

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

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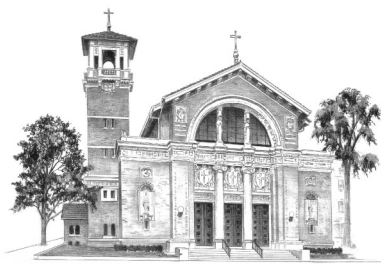
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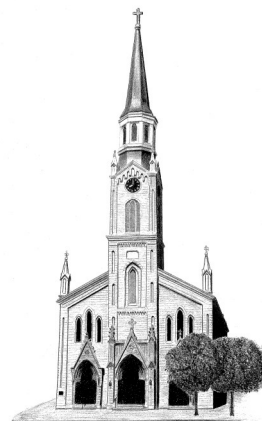
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

## Mass Intentions

*While no public Masses are being celebrated, the Priests will continue to offer your Mass Intentions in a private Mass daily:*

### Monday, April 6

Holy Trinity.....Irma Ortiz  
St. Joseph.....Gerald & Stephen Gillotti

### Tuesday, April 7

Holy Trinity.....David Monaghan  
St. Joseph.....Nora Fass

### Wednesday, April 8

Emmanuel.....Kathy Doncaster  
St. Joseph.....Robert & Ruth Deschler

### Holy Thursday, April 9

Emmanuel.....Walter Family  
St. Joseph.....Joe Healy

### Good Friday, April 10

### Holy Saturday, April 11

Emmanuel..... For our parishioners  
St. Joseph..... For our country and the world during this pandemic

### Emmanuel.....

### Easter Sunday, April 12

Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners  
St. Joseph.....For our parishioners  
Emmanuel.....Living & deceased James & Evelyn McCarthy Family  
Holy Trinity.....Joseph Bellino

### Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4;  
John 20:1-9

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please contact your parish office.

The headline for this week's edition of *Our Sunday Visitor* announces, "Holy Week at Home." This will be a very different Holy Week for all of us. In listening to parishioners wrestle with the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on every aspect of life, there is a range of emotions like fear, anger, weariness, skepticism, a deep longing for peace and an emptiness in not being able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. All of these emotions are also found in the scriptural journey of Holy Week. But, we know this is not the end of the story. Jesus is risen and with us! Since we know the rest of the story, we must lean on the theological virtues of faith, hope and love to lead us through this time of darkness. Remember, "You can't have Easter without Good Friday."

Jesus came to us in humility, simplicity and vulnerability. "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death." (*Philippians 2:6-8*) The gift of Holy Week teaches us that there is strength in humility, simplicity and vulnerability. Jesus died on the cross to reveal God's power in the world. The power he reveals is not muscle power or physical force. No, Jesus broke the cycle of violence. His life wasn't taken; he freely gave us his life as a gift. The power he reveals is rooted in love, a power that inspires us to bend a knee before the cross of Christ. Jesus teaches us, "When you are weak you are strong."

During this holiest of weeks, we are given a powerful opportunity to reflect upon God's love and the life we share in Christ through the waters of baptism. I do not see this time as an imposition on religious freedom as some have said. Having Holy Week at home is one way for us to work together for the health and safety of our community. Jesus himself went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights which meant he did not go to the Temple or to the Synagogue as was his practice. The desert experience, the time of abstinence, fasting and being tempted, strengthened his trust in the Father. His love for God the Father intensified while he was in isolation, feeling the weight of his humanity.

I believe God has permitted this time of suffering so that we might learn something, just as He permitted sinful humanity to crucify His Son. What can we learn about ourselves and about God in this time of abstinence, fasting and being tempted? I believe God is leading us to new life. Will we remain faithful in this time of exile? This can be a time of great spiritual renewal if we open our hearts to God's will. Follow the example of Jesus and be the face of love by sacrificing yourself through a life rooted in simplicity, humility and vulnerability. Trust in God who always has the last word and that word is life!

**Announcement About Flocknotes!** As a way of strengthening communication within our parishes and pastoral region we joined the ranks of "Flocknotes," an internet service that enables us to send emails and text messages to our parishioners as one group. If you would like to start receiving email, text messages or both please use this link <https://flocknote.com/DowntownDaytonCatholicPa> or go to the homepage for Flocknotes, click on "Find Your Church" using our Zip code 45402 and from the selection of churches that appear click on "Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes." You can join our network and be on your way to receiving messages from the parish (all without needing to create a password)!

### Good Friday Fast and Abstinence

April 10th is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics ages 14 years and older. (*Canons 97 & 1252*)

### "Who is This?"

When Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, people laid palms on the road before him. He entered the city to shouts of, "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The whole city was shaken and everyone in the city asked, "Who is this?". This is a question that is asked in every age and one that all must answer, for Our Lord's very presence shakes us to our core just as it shook Jerusalem to its foundations. His presence compels us to answer the question personally and definitively. Many have proposed an answer to this question.

The crowds of Jerusalem, for instance, proclaimed Jesus a prophet, but soon thereafter called for him to be crucified. Judas wanted Our Lord to be a political revolutionary and betrayed Him when he could not convince him to be one. The apostles abandoned him in fear when he refused to turn aside from His Passion; when he continued down his road to Calvary. The scribes, Pharisees, and Chief Priests saw him as a threat to their power and prestige and so they wanted to kill him. Pilate and Herod, for their part, just wanted to prevent a riot. And so, when Our Lord would not be who people wanted him to be; when Jesus would not conform to their notion of who he should be, they abandoned him, betrayed him, or killed him.

If we are honest, at times we are tempted to try to make Our Lord into who we want Him to be too, aren't we? Isn't that what we do every time we sin; every time we refuse to love? Sometimes we want a Messiah who hasn't called us to holiness, who hasn't commanded us to love those who hate us, who hasn't told us we must be prepared to suffer as he did. We try to manipulate God, to get Him to think like we do. But when we see God as He is, He will not be who we imagined Him to be. And how could we expect it to be otherwise, unless God is made in our image rather than we in His?

God does not hide who He is. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were the one's hiding from God, not the other way around. Our Lord's Passion happened in the sight of all, but only certain souls recognized him for who he was.

Who were they? Those the world held to be of no account; those willing to share in his suffering. Those who loved him so much that they accompanied Him on His way of the Cross. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen, Veronica, the women of Jerusalem, and John the Apostle. Those who in their humility, did not give into the fear of the moment, but let their love overwhelm their fear.

"Who is this?" He is the One who not only walks with us in our suffering, but shares in our suffering. He is the One who, though sinless, took our sins upon himself that we might live. He is the One who's deepest desire is that we love him and each other as he loves us. He is Our Lord; Our Beloved.

"Who is this?" He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The way to the Father. He is the one who is with us in the dark valley; he is the one who is at our side, leading us out of our present darkness of sickness, anxiety, fear, and most importantly leading us out of the valley of death which is sin; He is the one who shows us the way to our heavenly home where we will consummate our eternal love affair with Him.

The only possible answer to the question "Who is this?"; the only answer someone who truly encounters Our Lord and accepts him for who He is can give, was the same one given by the Roman Centurion and his men at the foot of the Cross; the very men who crucified Our Lord. This is the Son of God!

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Schedule for Holy Week

April 5th Palm Sunday Mass will be Posted on parish websites.

#### Private Confessions:

April 5th 12:00-2:00pm Holy Trinity  
April 6th 11:30am-12:30pm St. Joseph  
April 7th 11:30am-12:30pm St. Joseph  
6:00-8:00pm Emmanuel  
April 8th 11:30am-12:30pm St. Joseph  
6:00-8:00pm Emmanuel

#### No Confessions after April 8th

#### Sacred Triduum

April 9th Mass of the Lord's Supper livestreamed via parish websites 7:00PM  
April 10th Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion available via parish websites 2:00PM  
April 11th Easter Vigil Mass available via parish websites 7:30PM  
April 12th Easter Sunday Mass available via parish websites.

**Below are some websites** that offer ideas for activities with children during Holy Week.

[Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure](#)

[Story Of The Passion Lunch- Symbolic Lunch For Good Friday](#)

[The "You Can Still Do This" Guide to All Things Holy Week](#)

#### Lenten Pilgrimage: Taichung, Taiwan - Vocational Training and Livelihood Program

Maryknoll Missionary, Father Joyalito Tajonera, leads the Maryknoll Vocational Training and Livelihood Program in Taichung, Taiwan. Free educational training improves the job skills of the workers and includes electronics, carpentry, dressmaking, and culinary arts.

"Lord Christ, help us to see what it is that joins us together, not what separates us. For when we see only what it is that makes us different, we too often become aware of what is wrong with others." Pg 43

Our virtual pilgrimage has led us through 2231 miles! We have some miles to report this week - Spiritual miles, 400; Exercise miles, 275. Keep submitting your miles and try to take some spring walks during this beautiful season.

#### Pray with Sunday's Gospel During This Time:

Shaughn will be extending his Sunday Gospel Prayer Sessions (GPS) for the rest of the pastoral region during this time. We will gather on Zoom, a video-conferencing platform. The times each week are as follows: Sundays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 11am, Thursdays at 9am. Please email Shaughn at [sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com](mailto:sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com) if you are interested with your desired day and time to pray. Shaughn is happy to help you learn how to use Zoom.

#### Domestic Church: Palm Sunday Procession

While we won't be able to process with palms at Church this week we can still celebrate Palm Sunday at home! Take some time as a household to create paper palms and read this Sunday's reading of Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. As a domestic church process through your house with music and celebration. Afterwards spend time reflecting with one another how Jesus must have felt processing into Jerusalem; processing into your home. What does He desire from you this week? Conclude by asking the Lord to bless your home during this holiest of holy weeks!

#### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Nicholas Kern	David Musgrove
Yves Benimana	Morgan Konsdorf	Diane Nyirasimbi
Michael Borgert	Cody Landers	Anthony Pelfrey
John Carner	Greg Marcus	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Alex McGarvey	Aimee Storm
Jon Chachula	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Gary Eilers		

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 3,014.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 301.40

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
Frs. Angelo and Matt*

#### Prayer List

Ralph Berry	Gary George	Phyllis Rieger
Teresa Bond	Craig & Mary Hathaway	Tony Rocco
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Eric Rosenthal
Bernard Chachula	Virginia Hicks	Randy Rosenthal
Michael Dalessio	Thomas Ledinsky	Molly Schneider
Rick Emerick	Judy Marks	Jan Timerding
Annette & John Fohl	Mike McDonald	Daniel
Liz Fulton	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Cindy Gardina	Brian Napier	

**Beware of Internet Scams...** There is an internet scam that is using Fr. Angelo's name asking the receiver to send money or gift cards to help someone in need. This has been reported to the Archdiocese and unfortunately it is happening to a number of pastors in the Archdiocese. I would not ask anyone to send money or gift cards through an email or Facebook posting. Delete any messages and pray for the conversion of the perpetrator.

As a reminder, never give any personal information or account numbers to anyone who contacts you via email, Facebook, or by phone. Always call the company directly with a number from your official statement or bill. If you are still unsure, call your local Police Department and they will verify if it is a scam.

**You may financially support** your parish during this pandemic by mailing in your donation to the parish office. Your contributions are appreciated.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$ 2,575.00

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**The parish office** is closed but voice mail is being checked throughout the day. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

**There are a couple** ways for you to continue to financially support your parish during this pandemic. You can go online at [Holytrinitydayton.org](http://Holytrinitydayton.org) and sign up for online giving or mail your donations to the parish office. Your contributions are appreciated.



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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$2,522.00
Charity:	\$ 300.00

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The church will be open for private prayer Monday through Saturday from 11:00—2:00 with Exposition and confessions from 11:30-12:30.

Because things are changing daily please visit our website [www.stjosephdayton.org](http://www.stjosephdayton.org) and Facebook page for daily updates.

### 2020 Golden Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant and Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant.

### Wedding Anniversary Certificates

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Parishes may also make this request for couples. Certificates will be mailed to parishes for distribution in late July or early August. More details can be found here or by calling 513.263.6692.

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

*Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Cheryl Anderson	Catherine DeMange	Tony Riggs
Ken Belcher	Rita Downs	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Katie Blausner	Bennett Hart	Karen Thomas
Bob Bruns	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Mooneen Caulfield	Victors Polovskis	Mark Williams
Michael Culp		

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FORMED Pick of the Week: Symbolon, The Paschal Mystery.**  
Do we understand what the “Paschal Mystery” means in the greater story of Salvation, from the Passover in Egypt to the Last Supper and Crucifixion of Jesus? Visit [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) to enrich your Holy Week spiritual journey.

How do new parishioners register for an account?

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by zip “45402” or name “St. Joseph” (This is for all parishes in our pastoral region)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Already have a FORMED Account?

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email
5. You're in! No more passwords!

## Area Activities

### Family Encounter: Sunday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Evangelization Office would like to invite all families to “ENCOUNTER” – an evening of worship, testimony and Eucharistic adoration. This event will be live-streamed from Ascension Catholic Church in Dayton on Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.. The topic of the night is *Jesus Closes the Gap: What the story of Emmaus offers us in a climate of social distancing*. For more information about the event, visit [www.viacatholic.org/encounter](http://www.viacatholic.org/encounter).

### Cincinnati Men's Conference

Becoming a Leader for God -Saturday, April 25th  
Hosted on-line because of COVID-19 restrictions.  
Conference will run from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon  
For information please see their website:  
<https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>

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