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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Mass

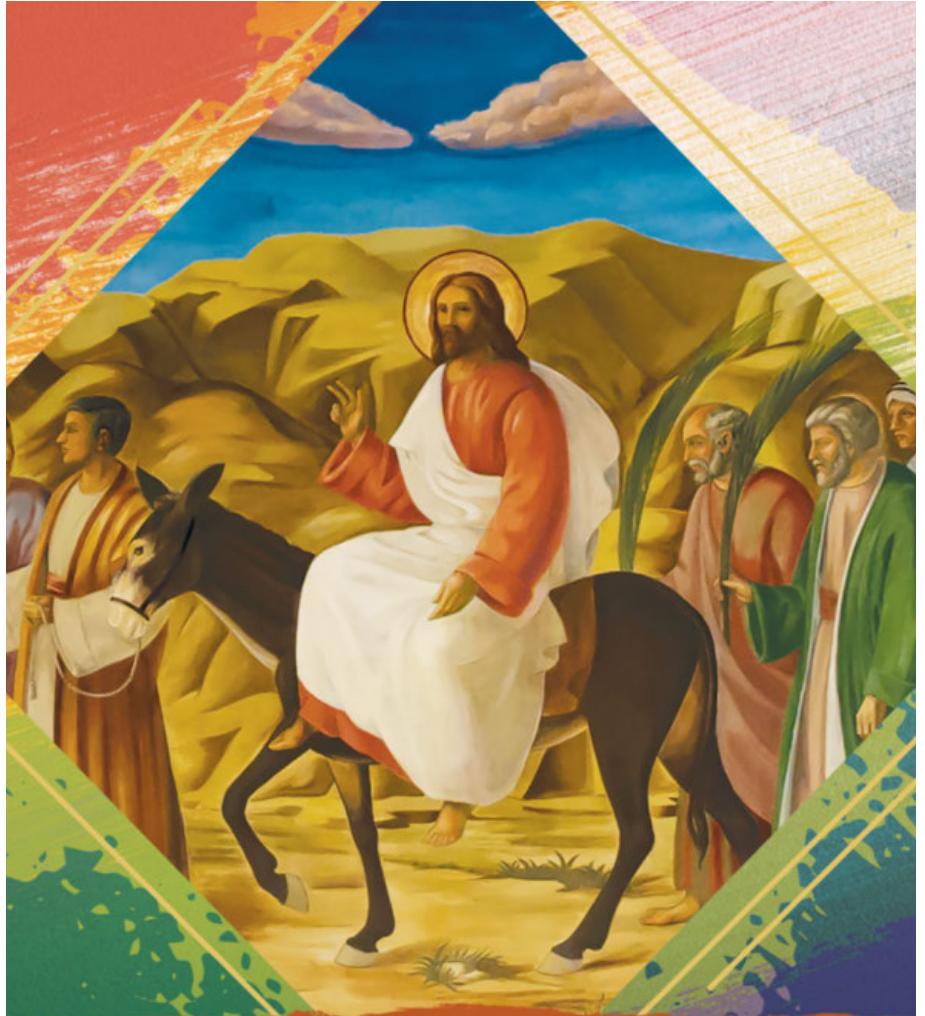
Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."*

- Mt 21:5

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 3 - April 6

Monday 9:15 AM

Lindsay Giffen

Requested by Sharon Giffen

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Frank Nowak

Requested by Donna Nowak

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Fr. Albert Koch

Requested by St. Gerald



Readings for Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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(For a list of readings and/or to have them sent to your email; go to <http://www.usccb.org/nab>)

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If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and you would like to make a donation for Easter, you can do so now through April 16.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023

8:30 PM

April 8

Fr. Kris

For
Enrico & Josephine Soave
Requested by
Russenberger Family

Lectors

Rosa Russenberger
Diane Blankenship
Sharon McCarthy
Teddi Williams

8:30 AM

April 9

Fr. Kris

For
Shirley Easton
Requested by
Fr. Kris

Lector

Candy Rosowski

10:15 AM

April 9

Fr. Kris

For
Giovanni Rotondo
Requested by
Josephine Rotondo & Family

Lector

Angela McLoughlin

12:00 PM

April 9

Fr. Roodbeen

For
Michela & Rosa Vettraino
Requested by
Family

Lector

Paul Radzilowski

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions.

If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets are located in the back of the church for your weekly donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Donations of packaged cookies and microwaveable mac and cheese cups would be appreciated. Just place your donation in the bin located at the main entrance of the church.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim Weigold
Marie Bolivar
Barbara Seabolt

Maria Rea
Kimberly Plonka
Joan Goniea

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS - GOSPEL

Mt 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."



AT THE MASS - READING I

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Reading II

PHIL 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL/PASSION READING IN THE BOOK IN THE PEWS

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it. — Father John Muir ©LPi



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 6 - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
 Night Watch at the Garden of Repose
 at 8:00 PM followed by Night Prayer

April 7 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
 Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00 PM
 Private Veneration of the Cross from
 2:30-3:30 PM

April 8 - Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods at 11:00 AM
 Followed by Easter Egg Hunt
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM

****No 3:30 PM Confessions or 5 PM Mass****

April 9 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
 Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING AT ST. GERALD

On Thursday, April 27, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Social Hall, an officer from the Farmington Police Department will be here to give a presentation on how to react if there is an emergency situation at church. All who take an active role here at the parish are invited to attend this meeting. Your knowledge may save a life!

Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you would like to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday, April 8th,
 starting with blessing of
 Butter Lambs and food
 baskets in the church at
 11:00 AM.**

**Each family will receive
 a small Easter basket with
 a Butter Lamb
 and Easter treats
 for the Food Blessing
 in church.**

**The Easter Egg Hunt
 will follow immediately.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT!

St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023

Power Lab

Where Jesus Gives us the Power

June 27th-29th

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Songs

Drama

Crafts

Healthy Snacks



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST AT EASTER VIGIL MASS

Please join us April 8th at the Easter Vigil Mass as we celebrate the Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist of Barbara Jean Fitzgerald. Please extend a warm welcome to Barbara and her sponsor George Bonemer as they celebrate Barbara's Full Initiation into the Catholic Church!

Bible Study

Spring Bible Study with Fr. Santoro has been cancelled.

Look in the bulletin in the Fall for updates on future Bible studies at St. Gerald.

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2022 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you need a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

Timothy and Caroline Kalvaitis

Theresa and Vincent Ramirez

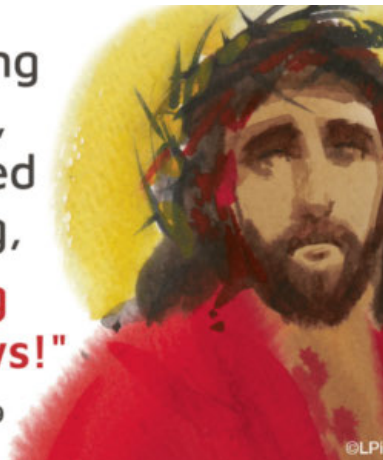
Grover and Kathryn Roberts

Clarence Seiler

Welcome to St. Gerald. We are glad you are here!

And kneeling
before him,
they mocked
him, saying,
"Hail, King
of the Jews!"

- MATTHEW 27:29



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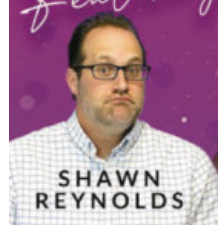
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives – the moments of our devotion and piety – give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." – Matthew 21:5 ©LPi



The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here the weekend of April 29 and 30 for all your donations.

SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all the wonderful volunteers who came to help us at this year's Soup Supper held on March 28th. Also, thank you to all who baked the wonderful desserts. We could not have done it without you.



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please call the office.

Baptism:

Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Matrimony:

St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Registration of new members:

Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

RCIA: Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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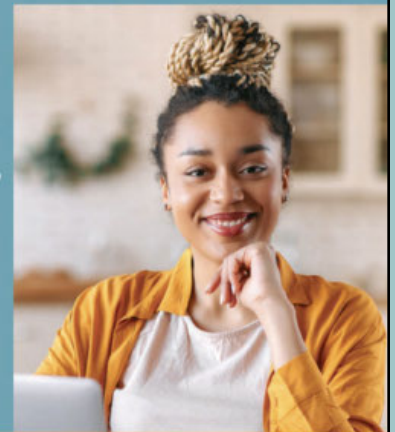
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