	TBD	TBD

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 11	EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009			
	7:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 noon
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	R. Villamil R. Styka R. Wilkes	G. Dolesy	M. McCall	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) D. StaRosa (C) A. Grozik M. Grozik T. Nanak M. Conway F. Trevino	M. Kelly (S) B. Nosek (C) G. Los K. Passarelli D. Bernstein G. Regan K. Vicary J. Unger D. Bernstein	P. Le Tourneau (S) F. Tremmel (C) K. Gusloff P. Twardowski J. Spears D. Justus K. Mueller K. Mueller J. Lindberg	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) J. Eichorst J. Goryl K. Diggins M. Quist B. Quist J. Goryl K. Passarelli
Altar Servers	C. Ceper M. Jankovec E. Zielinski	H. Rossiano J. Nosek M. Nosek	J. Vosicky C. Weigel I. Weigel	J. Alonso M. Bourke B. Dunn



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 or call 866-PARISH-1 for further information.**