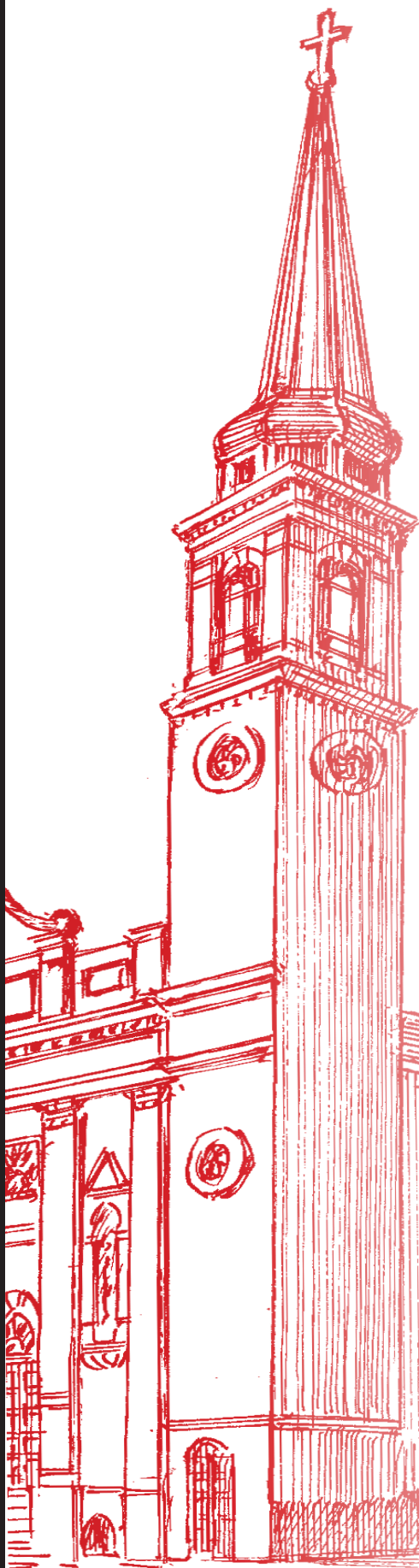


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MASSES

Daily: 7:00, 12:10 PM

Saturday: 7:30, 5:00 PM (for Sunday)

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CONFESSIONS

Friday: 11:35-12:05

Daily: After All Masses (by request)

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A WEEK OF PROCESSIONS

Last Saturday a zillion people headed downtown for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. There would have been more than a zillion were it not for the fact that there were also other parades on the northwest and southwest sides and several more the next day. It was a great day to be Irish or to pretend to be. Parades are essentially spectator events. Yes, our local alderman always invites his constituents to march with him in the downtown parade; but most people are there not to march, but to watch, to socialize, to imbibe, and eventually go home (safely, we hope). A church procession may resemble a parade; but in a procession all in attendance are participants in one way or another. Holy Week is a week of processions. It begins with Palm Sunday, when we relive Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds gathered to watch Jesus enter the City of Destiny, but they did more than watch. They waved palm branches and shouted Hosanna. Some even threw down their cloaks in homage. At most of our Palm Sunday Masses, we have a simple procession from the back of church; at the 10:30 Mass (weather permitting) we invite the entire congregation to join in a procession with palms. This is an opportunity to witness to our faith: Jesus is truly Lord of our life.

On Holy Thursday, following our 6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through church. As the Eucharist passes, we make a sign of reverence (a genuflection, a bow, a sign of the cross) in gratitude for the eternal gift that Jesus left us. Every time we gather for Mass, we remember what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper. In remembering what Jesus said and did, Jesus become present to us again under the appearance of bread and wine. The Church remains open for prayer and adoration until midnight. Typically several busloads from other churches as well as individual pilgrims come for a visit.

Good Friday has two processions. One is a virtual procession. Those who come for the Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm will relive the long, sad, and lonely journey Jesus made from the Court of Pontius Pilate through the busy streets of Jerusalem to his painful death on Mount Calvary. For the last few years, the Stations have included contemporary reflections composed by a parishioner. They invite us to reflect on how Christ is still being crucified today. The principal Service on Good Friday is the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which takes place at 12:10 and 6:00pm. After the reading of the Gospel and the Intercessions, each of us is invited to come forward to reverence a large wooden cross. Some people touch the cross; other kiss it; others bow or genuflect before it. One year in another parish, a man who had just lost both feet to diabetes was wheeled up the aisle. He hugged the cross, started weeping, and held on for two or three minutes. Yes, this is what the whole Paschal mystery is about—joining our suffering to the suffering of Christ and sharing in his triumph and glory.

Finally, we come to the Easter Vigil Mass, the culmination of Holy Week and the most important liturgical celebration of the year. We begin outdoors in the gathering darkness and ignite a blazing fire. We light the Easter candle, the sign that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of death. Led by the Easter candle we process into church with our small candles lit, so that the light spreads out through the church. We listen to the chanting of an ancient Easter hymn by candlelight. We hear the fundamental stories of our faith proclaimed from Scripture. Then after the homily, we celebrate the sacraments of baptism and confirmation of the adults who have been journeying with us since September. That begins with one last procession, a procession to the baptismal font by our elect as the Litany of Saints is chanted. The newly confirmed and the newly baptized then make their first communion at this Mass.

The *Renew My Church* process has called us to what is called "radical hospitality." Radical hospitality begins with welcoming people as they come into church, but invites us to go beyond that. It calls us to refocus our energy on the needs of the people who are new to the community or who may just be curious about the Catholic Church or Assumption Parish. This includes a willingness to make a sacrifice or be inconvenienced for the sake of the mission. One simple way to practice radical hospitality is to make the Easter Vigil Mass your Easter Mass. Wouldn't it be great if our church were full that night? That would demonstrate that our parish is really excited to welcome new members. Yes, the Vigil Mass does not start until 7:30pm, and, yes, the Mass will take longer than the Masses on Easter morning (but the reports of it lasting three hours are GREATLY exaggerated). Many of those who have come once say they would never willingly miss it again. The ritual and symbols help us truly understand how Christ has brought us new life at Easter.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

On Easter, we adjust our Sunday Mass Schedule to better accommodate the many who attend Mass that day. In addition to the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm Saturday evening, Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, and 1:00pm. There will be music at all Masses except 7:00am.

THE GOOD FRIDAY GOSPEL

Throughout the Gospel of John, and in particular during the Passion Narrative, we encounter the phrase “the Jews” to describe those standing in opposition to Jesus and condemning him to death. Clearly John does not mean all Jews, since almost everyone in the Gospel, both good and bad, is Jewish. However, this phrase has been the source of much antisemitism in the past, and this past year the United States Council of Catholic Bishops mandated that a note on the Gospel text be included in all Worship Aids for Good Friday. So, expect to see the note in next year’s *Breaking Bread*. However, because of the rise in antisemitism triggered by the policies of the present Israeli government, it is important to print the note this year. “The passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person. In light of this, the crimes during the Passion of Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or catechesis, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to as though rejected or cursed, as if this view followed from Scripture. The Church ever keeps in mind that Jesus, his mother Mary, and the apostles all were Jewish. As the Church has always held, Christ freely suffered his passion and death because of the sins of all, that all might be saved.”

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27 at 7:00pm, there will be a Reconciliation Service with opportunity for private confession. A Reconciliation Service consists of Scripture, a Reflection, a communal examination of conscience, and then the opportunity to confess and receive absolution from one of several priests. In the early centuries of the Church, absolution from sin normally took place just before Holy Thursday and the beginning of the Sacred Triduum.

HYMNS: #143, #485, #159

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Rosemary Reeves, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Wanda Escher, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Julie Villarreal, Carolina Gomez, Jason Blick, John Graff, Frank Ragase, Steve Meyers, Michael Hantsch, Katie Graff, Elizabeth McKiernan, Willie & Mary Priego

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, March 23-24

Mass at 5:00pm Sat, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00pm Sun

Monday and Tuesday, March 25-26

Mass at 7:00am and 12:10pm

Wednesday, March 27

Mass at 7:00am, 12:10pm, 6:00pm
Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm.

Holy Thursday, March 28

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 6:00pm
Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, March 29

Service of the Lord’s Passion at 12:10pm
Contemporary Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Service of the Lord’s Passion at 6:00pm

Easter, March 30-31

Mass at 7:30pm Sat, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, 1:00pm Sun

OUR NEW ADOPTED FAMILY

Our Refugee Assistance Group is happy to announce that Assumption will be paying the next year’s rent for a family who recently arrived from Mexico as humanitarian parolees. It is a single mother with six children. One son, Emiliano, who is 4, is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. One of his brothers, Benito, is donating bone marrow. A generous parishioner has offered to pay 50% of the year’s rental fees, and we welcome additional donations. The family lives near 116th and Ada, but must vacate this home by May 31. They would like to stay in the West Pullman neighborhood, so that the children would not have to change schools. Help finding them a new home is also appreciated. To make a donation, go to GiveCentral and select Project Refugee.

WEDDINGS:

JAMES COLLETTI & MORGAN EMINGER

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2024

Sat.	23rd	5:00 Terrence M. Deneen (RIP)
Sun.	24th	7:30 Garvey Family
		9:00 Fr. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M.
		10:30 Fr. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M.
		12:15 Assumption Parishioners
		5:00 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Mon.	25th	7:00 Special Intention
Wed.	27th	7:00 Elise Campbell (b’day)
		6:00 Priests & People of Assumption
Thurs.	28th	6:00 Leonardo Pusateri (RIP)

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WERE YOU MARRIED AT ASSUMPTION? Come for a special Mass, blessing, and renewal of vows at 12:00 Noon Saturday, April 13, followed by Brunch in the Parish Hall. Just let us know you are coming by emailing assumptionchurchchi@gmail.com or calling the parish office at 312-644-0036.

PARISH PASTA PARTY: Italian food returns to the Parish Hall! Join us on Saturday, April 20 following the 5:00pm Mass (or from 6:00 to 8:00pm) for a simple meal of lasagna, salad, fresh baked bread, and dessert, wine, beer, or soda. Tickets are \$50 each, \$25 for children under 12. Reservations are required; so, get yours soon. Purchase tickets on GiveCentral or call the Parish Office. If you have a large group, let us know so that we can seat you together. This will sell out!

USING UP THE PLASTIC: As social activity in the parish has increased, we find ourselves with a growing stock of disposable plates, cups, and utensils of various sizes and shapes. For the sake of the environment, we are trying to phase out the use of plastics. Please allow the Parish Office to purchase these things in the future. We can save money by buying in quantity, and help save the earth at the same time.

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS: The Holy Thursday Collection goes to Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House, which provides support services for those living with HIV/AIDS and offers treatment programs for those addressing addictions. The Pontifical Good Friday collection supports Catholics in the Holy Land, helps maintain Christian shrines, and supports efforts to care for refugees.

NURSERY OPEN THIS WEEKEND: The nursery will be open this Sunday, March 24, during the 10:30 Mass. Children ages 18 months to 4 years are welcome.

HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION

Please see the **Laudato Si'** and **Me** section of Assumption's website (assumption-chgo.org) for practical ideas and helpful links.



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