

# PALM SUNDAY

## Random Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and I hope and pray that all of you are well. I look through the last picture directories and pray for our parishes, our families and each person. I think of you at Mass and, as I have more time to think and pray because of lack of pastoral visits and meetings, many times throughout the day. It is surely an unprecedented time for everyone. I'm not sure what to do, but I know what not to do...be afraid. I trust the Lord in everything. I'm not sure why, except I have known His goodness throughout my life. I've known all kinds of challenges, but not to this worldly extent. I try to be as normal as possible, but then something shocks me into the reality that normal is not possible. Praying has never been a problem for me, but praying in front of a television or smart phone is a problem. I have never liked speaking in front of people and now I have to do it in front of a lot of people...and it is in cyber space for all aliens to see. I have to say that broadcasts have gone further than I had ever imagined. People in different countries have learned about our parishes and the faithful people here. I am proud of the faith of so many here. Faith for me is what happens in church, but also what happens outside of church. I think of what perfect worship is to me is that we take care of one another in the name of the Lord. When I see children's stained glass window projects on front doors, I am reminded of families handing on faith. When I hear of people volunteering to check in and cook for neighbors, I am humbled by active faith. When I hear of people lining up in cars to support someone going through an illness, I see faith alive. When people tell Fr. Elmer that they listen to his jokes and laugh, I KNOW that there are kind people living here. The face of faith is not always the face of people in the pews (although I miss everyone in the pews). Faith has everything to do with hearts that are ready to be loved by God and to reflect that love to others.

This week is Holy Week and this Sunday is Palm or Passion Sunday. I think of palms because of the palms spread before Jesus at His entry into Jerusalem. But I mostly think passion. I think of the love that He had to have for us to do what He did for us. His heart was open to love. That kind of passionate love drove Him to give His life for us, for me. I wish my heart was that passionate in loving Him and others right back. It is something that we should all work on...to love that passionately.

It looks like it will be May until we fill the church again with faithful faces. I can't wait. Because I have been praying for you even more personally, I feel even more connected. The first Sunday's sign of peace may take a while. For right now, my elbows are getting calloused. Then, my heart may be like it just watched a Hallmark movie.

Know I miss all of you and can't wait to pray with you in person. Keep the faith...in prayer and action. May God bless us all with His love. May God bless us with health. Continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. God bless you all.

**Fr. Mark**

## Mass Intentions/Schedule for TV and Facebook

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

**NOON** End to the Spread of COVID-19

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**8:00 AM** Vic & Andy Merschman

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**8:00 AM** Norie Schnipke

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9 *Holy Thursday*

**7:30 PM** Klara Frommherz, Ed Schroeder  
Dorothy Miller

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10 *Good Friday*

**1:30 PM** Passion of Our Lord

**7:30 PM** Passion of Our Lord (replay)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11 *Easter Vigil*

**8:30 PM** Parishioners

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12 *Easter*

**8:00 AM** Don & Joyce Jerwers, Mike Kahle  
Jim Siefker, Connie Miller  
Edwin & Theresa Herman & Family  
Gene Stechschulte, Vince Erhart  
Norm Kahle, Triena Kahle, Roger Buss  
Frances & Della Borgelt  
Leroy Warnement & Family  
Eugene Hoersten, Pete & Alice Gerding

*The 11:00 a.m. Mass at Kalida will be a recording,  
so all intentions will be announced at the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 12  
at Continental St. John's on Facebook*

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week will be very different this year. Because people watch channel 70 around the county, most of the services will happen at St. Michael's and shared by Facebook Live with St. John's parish. I was especially looking forward to "washing feet" at St. John's because of the new stained glass window of Jesus washing Peter's feet. There will be no washing of feet this year. There will be no Eucharistic Procession. There will be no Easter Fire. There will be no Confirmations of new Catholics. There will be no Litany of Saints. There will be no Sprinkling Rite (darn). BUT, we will celebrate that HE IS RISEN!!!! He is alive and death has been conquered. I am asking that people truly celebrate at home with wearing the best of clothes (even Easter bonnets), lighting candles, getting some water out to bless yourselves with as you participate with social distance and watch and participate at Mass through technology. Go outside and say Happy Easter to your neighbors. Say "He is Risen" to your neighbors. Make Easter a true Holy Day.

### Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Mass (live)

### Good Friday

1:30 p.m. Passion of Our Lord (live)

7:30 p.m. Passion of Our Lord (replay)

### Holy Saturday:

Mass at 8:30 p.m. (live)

### Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. (live) & 11:00 a.m. (replay)

9:30 a.m. at Continental (Facebook live)

*All Masses/Services at Kalida will be on Channel 70  
and Facebook. Continental Mass on Facebook only.*



### Our Condolences

*The Funeral Mass for*

**Norie Schnipke**

*was held on*

*Thursday, April 2, 2020.*

*Please include Norie and  
her family in your prayers.*

**DRIVE THRU PALM PICK-UP**  
**SATURDAY 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY 8:00 - 8:30 A.M.**  
**NOON - 1:00 P.M.**  
**STREET BEHIND CHURCH**

Fr. Mark will be on the side of the street between the rectory and elementary to pass at palms to you in your car.  
Please drive from the Parish Center toward the rectory.  
Palms will also be available at exits of church this week.

### Upcoming Schedule of Events

#### Saturday, April 4

4:30 PM Mass

#### Palm Sunday, April 5

8:00 AM Mass (replay)

9:30 AM Mass at Continental (Facebook live)

11:00 AM Mass (replay)

#### Monday, April 6

Noon Mass

1:30 PM Rosary

#### Tuesday, April 7

8:00 AM Mass

#### Wednesday, April 8

8:00 AM Mass

3:00 PM Stations

#### Holy Thursday, April 9

7:30 PM Mass

#### Good Friday, April 10

1:30 PM Passion

7:30 PM Passion (replay)

#### Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 PM Mass

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass at Continental  
(Facebook only)

11:00 AM Mass (replay)

*All events at Kalida will be on Cable Channel 70  
and on facebook.com/kalidastmichaels  
and will be live, unless otherwise noted above.*



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- **RECYCLE CLOTHES AND SHOES:** bring your old pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks, shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights, bras, underwear, slips, camisoles, hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands, wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases, towels, sheets, comforters, blankets and tablecloths to the green recycle bins
- **RECYCLE ALUMINUM:** all kinds of aluminum are accepted, including cans, siding, door frames, etc. Copper, brass and wiring can be placed at the rear of the Aluminum Recycling trailer.
- **RECYCLE STEEL:** including steel appliances, lawn mowers, exercise equipment and farm equipment. Rinsed food cans of all kinds are acceptable and encouraged at this roll-off.
- **RECYCLE CARDBOARD:** clean cardboard only. Please remove greasy or dirty areas.
- **RECYCLE PAPER & PLASTIC:** in blue roll-off on the first full week of each month

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It's open 24/7. Thanks for your support!*