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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Vigil 5:00 p.m. Saturday
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Weekday's 12:00 p.m.
Holydays Noon and 5:15 p.m.

Civic Holidays
7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Holy Hour, Thursday
11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

April 1, 2007

St. Mary's Basilica

A Catholic Faith Community

Franciscan Friars



Parish Mission Statement

As Children of a loving Creator, baptized into Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary's Faith Community believes in the power of the Sacred Liturgy which challenges us to faithfully live out Gospel values of peace and justice.

Following the example of Mary's openness to God's call and in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi we minister with courtesy and compassion to all people, especially the poor and marginalized.

Reflecting God's all-inclusive love, we commit ourselves to welcome and affirm the whole diversity of God's people.

Our commitment includes educating and forming ourselves into a community that joyfully celebrates our oneness in Christ.

Acknowledging that all gifts come from our Creator, we seek to become good stewards of all God's gifts.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Week Schedule 2007



Sacrament of Reconciliation, April 3rd

Communal Celebration 7:00 p.m.

Several confessors will be available for individual confession.
No scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Sacred Three Days.

The Sacred Three Days (Triduum)

Holy Thursday, April 5th

Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.

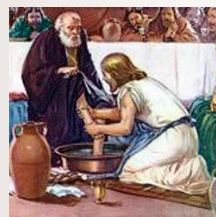
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. (Choir)

Presentation of the Holy Oils

Washing of the feet

Transfer of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Night Watch in the Garden until Midnight



Good Friday, April 6th

Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Diocesan Garden 12:00 Noon

Quiet meditation in the Basilica until 3:00 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m. (Choir)

Liturgy of the Word

Chanting of the Passion

Unveiling and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

Church will remain open for veneration until 8:00 p.m.



Holy Saturday, Solemn Easter Vigil, April 7th

Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.

Glorious Easter Vigil of the Resurrection 8:00 p.m. (Choir & Brass)

Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle

Procession of Light from the Garden into the Basilica

The Chanting of the "Exsultet"

The Story of Salvation

Baptism, Confirmation and Profession of Faith

The Eucharist of the Resurrection

Easter Morning, April 8th

Sunrise Mass 7:00 a.m.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

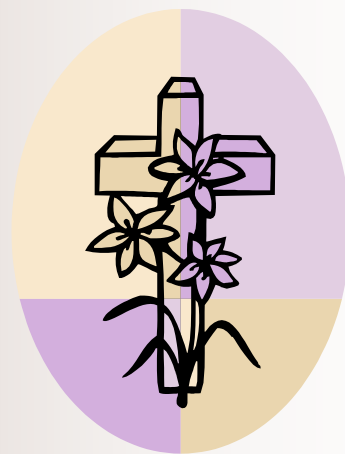
Solemn Mass 9:00 a.m. (Brass)

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Solemn Mass 11:00 a.m. (Choir & Brass)

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Children's Liturgy of the Word



April 1, 2007

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Today we commemorate the beginning of the events of the passion of Christ. Maybe our thoughts are on the blessed palms that we receive, take into our homes and perhaps make some beautiful replicas of the cross to connect us with the profound meaning of this holy season. Our focus is first on the Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and then on the events of the passion and death. Yet we also celebrate his resurrection, as we recognize in the breaking of the bread the presence of the Risen One in our midst.

For the past five weeks of the Lenten season the Church prepares by works of love and self-sacrifice to celebrate the Lord's paschal mystery, his suffering, death and resurrection. Sickness, pain and suffering are burdens shared by everyone to greater or lesser degrees. There is no one among us who has not met suffering, sickness or death in ourselves or in someone very close to us. Affirming the value and significance of human suffering does not mean, however, that we are not to fight against illness or do nothing to alleviate conditions of misery, suffering and pain. Jesus, in his earthly ministry had compassion on those who were sick and worked miracles of healing. As disciples who continue the ministry of Jesus, we owe those who are suffering as much physical relief and spiritual comfort as we can possibly provide. In our communities, we have ministries who help us do this with love and compassion.

As we listen with our whole minds and hearts to the Gospel today, may we reflect profoundly on the sacredness of what it is calling us to be and to do. We sometimes don't want to hear the "hard sayings" of suffering death and may even tend to try to avoid them. What is good for us to reflect on, is that Luke's passion narrative portrayed Jesus in death as he was in life: the one who healed, the one who showed more concern for others than he did for himself; the one who offered divine love, reconciliation, and forgiveness even from the cross. Could this be guidelines offered to us for Christian living?

Every time we love one another in spite of our angers and our hurts, we live in the passion of Christ. We live Luke's passion every time we refuse to submit to hatred, animosity, jealousy, and gossip and instead offer love and reconciliation to those who are different from ourselves. Luke's passion is intimately connected to the living of our lives. As husband, wife, daughter, son, co-workers, friends, Luke's passion helps me to face the opportunities of each day to grow in faith and realize my part in the redemptive plan. As a disciple and parishioner, this passion helps me to recognize with new resolve to extend the reconciling ministry of Jesus in my family, in my parish and in the world. May this simple palm branch be a constant reminder to each of us of this overwhelming gift of love of the cross shown to us.

The Triduum—The Sacred Three Days
St. Mary's Basilica

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday, April 5th, 2007

So that more people can participate in this beautiful Liturgy, everyone is invited to a simple Soup and Bread meal in the Friars' Garden from 5:45 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Why not come right from work and enjoy a bowl of soup and fellowship before we begin the Sacred Three Days (Triduum) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter?

The Mass of Holy Thursday begins our solemn celebration of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection—the paschal mystery of our salvation. On this beautiful night, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist, the priesthood and the commandment of Christ to give charitable service. During the Mass, those who wish are invited to participate in the Mandatum (the Command) to wash one another's feet. In this beautiful ceremony, we are called to imitate the servant Christ! There is perhaps no greater sign of this than to stoop and wash the feet of another person. In some churches, 12 people are chosen from the assembly to have their feet washed, but actually, there is no number specified in the rubrics. So, that means that anyone who wishes to have his or her feet washed may do so.

At the end of the Mass, we will process with the Eucharist to the garden where we will be given an opportunity to "stay and watch" in prayer with Lord. You may come at any time until midnight. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule today for you to set aside time for this, or simply come to the Sacred Garden during the night.

The Triduum—The Sacred Three Days Cont.
St. Mary's Basilica

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 6, 2007

Today we call to mind the crucifixion of Christ and his total self-giving to God. As such, it raises before us the cost of that act by which Christ won our salvation. As sad as this day is, it is indeed "Good" for us and we give God praise and thanks for the mercy shown to us through Christ's sacrifice. At the center of today's Liturgy is the "cross". We remember the words of St. Paul from last night's Holy Thursday Mass: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free."

The Basilica is bare this day of all decoration—this is a serious and sober day—a day for meditation upon the mysteries that are commemorated. (Paschale Solemnitatis, #58)

Beginning at Noon, we will walk the Stations of the Cross in the Basilica Plaza, commemorating that last journey of Jesus to Calvary. In this inspiring Franciscan custom of walking the "Via Dolorosa", our hearts are drawn into the passion and agony of those final hours of Jesus' life.

At the Basilica, we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 in the afternoon, the traditional time of marking the death of the Lord. Today's Liturgy unfolds in three parts: the Liturgy of the Word with the highpoint being the chanting of The Passion according to St. John, the Veneration of the Cross and the sharing of Holy Communion. We begin in silence and end in silence. The church will be open until 8:00 p.m. for private veneration of the cross.

Solemn Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday Evening, April 7th

The Easter Vigil is not only one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Church's tradition but it is the most important! It is through the Easter Vigil that we find our identity as disciples of the risen Christ and members of his Body, the Church. Though this is a long Liturgy, the beauty and power of Christ working in our midst through Word and Sacrament is well worth the effort!

The Easter Vigil unfolds in four parts: The Service of Light, The Liturgy of the Word, the Baptism and Confirmation ceremonies and the Eucharist of the Resurrection.

Part One: The service of Light

Tonight the Church lights a great fire that is big enough to chase the darkness away! From this new fire we light the Paschal Candle and follow this Light of Christ into the darkened church until Christ's light spreads to all of us as we hold our own lighted tapers. The magnificent Exsultet is sung in which the Church sings with joy and praise for the gift of salvation!

Part Two: The Liturgy of the Word

We now listen to the story of our salvation and the great things God has done for us leading to the resurrection of Christ.

Part Three: Baptism and Profession of Faith

At the heart of the Vigil is the welcoming of new Christians through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. I am happy to announce that there are 23 adults and young people who will be initiated into the Church at our Vigil! God has truly blessed us with new life! We too will renew our Baptismal promises at the newly blessed font of water!

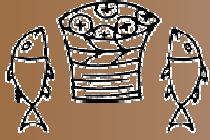
Part Four: The Eucharist

The culmination, "source and summit" of our Christian life is the Eucharist—the risen Lord who gives himself to us in this sacred banquet. In the Eucharist, "Christ is received, the soul is filled with grace and to us is given a pledge of future glory." Then, on Easter Sunday, the Church continues its celebration of Resurrection! There will be a special procession and homily for our children at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. And, don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:00 a.m. Mass! Happy Easter!



“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.”

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offering

March 25 , 2007

was \$7,670.44

Thank you!

Jesus said: “Give and it will be given to you.” (Luke 6:38) I remind you that if Jesus said it, you can believe it. You can count on it.

Let us Pray: Lord, keep reminding us that it is in giving that we receive the greatest joys you have for us. In Christ’s name, Amen.

CDA Update

We are almost there!

We have raised \$46,670 to date. Our goal is to reach \$49,065. If you have not already please do so. We only have \$2,395 left to go. We can do it! Thank you all for your support.



**St. Mary’s Basilica
Concert Series**

Presents

An

***Organ Concert of an Exciting and varied
program by the
Students of the ASU School of
Organ Performance***

***Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Basilica***

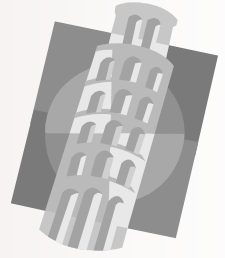
Admission is free

***Wine and Cheese Reception in the Friary
Garden immediately following the concert.***

***There will be a free will
offering taken up to aide the
Basilica Pipe Organ Fund.***



**Pilgrimage to
Italia!**



Fr. Vince Will lead a
Joy filled Pilgrimage to Italy
And Sicily!!!

Papal Audience / Mass at Tomb of St. Francis

September 7th –26th, 2007

\$4500.00 (Double Occupancy)

There are still some spaces left for any one
wishing to go on this spiritual journey !

For more information, please call

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Reflection for Palm Sunday

*O God, help us put on the attitude of Christ,
take the sorrows of our lives,
transform them with your joy;
Take the chaos of our lives
transform them with your glory;
Take the adversities of our lives
transform them with your strength;
Take our mourning and weeping
transform them with your consolation.
O God, Our God, rouse us to willingly empty
ourselves that we might be filled with the
Glory of the Risen One.
Make this symbol of palms,
be a reminder that we too share in his
resurrection and new life!*



Holy Week Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	11:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Mary's Basilica

What's Happening At St. Mary's

Sunday, April 1st

Palm Sunday All Masses Basilica

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3rd

Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:00 pm Basilica

Choir Practice 7:30 pm Social Hall

Holy Thursday, April 5th

Morning Prayer 7:30 am Basilica

Soup Supper 5:45 pm Friar's Garden

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm Basilica

Good Friday, April 6th

Morning Prayer 7:30 am Basilica

Stations of the Cross Noon Diocesan Garden

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm Basilica

Holy Saturday, April 7th

Morning Prayer 7:30 am Basilica

Catechumen and Candidate's Retreat 9:00 am Parish Center

Glorious Easter Vigil of the Resurrection 8:00 pm Basilica

Easter Sunday, April 8th

Sunrise Mass 7:00 am Basilica

Solemn Mass 9:00 & 11:00 am Basilica

Easter Egg Hunt 12:45 pm Diocesan Garden

Monday, April 9th

Parish Office Will Be Closed

Tuesday, April 10th

Parish Office Will Be Closed

Thursday, April 12th

Holy Hour 11:00 am & 5:00 pm Basilica

Choir Practice 7:00 pm Basilica

Sunday, April 15th

Students of ASU Organ Recital 2:00 pm Basilica

Monday, April 16th

Count Team 6:30 pm Parish Center

Tuesday, April 17th

Finance Council Meeting Noon Parish Center

Thursday, April 19th

Holy Hour 11:00 am & 5:00 pm Basilica

Choir Practice 7:00 pm Basilica

Monday, April 23rd

Count Team 6:30 pm Parish Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Chrism Mass:

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Rv 1:5-8

Lk 4:16-21

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: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2

b) Gn 22:1-18

c) Ex 14:15 —

15:1; d) Is 54:5-14

e) Is 55:1-11

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

h) Rom 6:3-11

i) Lk 24:1-12

Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

Luke 24: 1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Herbert Earnshaw

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

People of St. Mary's

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Jose Topete

Monday 12:05 p.m.

Gus Hootka

Tuesday 12:05 p.m.

Jesus Renteria

Wednesday 12:05 p.m.

Sixta Parce

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Neseffett

Good Friday

No Mass

Sanctuary Candles for

The Willhite

&

Lunenschloss Families

