

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

LUKE 19:36, 38

## The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can’t fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God’s gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

### Reflect

***How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?***





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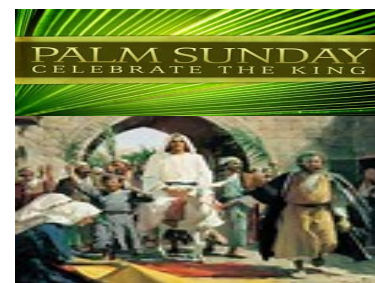
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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

### Palm Sunday Masses

April 12th - Sat. Vigil: 6:30pm

April 13th - Sun: 8:30am

10am (Portuguese)

11:30am & 6:00pm

(Palm Crosses will be blessed & distributed)

### NO 12:10pm Mass Mon-Fri

April 14th - Mon: 7:30am Mass

April 15th - Tues: 7:30am Mass

**Mass of the Chrism:** 7:30pm

April 16th - Wed: 7:30am Mass

### Diocesan Confessions:

12-1PM & 7:30-8:30PM

April 17th - Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 7:30am

### Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:30pm (Followed by Rosary in various languages, then Sri-Lankan Holy Hour)

April 18th - Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Victoria Park:** 1:30pm

### Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**\*\*There will be a Holy Land Collection**

English: 3:00pm

Portuguese: 5:00pm

April 19th - Holy Saturday:

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

**Easter Vigil Mass:** 6:30pm

April 20th - Easter Sunday

**Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30am, 10:00a (Portuguese), 11:30am & 6:00pm Mass

## DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	Apr. 12th	6:30pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun.	Apr. 13th (Portuguese)	8:30am		Maria Joaquina DeSouza, Wishing Improved Health
		10:00am	+	Joe & Theresa DoCouto, JoséCunha,
		11:30am	+	Ludgaarda Silva & Manuel Eduardo Costa
		6:00pm	+	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon	Apr. 14th	7:30am	+	Kirby Brackstone
Tues	Apr. 15th	7:30am	+	Albert & Doris Ramsay
Wed.	Apr. 16th	7:30am	+	Hedwig Doll Armbruster
Thurs.	Apr. 17th	7:30am		No Mass Intention
Fri.	Apr. 18th	7:30am		No Mass Intention
Sat.	Apr. 19th	6:30pm	+	Easter Memorial Flowers
Sun.	Apr. 20th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Easter Memorial Flowers
		10:00am	+	Easter Memorial Flowers
		11:30am	+	Easter Memorial Flowers
		6:00pm	+	Easter Memorial Flowers

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : April 19th & 20th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	J. Hill C. Powell	C. Scarth	G. Edwards E. Mosley	B. Mandocdoc H. Velasco
<b>Communion</b>	C. Kieck	O. Scarth	J. Alcantara	D. Robiso
<b>Ministers:</b>	E. Cabral H. Cabral B. D. Knights	I. Brackstone G. Lovecchio T. Sinclair	C. Kieck A. Cannonier	R. Ronquillo A. Galea
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	K. Judd	J. Pearman	D. Mutch	K. Delgado

**PLAN YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING:** Donations & contributions are gratefully appreciated and can be made by Direct Deposit to **Butterfield Bank Acct #2000-6060-4827-32100** or use your **weekly Parish Envelopes**. Please commit to planned giving each week or monthly.

**ONLINE TRANSFER PAYMENTS:** Please be aware when coordinating any online transfers to our Butterfield Bank A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100, could **please send an email** to the Rectory office to **advise** of the incoming funds and **how** they should be **allocated**. Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details do not always appear on our end. *Thank you!*



Good Friday is a day of **Fast and Abstinence**. This Penitential practice consists of refraining from the consumption of meat.



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

"The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Apr. 5th/6th	\$4,788.00
Electronic offering:	Apr. 5th/6th	\$1,310.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 14	\$82,117.50



#### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

April 13th– 19th, 2025

*No Intention*



#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

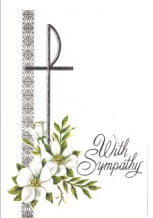
Forms for our Easter Memorial Flowers, is due **THIS** weekend. The names of your deceased loved ones will be listed in a special pamphlet and they will be remembered at all Easter Sunday Masses. Any excess funds will be used to purchase flowers for the Cathedral during the year. *Thank you for your support!*



#### BAPTISM:

We welcome **Natalia Skye Castillanes Bongato**, child of Leo Jr & Melanie Bongato, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend on, **Saturday, April 12th, 2025.**

*Welcome to the Church Family, Natalia!*



#### FUNERAL:

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of the late **Maria Georgina DeMello De Oliveira**, whose funeral mass was held at the Cathedral this **Friday, April 11th, 2025.**

*May she rest in peace with the angels!*



#### ST. ANTHONY'S DINNER & BINGO:

St. Anthony's Church in Warwick is holding a Dinner & Bingo on **Saturday, April 26th, 2025 at 7:30PM.** Tickets : \$30 & \$15(kids up to 12 yrs). Please contact Pat Rodrigues @ 524-1026, or Anna Daniels @ 236-2438.

*Happiness is yelling BINGO!!!*



#### AFTERNOON HERITAGE TEA PARTY:

**St. Joseph's Church** in Somerset will be hosting an **Afternoon Heritage Tea** on **Sunday, May 18th, 2025, from 2– 5PM**, at the St. James Church Hall in Somerset – Tea, Entertainment, Raffles, Silent Auction:

Tickets: \$45 can be obtained by contacting Liz Card, at 234-0872

or Email: [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com)

### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Vatican Publishing House has published the Pontifical Yearbook 2025 and the Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae 2023, which was compiled by the Central Office of Church Statistics. The data reported in the Pontifical Yearbook offers information regarding the life of the Catholic Church worldwide for 2024. The Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae offers a snapshot of the main quantitative phenomena concerning the pastoral activity of the Catholic Church worldwide, including statistical insights for the biennium 2022–2023.

The global Catholic population increased by 1.15% between 2022 and 2023, rising from approximately 1.39 billion to 1.406 billion, a percentage very similar to that of the previous biennium. The distribution of baptized Catholics varies in the various geographic areas, in accordance with the different demographics of each continent.

Africa includes 20% of the Catholics of the entire planet and is characterized by a highly dynamic spread of the Catholic Church. The number of Catholics increased from 272 million in 2022 to 281 million in 2023. With a growth of 0.9% over the biennium, the Americas consolidate their position as the continents to which 47.8% of the world's Catholics belong. Of these, 27.4% reside in South America, 6.6% in North America, and the remaining 13.8% in Central America. The Asian continent records a growth of Catholics of 0.6% over the biennium, and its weight is around 11% of the global Catholic population. Europe, while hosting 20.4% of the world Catholic community, confirms itself as the least dynamic area, with an increase in the number of Catholics over the biennium of just 0.2%. The Catholics of Oceania numbered just over 11 million in 2023, an increase of 1.9% compared to 2022.

The number of bishops in the Catholic Church has grown over the last biennium with an overall variation, rising from 5,353 in 2022 to 5,430 in 2023. At the end of 2023, there were 406,996 priests, with a decrease of -0.2%. Permanent deacons constitute the group of clergy that is growing most vigorously. In 2023, their number reached 51,433 compared to the 50,150 recorded in 2022. The reduction of both professed religious brothers who are not priests and professed religious sisters, which has occurred over time, continued in 2023, albeit at a less intense pace. The temporal trend observed worldwide in the number of major seminarians indicates an uninterrupted decline that has been recorded since 2012.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed Holy Week!

*Bishop Wes*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### Diocesan Lenton Confessions:

Wednesday, April 16th @ 12-1PM & 7:30-8:30PM, St. Theresa's Easter Ceremony Mass:

Saturday, April 26th @ 11AM, Holy Calvary Chapel

The Feast of Divine Mercy:

Sunday, April 27 @ 3PM, St. Patrick's Church



# Dear Padre,

*I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?*

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?*

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

### Monday

April 14  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

### Tuesday

April 15  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

### Wednesday

April 16  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

### Thursday

April 17  
*Thursday of Holy Week*  
*(Holy Thursday)*  
*Chrism Mass:*  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

### Friday

April 18  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

### Saturday

April 19  
*Holy Saturday*  
*(Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4  
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Lk 24:1–12

### Sunday

April 20  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9