



March 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

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

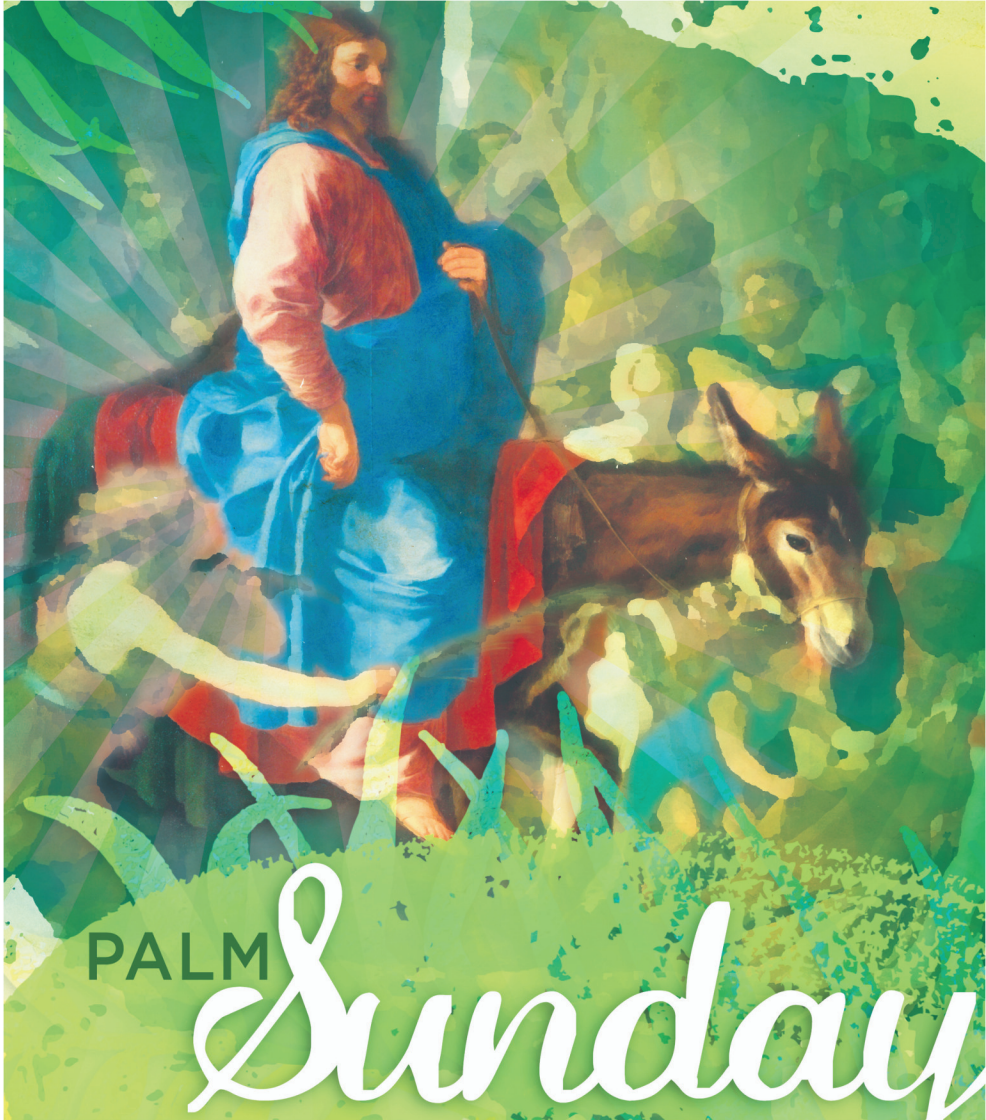
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

March 30 - April 3

Monday 9:15 AM
Amy Ferguson +
 Requested by Carol Ferguson

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Evelyn Orlando +
 Requested by Alda Zardus

Wednesday NO MASS

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
For All Of Our Parishioners

Good Friday
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
 Liturgy 12:45 PM
 Private Veneration of the Cross

Readings for the 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: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/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 Or Lk 24:13-35

Offertory Snapshot as of 3/1/2026

Actual Offertory	\$	9,198.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	301,265.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	297,360.00



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

8:30 PM	April 4	Fr. Kris
For Jamie Smith + Requested by Smith Family	LECTOR	Rosa Russenberger Diane Blankenship Sharon McCarthy Jerry Weigold Teddi Williams
8:30 AM	April 5	Fr. Kris
All of Our Parishioners	LECTOR	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	April 5	Fr. Kris
For Giovanni Rotondo + Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	LECTOR	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	April 5	Fr. Henry
For Kathleen Radzilowski + Requested by John & Paul Radzilowski	LECTOR	Paul Radzilowski

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Donations For Easter Through Amplify

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Amplify and you would like to make a donation for **Easter**, you can do so now through April 12th.



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Susan Erickson **Jean Shea**
Pauza Family **Barbara Gay**
May Haddad

PALM SUNDAY

At the Procession with Palms -

Gospel

Matthew 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."

Reading I

Isaiah 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 Philippians 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.

Verse before the Gospel

Gospel

Matthew 26:14–27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

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Gospel continued...

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'" The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ,

the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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Gospel continued...

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

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Laura Becks

April 2, 1958

March 17, 2026

**Eternal Rest Grant Onto Laura, O Lord, and May
Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her.**

EASTER FOOD BLESSING AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Food Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday, April 4th** beginning at **11 am** in the church. Bring items for your Easter meal to be blessed. The hunt for children will follow (rain or shine). A bake sale and book sale will take place as well. All are welcome; invite a friend to participate in this tradition!



DON'T MISS OUR

BAKE SALE

NEED SOMETHING EXTRA FOR EASTER?

Featuring Breads and Desserts prepared by our **HEAVENLY SWEETS BAKERS**



Proceeds will benefit faith formation programs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Before and after Easter Basket Blessing



Please keep our 2026 Elect, **Isabelle and Lidia Garrett**, in your prayers this Lent, as they prepare to enter the church this Easter Vigil.



We Welcome to the Body of Christ



Ruby Esther Antoun

Baptized Sunday
March 22, 2026
By Rev. Krzysztof Nowak



Catholic Services Appeal

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

In November, we announced that our 2025 CSA Goal of \$55,723.00 was reached with all your help. We once again, want to say CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You. At this point, we are approximately \$9,500.00 over our goal and those funds will come back to St. Gerald 100%.

As a reminder, all payments due for CSA 2025 must be received by the Archdiocese of Detroit by April 30, 2026, to be applied to 2025. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balance due.

Address for funds to be mailed: Archdiocese of Detroit, CSA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6047, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647. Please make sure all checks are payable to the **Archdiocese of Detroit**.

Again, we thank you and appreciate your support and love you have for St. Gerald.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We also want to inform you that our 2026 CSA Campaign will launch on **CSA Weekend May 4-5, 2026 and will end December 31, 2026**. As you all know this is a yearly appeal to help fund valuable ministries, programs and services that benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we unleash the Gospel.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This is a great opportunity to walk with Jesus on His final journey. To live each step with Him and realize what He did for all of us to make way our path to eternity as we live each day here on Earth. Come spend an hour this Good Friday and rejoice on Easter when He rose.



April 3, 2026 Good Friday at Noon

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:



Large cereal boxes
Canned Green beans or Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel

Tuna Helper
Boxed potatoes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Dish soap
Laundry soap

Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups
Jelly/Jam
Saltines

Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." ...And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" — Matthew 26:36, 40



JOIN US
HOLY THURSDAY * APRIL 2, 2026
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS AT 7:00

Holy Thursday marks the start of the Paschal Triduum, commemorating the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist and priesthood, and the washing of the feet. The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper features the priest washing parishioners' feet, followed by Eucharistic Adoration to commemorate the Agony in the Garden. The silence, the prayer, the quiet altar where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed —they all signify that evening in Gethsemane.

Our Lord struggles with the very human fear of His coming Passion, sweating blood in His distress. The Apostles—who were supposed to watch with Him and keep Him company are fast asleep. We can thank Him for redeeming us. We can console Him with our prayers. *We can "watch with Him" in His darkest hour.*

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

That is all that Our Lord says to them —yet it is the question which resounds every moment in our souls.

Will we watch with Him?

St. Gerald Catholic Church
Invites you to attend:
Mary, The Mother of God
in Sacred Scripture



Instructor Esam Naoum
Eight-sessions:
April 10-June 5 (no class May 15)
Fridays 10:30am –12:00 pm

RSVP on the online event or to Emily Long: faithformation.sgp@gmail.com 248.476.7677 x201

About the course: Many Non-Catholics question the Church's teachings on Mary, citing concerns about scriptural support and doctrines such as her title Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, Queenship of Mary, the bodily Assumption among other Catholic beliefs and doctrines on Mary. This course aims to clarify these Marian doctrines by exploring biblical references to Mary beginning with Old Testament prefiguration and their New Testament fulfilments and tracing how the early Church perspectives on Mary continue today.

The Catholic Church has always understood Mary in relation to Jesus and not as His parallel or rival. This session will review scriptural passages and their historical and theological contexts to explain Mary's unique role. By the end, participants will better appreciate how understanding Mary enhances faith in Christ and be able to address questions about her using Scripture. This program will address the topics outlined below:

- Mary in Sacred Scripture
- Mary , the New Eve
- Mary, the New Ark of the Covenant
- The Immaculate Conception
- Perpetual Virginity
- Mary, the Mother of God
- The Queenship of Mary
- The Assumption

Open to all!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026



THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses Heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus’s amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

THE DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY

“I desire that there be a feast of mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be known as the Feast of Mercy.”

THE IMAGE

“I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I Myself will defend it as My own glory.”

THE CHAPLET

Daily for Nine Days beginning on Good Friday
April 3 - April 11

“Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation.”

THE CONVERSION PRAYER

“If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

‘O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.’

— Diary 186, 187

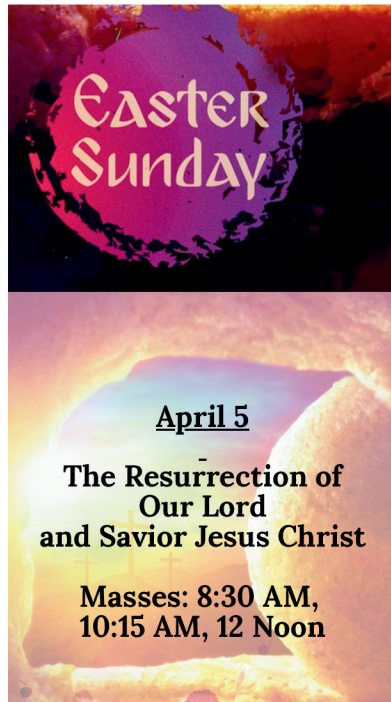
Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.”

— Diary 1397

SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

“Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack.”

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.



A LOOK AHEAD...
Special Events



April 2 - Holy Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
 Night Watch at the Garden of Repose and
 Night prayer following Mass

April 3 - Good Friday
 Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
 Good Friday Liturgy at 12:45 PM
 Private Veneration of the Cross
 immediately following

April 4 - Holy Saturday
 Blessing of Easter foods
 at 11:00 AM
 Easter Egg Hunt immediately following

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM

No 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS OR 5 PM MASS

12	Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday ----- K of C Breakfast
19	Sunday	Fellowship
26	Sunday	First Communion Reception

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed Friday.

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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!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA; aka "Becoming Catholic"): Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Contact Emily Long or submit a Becoming Catholic Information Form (found on our website or in the classroom hallway information center).

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