



SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Acknowledge your state of denial**

The palms used in the rituals of Palm Sunday signify victory over one's enemies; yet the scripture reading for today offers an account of Judas' treachery toward Jesus. How odd. Somehow we're saying that despite being betrayed, tortured, and murdered, Jesus is our hope and our salvation. That is the outrageous truth of Christianity. Jesus draws life from a source that conquers death. And consider this: Many of Jesus' most beloved disciples denied and deserted him before his death, but only one is called a traitor. The reason: All but one repented. In your own Christian discipleship, remember that it is your willingness to acknowledge your failings and undergo conversion again and again that is most important.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Procession: Matthew 21:1-11 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (38).* "Blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord."

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Let's prep for this**

The motto of the Boy Scouts, "Be prepared," seems almost quaint in our contemporary world of instant communication. How can we possibly find the time to be ready for anything that might happen, good or bad, in our lives? As we begin Holy Week, the most profound mysteries of our faith are about to unfold. Mary prepares Jesus for his death by anointing his feet with oil. At the same time she is preparing herself for his redeeming love. There is time before Holy Thursday to prepare ourselves. Take some time today and reflect on what has happened to you this Lent and what awaits you this week.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257).* "Mary took costly perfume, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair."

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Mirror, mirror**

Unlike the disciples, we don't have to ask, "Who is it?" when it comes to learning the name of the Lord's betrayer—a quick glance in the mirror will do. But can we who are the betrayers of Christ also be the ones who believe in him? If we are not faithful to him, will he still be faithful to us? Thankfully, that's what Christianity is all about. We are not worthy to receive Jesus. He is a gift given out of love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258).* "Simon Peter, while reclining next to Jesus, asked him, 'Who is it?'"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Betrayal never pays

When we read the daily headlines, we might get the impression that crime definitely pays. Drug lords drive enviable cars and flash diamonds. White-collar criminals live in multiple mansions. Even Judas got paid handsomely for his betrayal: 30 pieces of silver for one little kiss. But Judas got more than a bag of silver. He got the anguish of watching his friend suffer and the burden of self-loathing. Money couldn't buy him free of that.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259).* "Judas Iscariot went to the chief priest and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?'"

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY);
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Wash up for supper

Tonight Lent ends, and the church enters into three holy days, the Triduum, with the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Tonight's liturgy is a Mass, but with a significant difference: the rite of foot-washing, which involves water and service. It ritualizes for us the fact that we are baptized into Jesus, and we live out this Baptism in giving ourselves to one another. It's a pattern we see throughout these three days. It's also one we repeat in every Mass. Union with Christ and service: Make it the pattern for your whole life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39).* "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

**FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
A day to be cross**

Solemnity, prayer . . . and delicious baked goods? It must be Good Friday. There are many ways that people throughout the world honor this sacred day of remembering the death of Jesus. A custom in England, Ireland, and in other countries is to bake hot cross buns. These sweet pastries are typically scored or iced with a cross. Whatever you do this day—bake, work, pray, fast, care, smile, mourn—remember that you and all of creation are blessed with the sign of the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 (40).* "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace."

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 HOLY SATURDAY

Tonight's the night

"This is the night!" exclaims the Exultet, sung this evening at the Easter Vigil. Indeed this is the night we have been waiting for through these long weeks of Lent. This is the night toward which we have aimed all our preparations, our efforts to be more prayerful, generous, and focused on God. On this night the many readings of scripture bring us from darkness to light, bondage to freedom. This is the night we welcome new members of the Body of Christ—and rejoice in our own membership. This is the night: Exult!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41).* "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. . . so we too might walk in the newness of life."



**Saint Anthony Church
15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 9, 2017

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least a month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8 4:00 P.M. **Mary Jaros** 1st anniversary by family
Sunday, April 9 8:30 A.M. **The People of Saint Anthony Parish**
 Monday, April 10 9:00 A.M. **Donna Elder** 1st anniversary by family

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – at St. Francis, Windsor

Good Friday, April 14, 5:30 P.M. – Celebration of The Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 15, 8:00 P.M. – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:30 A.M. – Easter Morning Mass

The Easter Masses will be offered for those in whose name flower offerings have been given.



Richard Temple	Rose Temple
Michael Temple	Sean Hamilton
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Kim Holm
John George	Andrew Keeler
Elnora Smith	Sue Lashway
Vicky Chambers	Nancy Parkerson
John Delap	Frank Klymn
Linda West	Christian Thompson
James Dubuque	Mary Mayette
Betty Leonard	Michael Fleming

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

We welcome to our faith community **Colin Knapp**, son of Katie and Randall Knapp, who was baptized here on Sunday. May he be blessed with a long life, overflowing with faith.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Heith Lashway
1st Anniversary



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection April 1-2:	\$ 3,328.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Palm Sunday April 8-9, 2017

“The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” So writes the American author William Faulkner in his novel “Requiem for a Nun”. I do not pretend to know what Faulkner means by these words but I do believe that he said here more than perhaps he realized. Brothers and sisters we stand here again on Palm Sunday at the threshold of the most solemn days of the whole year, Holy Week and the days of the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church celebrates these days in her liturgy and she invites us and all peoples to enter into the events of the Lord’s suffering, death and resurrection, events that happened once a very long time ago but, through the power of Christ have passed over into the liturgy of His Church and therefore are mysteriously, but very really made present again for us now.

Please be aware Father Rick will be away beginning Monday, April 17th, returning on Wednesday, April 26th.

In case of funerals please contact Deacon John Guarino at the parish office and Fr. Mike Augustinowitz at Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock at 457-2322.

Fr. Rick

Spring Campaign: Our parish Spring Campaign is in full swing! **This is a major fundraiser for our parish**, and we hope we can count on your usual generosity. **All donations will stay in the parish**, and will be a great help with our general operating expenses. All donors will be eligible to win a beautiful granite garden bench (donated by Mt. Ascutney Memorials/ Knight Funeral Homes) or a \$100. cash prize. You may enclose your donation in the envelope and mail it to the parish, drop it in the offertory basket, or drop it off at the rectory office. Please be sure to include your name and contact information, and **return by Sunday, April 23, 2017**. Winners will be announced in the bulletin on April 29-30, 2017. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Parish Office Hours: The parish office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 14.

Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister, offer religious education and helps to preserve the sacred shrines. It also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Catholic Bible Study: Saint Anthony Parish is hosting a prayerful study of the Passion Narratives contained in each the four Gospels. Come and share as we explore together the mystery, power, and loving glory of Christ’s last week of earthly ministry. Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the basement of the Parish Rectory. For more information please contact Chris and Dianne Noble (phone: 619-865-2680, email chris.d.noble@gmail.com).

Haven: This week’s top five needs are pasta sauce, peanut butter, tuna, beans and rice. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule: Services for the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be as follows:

Holy Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor
 Good Friday, April 14th, **5:30 p.m.** at St. Anthony Church
 Holy Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Anthony Church
 Easter Sunday, April 16th, 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Church

All are encouraged to attend the Holy Thursday Liturgy which will include the Washing of the Feet, held at St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor. In addition to the Good Friday Liturgy at St. Anthony Church, there will also be a Liturgy held at St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor Good Friday, April 14th at **3:00 p.m.** **Please note the changes.**

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.