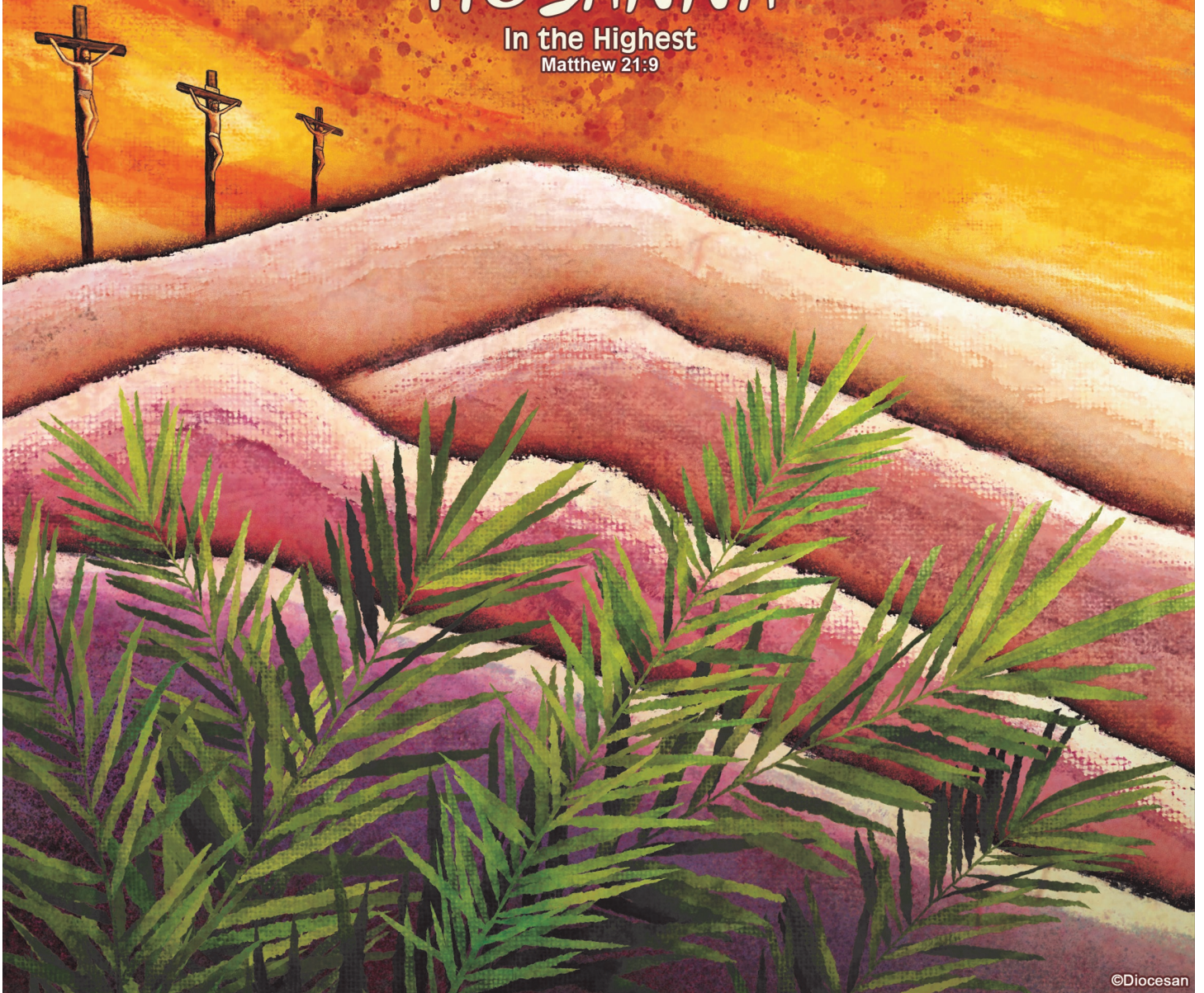


PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION HOSANNA

To the **Son of David**; Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the **Lord**

HOSANNA

In the Highest
Matthew 21:9



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Requirements for baptism are listed on the parish website, www.stignatiusrc.org, on the drop down bar under church services. To attend baptism class, call Shannon Wilbert at the parish office at 989-734-2753.

We follow the Church's desire that outside Lent and Advent, Baptisms take place during Sunday Mass (Ritual intro., rubric 9).



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Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Christ Became Obedient unto Death, Death on the Cross!

The greeting I use from Philippians 2:8, is quotes a hymn older than the New Testament. What a great mystery that God would have his Son die so that we might live! Let us think about how loving the Father is that he would want this, and how loving of the Father is the Son for wanting it too! God wants you, who *is* the only you, to live and to live in him now! We know this because Jesus calls us to life with him through Baptism during this life (*Catechism* #125, 1265-6).

In charity, Jesus goes to the cross that we may live. In truth, he wants us to live because he sees value in human life – each human life. We recall that it was the will of the Father and the Son that we have life in the Trinity, even before we had natural life (John 10:10, Romans 5: 7-9). So in truth, we respect that work in each person God created, and the right of that person to live.

Our Holy Father Francis, on the 25 March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin, that she would bear into this world the eternal Son of God made man, marked the jubilee of Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life* promulgated on the same solemnity in 1995. A commentary on that encyclical appears in the *National Catholic Register* (29 March – 11 April edition) by George Mason University law professor Helen M. Alvaré (<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/john-paul-iis-evangelium-vitae-gave-a-voice-to-those-promoting-respect-for->). For her part, Professor Alvaré **firstly** wants our consideration that the Gospel of Life, by Christ Jesus himself, teaches us that **truth always comes down to a Person**, namely Jesus Christ, the way and the truth and the life (John 14:6); correspondingly, Jesus stands for the dignity of not just his Person. Rather, in his Paschal Mystery Jesus also rises for the truth, inherent goodness, and dignity of each and every human person, with whom Jesus wanted share human nature, to die and to rise again. Christ poignantly reveals a related truth: human physiology, embryology, psychology and sexuality are blueprinted from the dignity and uniqueness of the individual, an unrepeatable instance of the human substance.

Secondly, the family is the check against individual human dignity metastasizing into the tyranny of the individual or of a mob individuals. By that the Professor means that the Gospel of Life calls us to the care and defense of each human being in our family as dearly if the other's life were our very own. Surely Catholics realize that as Christ, no one who loves his own flesh can hate the good of the life of the wife in whose flesh he chooses to share his existence (Ephesians 5:29-31).

Next week, I will consider two remaining ideas from Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life*. For now, during Holy Week, **please consider how, in response to the COVID-19 epidemic, your actions are already sharing the life of Christ with others, and act thoroughly contrary to any choice to end human life.** You admirably take risks to your own health to help your families, relatives, and friends who have prudently isolated themselves to prevent spreading or contracting COVID-19. You intuitively see irreplaceable vulnerable persons as God's beloved. You understandably recognize the vulnerability of each of our lives in face of a new and not thoroughly understood threat to human life, and in solidarity with your family and the whole human race put your vulnerability at the disposal of the vulnerable, with whom you show solidarity. That is, you valiantly help even the stranger carry that individual's particular cross during the COVID-19 outbreak (Luke 23: 26-27). God bless you, and please remember to tell those you help that it is because Christ loves you through his death and beyond his rising that you love them.

May God, who in Christ has loved the only you unto death, help you know joy in the Gospel that is in his will to rise from the dead for the sake of the joy of the only you. May he help you know in these distressful times, that he wills you to live with him now in our mutual isolation. May Christ help you see in truth that with Christ, there is no cross without victory.

United with you in our Sacred Head and His Dolorous Mother,
Rev. Father Rolando Silva, Parish Priest

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Worship and Prayer

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday, Apr. 6

8:30 a.m. Closed Mass - **+Len & Patricia Gabrysiak** (Len Gabrysiak)

Tuesday, Apr. 7

8:30 a.m. Closed Mass - **Intentions of the Priest**

10:00 a.m. No Mass/Service - Medilodge

11:00 a.m. Closed Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Gaylord

Wednesday, Apr. 8

8:30 a.m. Closed Mass - **+Phillip Wisniewski** (Wisniewski Family)

Thursday, Apr. 9

6:00 p.m. Closed Holy Thursday Mass - **For Bishop Steven J. Raica**

Friday, Apr. 10

3:00 p.m. Closed Good Friday Service - The Lord's Passion

Saturday, Apr. 11

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. No Reconciliation

9:00 p.m. Closed Easter Vigil Mass - **For the Holy Father**

Sunday, Apr. 12

8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. No Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. Closed Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord - **For the People**



Holy Week

Weekly Scripture Readings

(Apr. 6 – Apr. 11)

Monday

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9A

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

NO DAILY READINGS

Please be sure to share any new information with members of the parish family who are unable access information from the internet or the bulletin!

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Check the parish website to find communication letters to our St. Ignatius Parish Family from Father Rolando Silva

www.stignatiusrc.org

The letter is also posted on the church bulletin boards at the entrances of the church.

During the Triduum when we are not permitted to physically assemble for these most holy celebrations, Father Rolando would like to encourage you to set aside these services/Mass times of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday to pray with Him as he celebrates the Triduum services in union with you. You may also tune into the Gaylord of Diocese, St. Mary Cathedral:

Broadcast on TV on Fox Local 32/45. (Also available on the Cathedral website, <https://www.stmarycathedral.org/>, for later viewing.)

EWTN will also be broadcasting daily Masses and Triduum Services/Masses.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Church encourages us to make an act of "Spiritual Communion", where we unite ourselves with God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please let us know by phone, facebook, email or website page, any spiritual needs you may have during this time.

St. Ignatius Parish Office: 989-734-2753

Facebook Page: St. Ignatius Parish, Rogers City

Parish Website: www.stignatiusrc.org

Email: parishoffice@stignatiusrcs.org

Intercessory Prayer

Divine Mercy Prayer Chain

For healing and special intentions, you are invited to call the Divine Mercy Prayer Chain (989) 734-2546

Petitions/Praise Reports Binder

Write any petitions or praise reports you may have in the binder on the podium near the choir loft stairs.

We encourage all the parish family to pray for the petitions written in the book and share in the joy of answered prayer!

Note: A Mass is scheduled once a month for the intentions in the *Parish Petitions Binder*.