



HOSANNA



“Hosanna to the Son of David / blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

MATTHEW 21:9

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Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/ Mt 26:14-25

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

OUR MISSION “We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society.”

Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox.

Visit www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to see more.



Mass Times

View Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at crown/holycrossdewitt.org. You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio & Sunday TV Mass at 6:30am on channel 9 or 8:30 on channel 98.

Upcoming Events:

Please check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date Information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday Of The Passion of the Lord

Don Foster/ Family
Richard J. Pospiech/ Joanne & Bob Gardino
Rosalind Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Monday, April 6th

People of Holy Cross
9:00 AM - 3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Tuesday, April 7th

Phyllis, Robert Sr. & Kris Reid / Family
9:00 AM - 3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Wednesday, April 8th

Rosalie Scipione / Patty Sacco (ann.)
9:00 AM - 3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church
7:00 - 8:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Thursday, April 9th - Holy Thursday

Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Syracuse
9:00 AM - 3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Friday, April 10th - Good Friday

9:00 AM - 3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Saturday, April 11th - Holy Saturday

People of Holy Cross
12:00 - 2:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday

Christian Hall/ Dan & Martha
Jeffery Cox/ Theresa Austin-Walter

Due to the suspension of all Public Masses. The weekday and weekend Mass Intentions will be said on the day intended at a Private Mass. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please know of our prayers for each and everyone of you during this difficult time.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:
Holy Land**

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$4,172.00 Collection of March 22 & 29

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!**

**Holy Cross Parish welcomes
seminarian James Buttner**

I am happy to announce that Bishop Lucia has assigned seminarian James Buttner to Holy Cross Parish. James is a 2nd Theology Student at Theological College in Washington D.C. and a parishioner of Holy Family Parish, Fairmount. James will remain with us until August 2020.



During this summer, James will participate in Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) at University Hospital.

Due to the Coronavirus, seminaries have closed and seminarians have returned to their own dioceses. James will continue his studies on line with the rest of his classmates, and will be helping around the parish as well. I am sure you will see him lecturing at Mass, either on line or God willing in person, when we return to our regular Mass schedule.

It is a blessing to have this faithful young man in our presence. He is a great example to our young people who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Peace,
Fr. John and Fr. Matt

Mass for Homebound

Sunday Mass is available each week on TV Sunday at 6:30am on Channel 9, Sat. at 8:30pm on Channel 98, and on the Syracuse Catholic Television YouTube channel. For a complete list of channels & air times, visit facebook.com/syracuseCTV. Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.



PRAY FAST GIVE

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

Thank you



PRAYER REQUESTS

Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.

Important Information

Out of concern for public health & following directives and recommendations from the Diocese of Syracuse, Department of Health, and CDC, **ALL** public gatherings (including Mass & Stations of the Cross) & parish activities and events at Holy Cross are **cancelled** until further notice.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND DEVOTION

The main church will be **open** from Monday-Saturday, 9 AM - 3 PM and on Wednesday from 7- 8pm, and on Sunday from 12 PM - 2 PM for private prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment. Please maintain appropriate social distancing if praying in the church.

ONLINE RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATION

We have online resources and communications available to our parish community to keep you connected and informed during this tumultuous time. Subscribe to our weekly **Youth & Families** newsletter for formation and family resources to encourage you and your youth during isolation, and special editions of our weekly **Bulletin Brief** newsletter with content and resources for prayer, growth, and devotion during this time. **Sign up today on the Holy Cross Website (holycrossdewitt.org to stay informed during these strange days!**

Holy Week Information

- The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Saturday; & on Wednesday from 7-8pm; & from Noon to 2pm on Easter Sunday.
- Blessed Palms will be available at the church.
- The Easter Mass from Holy Cross can be watched online by going to the Holy Cross web site.
- Confession at above times by appointment only. Please call the office for an appointment.
- Masses for Holy Week have been cancelled.
- These hours may change so to be sure check the web-site
- You may call the Parish Office if you are in need of assistance.

More Suggestions

With the disruption of the opportunity to attend Mass, many may be wondering how to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We realize that there is a desire to receive Holy Communion by many of the faithful. The Church encourages those who are not able to receive communion to make an act of Spiritual Communion. We encourage you to make a **Spiritual Communion** by **praying the following:**

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.

View Mass on TV or online. We'll share out more resources at crown.holycrossdewitt.org for this, but you can find Masses with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio and Masses from around the world at places like CatholicTV.

Continue to pray from home and participate in at home Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, meditating on the Scriptures and more. During our Crown Retreat we will give you more resources and depth for doing these if you're new to them.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Daily Prayer and Formation for ALL

When schools closed and parish Masses and activities were suspended earlier this week, we knew we would be adapting to a whole new way of life that hasn't been seen in our lifetime. As a result of this, our Youth & Families team immediately began putting pre-established plans into motion so that faith formation for our students would continue at home via distance learning. We then had a lightening bolt (aka Steve) of inspiration. That this time of isolation can be a time of spiritual renewal for our entire parish community.

From Isolation to Spiritual Renewal

While we still grapple with the unknowns and extent of this pandemic on the world stage and in our own personal lives, we are confronted with a new style of life lived separated from others and confined to our homes and family members. Like monks that use isolation to develop a rich, inner faith life and grow closer to God, we too can turn our own homes into mini-monasteries. So before you fill all of your time with Netflix binges and Zoom parties, start thinking now how you will introduce more prayer and development into your day. To help with this endeavor and to continue our faith formation studies at home for our students, we have created a website with daily updates encouraging 20 minutes of guided prayer and 20 minutes of guided intellectual formation. Check it out here: crown.holycrossdewitt.org

To get daily update reminders about The Crown retreat, choose [update your subscriptions settings](#), and be sure the box for "The Crown Daily" is checked.

And stay tuned! As we have some fun, interactive activities and live, online events starting up soon.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Read: Saint Helena and the True Cross Listen: Glimpses Along the Way of the True Cross

Listen: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song (For novena, begin Good Friday)

Watch: The Paschal Mystery; The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection

CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

CD: "Seven Last Sayings of Christ" by Dr. Scott Hahn

In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of Our Lord's last words on the cross, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday.

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

"Living Holy Week, following Jesus, means learning to come out of ourselves in order to meet others, to go toward the outskirts of existence, to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are the most forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help. There is such a great need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love!"

Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

The Works of Mercy & the Coronavirus:

Although we are not able to "meet others" literally, it is necessary for the health of our community that we create opportunities to "meet" one another by phone or internet. We are physically isolated, but no person should feel that they are forgotten and alone.

The current situation gives us plenty of opportunity to practice the *Works of Mercy by which we demonstrate our love for one another. Through these loving actions, we not only help our neighbors with their physical needs, but we also help with their emotional & spiritual needs. Please continue to pray for one another, to instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive & to bear each other's wrongs patiently.*

Have you reached out to your neighbor? Do you know of someone who is homebound or in need of help? Our NHN group is willing to assist you when you reach out to others. Call us if you know of some who needs an errand or a phone call: Call Beth (315) 416-4576 or email Diane: helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org

Please adopt these tactics as a way of protecting others who may be more vulnerable-even if you are not concerned about the risk to yourself.

- **Have compassion for those most at risk.**
- **Don't take what you don't need**-hoarding worsens the situation and impacts the most vulnerable.
- **Leave the masks to others**-our health care workers are desperately low.
- **Advocate** for the vulnerable and targeted.
- **Check in on vulnerable neighbors and offer to help with specific tasks.**
- **Thank those who are serving us and protecting us:** Be gentle and kind.
- **Pray for all** those affected by the crisis

Faith in Action activities are canceled at this time. Check online for updates: www.holycrossdewitt.org

Refugee Assistance: when you are cleaning out your closet this spring, please keep refugee families in mind:

Refugee Closet: Clean, gently used clothing, children's clothing can be left in the marked bins located here, in the downstairs hall closet nearest the water fountain.

Refugee Family: Most of the children in the refugee family will be playing soccer in the spring. If you have used soccer cleats, or if you are willing to donate toward the purchase of shoes or cleats, please contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

A Family Perspective: The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

From Bishop Douglas Lucia

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, and all members of the faithful who are part of our Diocesan Family,

Peace be with you! This is my second letter to you during this time of national and worldwide emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic. First, allow me to extend to you the powerful words that Jesus spoke to his disciples when they were in the midst of a storm on the water, being tossed about in a boat by the wind and the waves: **“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid”** (Matt 14: 27). We are, indeed, in turbulent times, being tossed about by the waves of this pandemic. We are hindered, but not prevented, in our ability to be nourished and to respond spiritually. Nevertheless, we should not be afraid. The Lord is with us.

Second, allow me to provide you with the following updates: **Today, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See has granted the following special indulgences to the faithful.** Remember that an indulgence is yet another way that God extends his mercy to us. It is a sign that God's mercy is stronger than our sin. More specifically, an indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1471).

The following may obtain a Plenary Indulgence, that is, full remission of the temporal punishment due to sin:

“To the faithful suffering from the Coronavirus, subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite themselves spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, to the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.”

“Health care workers, family members, and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer. “No man has greater love than this: to give his life for his friends” (Jn 15:13).”

“Those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic Adoration, or the reading of Sacred Scripture for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and the eternal salvation of those whom the Lord has called to Himself.”

“The Church prays for those who are unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one of them to Divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, n.12).”

- *Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, On the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic situation, 20 March 2020*

Today, the Holy Father has also reminded Bishops that individual confession is the ordinary way of celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Nevertheless, “Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by *votum confessionis*, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1452).”

However, in certain situations the sudden need may arise to impart sacramental absolution in a general manner to several faithful gathered together, for example, at the entrance of a hospital or nursing home where those infected are in danger of death. The diocese is monitoring this situation closely and will act accordingly, designating certain priests to attend to these and other similar situations. However, the conditions are not present for general absolution of the faithful outside of these certain situations who unfortunately cannot go to confession at this time. If the situation changes, you will be informed as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that necessary precautions will need to be put into place so that priests and penitents can gather safely. Likewise, necessary instruction will accompany this permission, in particular, that the faithful must be properly disposed (have contrition for their sins) and intend to confess all serious sins individually after the pandemic ends and the situation returns to normal (c. 962). - *Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary, On the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic situation, 20 March 2020*

Effectively immediately, all Catholics entrusted to my care as well as those who are within all the territory of the Diocese of Syracuse are hereby dispensed from the obligation of abstaining from meat on Good Friday as well as on the remaining Fridays during Lent. The purpose of this dispensation is to assist those for whom the practice of abstinence is difficult at this time, for example, because of the current shopping situation. However, those who can abstain from meat are encouraged to do so. Additionally, the law of fasting on Good Friday remains for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. It is important that the remaining days of Lent continue to be days of penance and prayer.

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At the present moment, all public gatherings for Mass, prayer, Faith Formation & certain parish activities remain cancelled & the faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays. In light of what is known about Covid-19 & its duration, the following provisions for Holy Week & Easter must now also be made:

The Light is On campaign is cancelled, General Absolution is not permitted.

All public liturgical celebrations and gatherings, specifically, Palm Sunday, The Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday are cancelled. They are to be celebrated by priests in private. Further guidance will be provided in the days ahead by the Office of Liturgy.

Regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the elect are dispensed from two of the scrutinies & the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation may take place outside of the Easter Vigil, namely, on any Sunday up to & including the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (R.C.I.A. no.34 2). Further guidance will be provided in the days ahead by the Office of Liturgy & the R.C.I.A.

Celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are postponed. Further guidance concerning when and how the celebration of these sacraments can take place as well as what is required to prepare those receiving them will be provided in the days ahead by the Offices of Catechesis and Liturgy.

Churches and parish facilities (food pantries, offices, etc.) may remain open with limited personnel following the guidelines of the local government and the Center for Disease Control.

Finally, I am doing everything possible to continue to attend to your spiritual needs. Please stay tuned for media-based opportunities for prayer, reflection, etc. Please also read the diocesan updates that will be available each day at 4:00 PM and continue to visit our website and consult the resources that are posted there, particularly the Frequently Asked Questions. Be assured of my continued prayers and support as we weather this storm together, with our eyes fixed on the Lord, waiting for his mercy. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, our own Saint Marianne Cope, bring healing, comfort, strength, and a swift end to this pandemic.

In the Name of Jesus,



Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Change

- The deadline for the bulletin of April 19th will be **Wednesday, March 31st at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin. Thank you!



The Parish Office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 10 and for the full day on Easter Monday, April 13.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding
Penance ~ By appointment only
 Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
 †To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

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PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

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