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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
(also by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday in the
Mercy Center Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

In the church at 6:00 p.m.
(followed by the Most Holy Rosary
at 6:30 p.m.)

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. (every Friday in the church)

INFANT BAPTISM

Parent preparation classes are
required for each couple planning
to have their baby baptized.
To schedule a preparation session,
please call the church office.

MARRIAGE

OLBS sponsors a preparation program
for couples who intend to marry.
The Pastor must be contacted at
least six months prior to the date
of the wedding.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Those inquiring into the Catholic
Faith or seeking communion with
the Church are invited to contact
the Parish Office. Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

HOME VISIT WITH FATHER OSCAR

To schedule, please call the church
office at the number below.

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLYDAYS

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 12th & 13th, 2025

Saturday, April 12th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Mary Ochman (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Carole Beasley & Joan Applegate
 and offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
April Anniversary of Death
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, April 13th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

9:00 am Mass offered for Those Receiving
Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am **No Adult Bible Study**
 6:30 pm Youth Group (VDB)

Monday, April 14th
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 15th
 8:30 am Mass offered for Dawn & Pete Sabato (RIP)
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm **No Adult Bible Study**
 6:00 pm Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, April 16th TENEBRAE*
 11:00 am Mass offered for Dawn & Pete Sabato (RIP)
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 11:45 am Senior Luncheon at Lucano's Restaurant
 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 17th HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*
 7:00 pm Mass for Robert & Virginia Burch (RIP)
 Requested by the Hayden Family

Friday, April 18th FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*
 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross— Finance Council
 7:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19th THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT*

11:30 am Blessing of the Food
 7:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 8:00 pm Mass offered for all OCIA Candidates
Coming into the Church this Easter
 Requested by the Entire Church Family

Sunday, April 20th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Janice, Holly, Andrew, Paxton, and Parker

** Color of letters indices vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*

(MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)



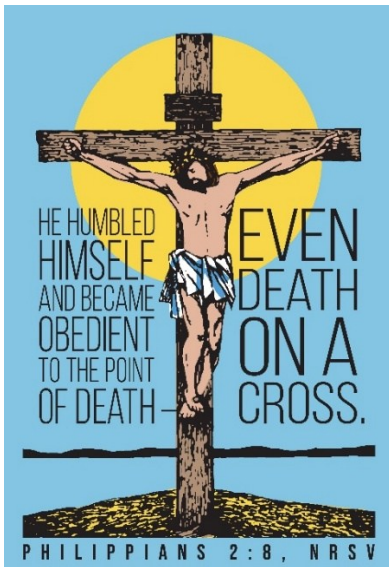
"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."
 Luke 22:15, NIV

Easter Week Calendar

April 12-13	Palm Sunday (Regular Mass times)
April 15	8:30 am Daily Mass 6:00 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Sacred Heart
April 16 Wed	11:00 am Daily Mass 11:45 am Senior Luncheon 7:00 pm Service - Tenebrae
April 17	Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass of Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
April 18	Good Friday 3:00 pm Stations 7:00 pm The Passion of Lord
April 19 Saturday	11:30 am Blessing of the Food 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
April 20 Sunday	9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

Wednesday Daily Mass & Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be held at Lucano's Restaurant in Eltham on Wednesday, April 16 at 11:45 following the 11:00 am Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by noon on Monday, April 14th to reserve a seat.



Religious Education

Religious Education **No religious ed. on April 20th or 27th.**

We will have our **LAST** religious ed. class on **May 4th!**

Stay tuned for information on **VBS. Save the date July 21st to the 25th. A meeting will be set for anyone interested in helping with VBS. If you would like to help, please contact the office.**

No Adult Bible Study on Sunday April 13th -27th.

No Adult Bible study on Tuesday April 15th or 22nd.

Parish Scholarship Application Time

Please look for information in the back of the church for an application or check with the Parish Office about the Parish Scholarship.

Youth Group News

Our next Youth Group will meet **April 13th, 6:30 pm.to 8:00 pm. Note: This is a change of date.**

All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to join.

Miles for Meals Challenge (Rise Against Hunger)- Thank you for your participation in Miles for meals and donations to Rise Against Hunger. Stay tuned for Miles totaled.

VIRTUS Training

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children safety training, will be available for all grade levels, Kindergarten to HS at the **Van Den Boogaard Hall.**

If you would like your child to attend, please sign up by calling the office. This program is meant to help your child set boundaries of protection and awareness against the predators in the world. For more information, call the office and talk to Erin.

Training dates are as follows:

K- 2nd Grade Training- May 4th, from 11:15 am. to 12:15 pm.

3rd-5th Grade Training- May 18th, from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

6th-8th Grade Training- May 25th, from 10:15 am. to 11:15 am.

9th-12th Grade Training- Monday, May 12th @ the Mercy Center 6:00 pm. -7:15 pm.



Tea with the Blessed Mother- Ladies of all ages are invited to attend our Tea with the Blessed Mother on **May 10th from 11:30 am. to 2:00 pm.** Please bring your favorite tea dish to share. We will learn and have activities centered around our Lady under the title of (Our Lady of Czeschowa). Sign up at the entrance of the church or call the office. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a table, information will be provided. Call: Erin (804)-366-4435.

International Dinner April 26

The International Dinner parish fundraiser is being planned for April 26, the Saturday after Easter. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin.

Tickets will be by donations but seating is limited. Call Jim for tickets (804)-370-5341. Tickets should also be available after Masses.

St. Theresa Cemetery – Remove Old Flowers

Dear Parishioners with beloved family members and friends buried at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery: please remove any old displays and expired flowers before Palm Sunday, April 13th; any old displays will be discarded. Thank you from the Cemetery Committee.

Jubilee Year of Hope

Hope for the Family

Pope Francis has consistently emphasized the importance of the family in the life of the Church and the world. During the Jubilee, he calls on families to be beacons of hope, where love, forgiveness, and unity flourish.

"The family is the place where hope is cultivated, where love is shared, where mercy is lived, and where reconciliation takes place."

Families can celebrate the Jubilee year by coming together in prayer, nurturing their relationships, and being open to reconciliation when conflicts arise. It is a chance for families to deepen their commitment to living out the Gospel values of love and mercy in their daily lives.

Collection for April 5 & 6, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 9,992
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Holy Thursday	\$ 25
Good Friday	\$ 25
Easter Flowers	\$ 125
Church cleaning	\$ 80
Mass Intentions	\$ 20
Memorials	\$ 235
Votive Stand	\$ 44
Total Received This Week	<u>\$ 10,571</u>

Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
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Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,768
Meals Challenge	\$ 150
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Catholic Charities	\$ 800
Haitian Ministry	\$ 1,025
Cemetery Fund	\$ 450
Poor Box	\$ 82
Hall Rentals	\$ 575

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 5 Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	84
April 6 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	138
	Spanish Mass 4:00 pm	20



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross assigned leaders for the following Fridays of Lent:

April 18 Finance Committee



April Anniversaries

Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
(Thomas, Sr. & Marguerite Sturtz)	April 15, 1945
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

If you have not listed your wedding anniversary with the Parish, please call the office so you can be included here.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

When I entered the chapel for a moment, the Lord said to me, **My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him.** When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God (*Diary, 1565*).

My Prayer Response:

Lord, thank You for the power of The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying, especially to defend them against the powers of darkness. When I am dying, Lord, defend me against the Evil One.

Priests for Life

Jesus' Death is Our Example

"Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving himself completely for them.

He who had come "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And he died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21).

We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence." *St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 51.*

I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –

The word "Christ" comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew *Messiah*, which means "anointed". It became the name proper to Jesus only because he accomplished perfectly the divine mission that "Christ" signifies. In effect, in Israel those consecrated to God for a mission that he gave were anointed in his name. This was the case for kings, for priests and, in rare instances, for prophets. [*Cf. Ex 29:7; Lev 8:12; 1 Sam 9:16; 10:1; 16:1, 12-13; 1 Kings 1:39; 19:16*] This had to be the case all the more so for the Messiah whom God would send to inaugurate his kingdom definitively. [*Cf. Ps 2:2; Acts 4:26-27*] It was necessary that the Messiah be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord at once as king and priest, and also as prophet. [*Cf. Is 11:2; 61:1; Zech 4:14; 6:13; Lk 4:16-21*] Jesus fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in his threefold office of priest, prophet and king. (CCC 436)



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
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you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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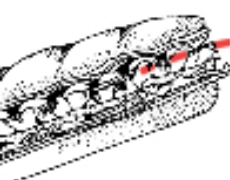


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APRIL 26TH

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PRAYER GARDEN

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

We invite all parishioners to join a ministry.
Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at 804.843.3125

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