

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## 28 MARCH 2021

**Readings for Sunday, March 28:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1–15:47.

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

**Readings for April 4:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9.

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**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 7:00 PM in the Church.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
29 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Victor J. Jacketti	Tony Vitacco
30 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie	Bill & Jeanette Gatta
31 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Joseph Ivanowicz	John & Elaine Norman
1 Apr.	THU. 7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
2 Apr.	FRI. 3:00 PM	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
3 Apr.	SAT. 8:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
4 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

**Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.**



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.  
**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!** However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

The parish office will be closed Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2. A Blessed and Happy Easter to all!

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their APRIL issue at the parish office. Please call prior to coming for your book.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Requests can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be mailed or can be picked up at the parish office.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Two weeks ago, I mentioned that we were praying an Archdiocesan-wide Novena to St. Joseph on the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month from now until November. We had the first coming-together for that Novena on March 19. I was amazed (overwhelmed) by the turnout! Friday nights tend to be difficult to schedule parish events because people tend not to come. That we had more people in attendance than we had booklets to give out was a nice problem to have. Apologies to those who came and couldn't follow along. We'll have to print more next month. We'll announce more details soon.

Speaking of next month, we are hosting the first of three **Blood Drives** on Monday, April 19. The Red Cross always needs blood donors. They have assured us that they have protocols in place to screen all donors and to keep everyone safe. If you are willing and able to donate blood, please consider signing up. Pre-registration is required. You can go to <https://rb.gy/sduxrx> to sign up, check out the article on our website for a link or call 800-RED-CROSS.

I'm really happy to announce that we have begun **livestreaming our Masses** and other celebrations from the church! Last weekend was our first weekend, and feedback has been positive so far. Broadcasts will play on our website and can be accessed through a link on the right sidebar. Announcements have been sent out through Flocknote. We also sent an announcement through the mail to a targeted list of parishioners – particularly the homebound and those who've been staying away because of the pandemic.

The addition of livestreaming is an opportunity for those who wish to be here but can't to participate virtually in the celebration of Mass and have a connection to their parish. It's not intended to be an opportunity for people to just stay home and watch instead of coming to the church. The celebration of Mass is something of great importance that warrants our in-person, active participation. When we come to Mass, we are not spectators, but actually participants in the sacred rites of the Church (which we show by common responses, postures, and gestures). If we are unable to be physically present, we can benefit from participating virtually by watching a celebration prayerfully and joining in those common responses, postures, and gestures as we would when physically present. But there is also a risk of letting the Mass become something going on in the background while we busy ourselves with other things.

By way of analogy, there are times when we turn on the TV and passively watch something. Other times, we can be more involved in what we are watching (like yelling "no don't go in there!" to someone opening the door to the room where the killer is hiding). And sometimes we can fully immerse ourselves in what we are watching (think Super Bowl parties). In those cases, we know that it's still not the same as actually being there, but we set ourselves up to replicate the experience as much as we can. But...I don't know too many football fans who would pass up tickets to the Super Bowl in favor of watching it on a cell phone. It's similar with Mass: being physically present and actively participating should be our desire and our goal. If that's not possible, then participating in a celebration virtually is a helpful practice.

As we now enter into the most holy and sacred week of the Church year, I hope you will make an effort to be physically present and actively participate in some or all of the celebrations of the days ahead. If that's not possible, please try to join us virtually online and participate that way. The schedule is in the bulletin and on our website. Have a blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

## LENT 2021

**Minimum Obligations for Fasting:** Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for ages 18 to 59 - Fasting is defined as one main meal and two smaller meals with no food in between. Abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent for ages 14 and up.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Provide food for the hungry by donating spare change or making a cash donation to Operation Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are in the vestibule of Church.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 21, 2021.....	\$4,252
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,974
Parish Giving -	\$155
Easter Flower Collection -	\$1,123
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$748)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$190,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$162,612
Average per week Collection	\$4,279
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$27,388)
Average per week Deficit	(\$721)
<b>MARCH 22, 2020</b>	
Deposit.....	\$1,290
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$27,150)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$238)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 2, 2021, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 2, 2021**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

**+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.**

Archbishop of Philadelphia

### MASS ATTENDANCE for March 20/21:

4:00 PM Mass - 77  
 9:00 AM Mass - 85  
 Total Attendance - 162



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**  
**APRIL LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

### LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

March 15 - #458 - unsold  
 March 16 - #527 - unsold  
 March 17 - #884 - unsold  
 March 18 - #605 - unsold  
 March 19 - #660 - unsold  
 March 20 - #060 - unsold  
 March 21 - #274 - unsold

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 29  
 Mass at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 30  
 Mass at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 31  
 Mass at 9:00 AM  
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM  
 Confessions 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM  
 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 1  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM  
 Church open for prayer until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2  
 Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3  
 Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM  
 Blessing of Easter Food at 2:30 PM  
 Confessions 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
 Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4  
 Mass at 9:00 AM