

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 17, 2011

*God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. — Philippians 2:9*

# Liturgy Intentions for the Week April 18th - April 24th

Monday

7:00 PM

Tuesday

9:00 AM

Wednesday

9:00 AM Ed Fitzsimmons by his wife & family

Thursday

7:00 PM Intentions of Bishop Michael Burbidge, D.D. by the parish

Friday

7:00 PM Maria Hardy by her husband

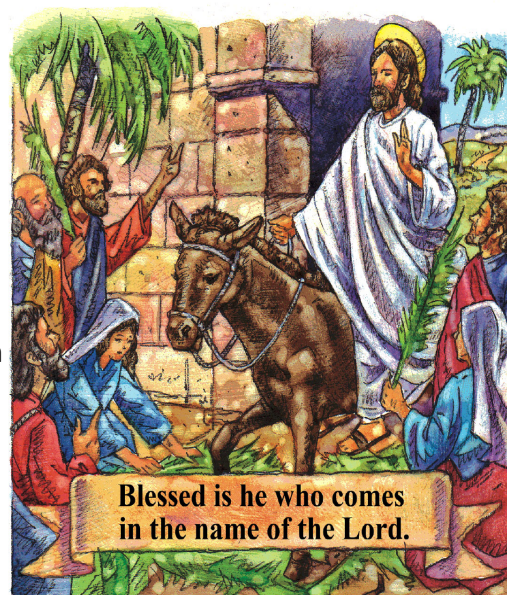
Saturday

7:00 PM Intentions of the Elect by the parish

Sunday

9:00 AM Intentions of Msgr. David Brockman by the parish

11:00 AM Mass for Twila Albright by Fr. Don



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### Today's Readings

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalms** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

Readings for the Week	
<b>Monday</b>	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thursday</b>	<u>Chrism Mass:</u> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <u>Lord's Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
<b>Saturday</b>	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Go **GREEN**. . . Read this online at [stmildred.info](http://stmildred.info)

### Saints and Special Observances

<b>Sunday</b>	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
<b>Monday</b>	Monday of Holy Week
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday of Holy Week
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wednesday of Holy Week
<b>Thursday</b>	Holy Thursday Paschal Triduum begins
<b>Friday</b>	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Fast and Abstinence Earth Day
<b>Saturday</b>	Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter

### RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust. —Walter Raleigh



### PRAYER CROSS

A Prayer Cross is located at the foot of the altar upon which parishioners may attach their petitions. This cross will be displayed throughout

## Happenings for the Week

### Monday—April 18

6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary  
7:30 PM KOC 4th Degree Assembly meeting

### Tuesday—April 19

8:30 AM Rosary for Life  
9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

### Wednesday—April 20

8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group  
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes  
9:00 AM Homeschool Mass

### Thursday—April 21—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Last Supper

### Friday—April 22—Good Friday

8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

### Saturday—April 23—Holy Saturday

5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary  
7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy

### Sunday—April 24—Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls  
10:30 AM Rosary for the Military & their families

#### Please note:

Masses for Easter Sunday will be at 9AM & 11AM!

## Stewardship

April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: Offertory: \$ 6,194.50  
Building Fund: \$ 4,066.80

Appreciation to our parishioners and visitors for their generous support and contributions.

Gratitude and thanks to Joe Fountain and Leo and Carol Mayeski for their efforts in supporting the church and this ministry.



Any parishioner needing a Contribution Statement for the Income Tax year 2010 can request one through the St. Mildred website or you may pick up a request form in the hall of the Parish Center. Requests for statements will be available January through May.

## THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

—Opening Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Roman Missal



## Upcoming Meetings

The **4th Degree Assembly** of the Knights of Columbus will have their next business meeting at 7:30PM on April 18<sup>th</sup> **after** the 7:00 PM Mass.

The next **Homeschool** Mass will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

**The Knights of Columbus** will have their business meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.



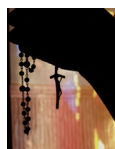
The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 10 AM. The meeting will follow Mass and a luncheon with the Scholarship Award recipients and their families. Further information on this event will be published here. Stay tuned!

Our **Parish Council** will be taking a well-deserved hiatus for the months of June & July. Therefore, their next meeting will not be until August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Music Ministry News** - Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just join in!!



**Marriage Encounter Weekends** Jesus wants you to see more clearly the blessings of your sacrament of matrimony. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps you to see God's plan for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 20-22 in Raleigh; August 5-7 in Hickory and November 4-6 in Atlantic Beach. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [ncmarriage-discovery.org](http://ncmarriage-discovery.org) or contact Bill & Elizabeth Nickles at [wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com](mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com) or 704-469-3866.



**The Rosary** is a prayer about life - all life. Please join our crusade for life at 5:00PM Saturdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



Anyone wishing to drop Fr. Gene some well wishes may do so by mailing them to his local address. His local caregiver will forward the cards and letters to him. Please send mail to the following address:

Fr. Gene Grabowski  
116 Sutton Drive  
Cape Carteret, NC 28584

### Auction for Building Fund Needs Help

Please contribute usable presents or those items on your back shelf to the Guild Chinese Auction to be held May 6, 2011. Gift certificates from merchants are also helpful. Place items in the basket just inside the side door. The auction is in conjunction with our Friday Night Live celebration. More information about this grand event will be forthcoming. For info call Andi Mullen at 253-354-1105.



**Please pray** for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at [terispeci@yahoo.com](mailto:terispeci@yahoo.com). If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.



### Palm Sunday

#### Your Attitude Must Be Christ's

We hear in sacred scripture this weekend how Christ redeemed us not by a one-time small gift, but by becoming one of us and giving His whole self even unto death on a Cross. Through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services gives more than short term assistance to poor countries; it establishes long term, person-focused, sustainable programs that provide better opportunities for each individual, and it remains in communities to help these efforts succeed.

**This weekend, Palm Sunday weekend**, please bring your Rice Bowls in. During the offertory, all are invited to bring their Rice Bowls up to the foot of the altar and deposit into the Rice Bowl that will be placed there. Your participation and generosity in this Catholic Relief Service program is greatly appreciated!!



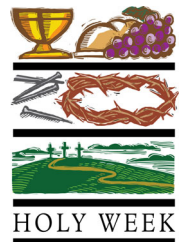
### Our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All elementary age and toddlers are invited to join us **TODAY, Palm Sunday** at noon for an Easter Egg Hunt Fun Day! Our Middle School Youth Group has been working hard and planning for our little ones to have a blast. Be sure to bring a basket and come hunt for eggs and have fun! A donation of two canned goods to help the Food Pantry, would be very much appreciated to enjoy this fun-filled day!

We are also hoping that there will be a surprise guest!



The Church begins the Sacred Triduum, also known as the Paschal or Easter Triduum, on Holy Thursday. The Sacred Triduum celebrates the Paschal Mystery and is the culmination of the entire Liturgical Year. It starts with the Evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes on Easter Sunday.



The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. Following the Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed to the Reconciliation Room for quiet adoration. It will then be removed from the Sanctuary in the anticipation of the impending suffering and death of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament will be returned at the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday.



On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will take place at 3:00 PM and the Good Friday Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil Liturgy, the high point of the Sacred Triduum, will be at 7:00 PM on Holy Saturday. At this Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the Sanctuary and the Elect of the RCIA Class will be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church.



### Rejoice! He is Risen! Alleluia!

On Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, the Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.



Mark your calendars! The Women's Guild is sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser entitled "The Church Ladies present **Friday Night Live Card and Game Party, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, with a Barbeque Dinner and all the fixins', a Chinese Auction, and 50/50 raffle. BYOG: Bring Your Own Game and join in the fun! Open to **ALL** in the parish! Tickets are \$12. If you have any questions or require more information please contact Anne Jelinek at 252-764-2351

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will be making a Pastoral visit to St. Mildred. He will celebrate the Eucharist at 12:00 noon with a reception to follow. All are invited to attend, more info to follow right here!



### Knights of Columbus Annual Vacation Raffle

- 1st Prize: 7-day Alaska Cruise for 2 Plus \$700 Cash
- 2nd Prize: 7-day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash
- 3rd Prize -7th Prize: \$200 Cash



The cost of the tickets are \$5.00. Please contact any Council 7024 Knight or Chip DePaoli at 252-354-7711 or Myles McLoughlin at 252-354-4852. The Knights of Columbus thank you for all your support!

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge invites all couples celebrating 25, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage to honor their vocation of marriage. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at St. Peter in Greenville. Family members are welcome to attend. The registration form will be posted on the Diocesan web site at [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org) and should be submitted by May 9, 2011.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Linda Bedo, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at 919-821-9753 or [bedo@raldioc.org](mailto:bedo@raldioc.org).



If you would like to have flowers put on the altar for a loved one or special occasion, please contact our Sacristan, Rosemary Boutwell at 910-326-4788 or at the church before and after Masses for complete details.



### SOUPS ON!!

We will be having our Third Annual Soup & Bread each Friday evening during Lent. Before the Stations of the Cross each Friday, please join us for a wonderful light supper & meet with old friends or make a new friend or two! Family, friends, neighbors are all encouraged to join us!

Soup & Bread will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Friday until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations will gladly be accepted, but not necessary. All proceeds to benefit Operation Rice Bowl.

Any questions, please contact Francine at 326-5589.

*Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Jacob" in the womb beginning on March 25<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Prolife is making available a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Jacob".*

**The Miracle of Life.** At conception the gender of the child is determined by the father's sperm. We are going to name this tiny new human being, Jacob. Jacob has not yet implanted into the wall of the uterus yet so no one but God knows of his existence. God has known us and loved us from all eternity. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," Jer. 1: 5

**Fetal Development of "Jacob"** Jacob has implanted in the wall of his mother's uterus which typically takes place from 10-14 days after conception. Immediately, physical changes start taking place with the mother. The placenta starts to form. The placenta protects the child and provided nutrients to the new baby. The mother's uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy. "For nothing will be impossible for God." Luke 1:37



Do you have extra rosaries around that you are not using and can't find anyone to give them to? Your solution - bring them to church and place them in the basket in the vestibule, by the glass windows. They will be blessed and placed in a protective bag to be distributed to others that are in need of a rosary. Are you in need of a rosary? Please, feel free to take one! Have questions?? Call Pat Boni at 910.326.7931. Thank You!!

## Knights of Columbus Achievement Award

The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for its Achievement Awards.

There will be two awards of \$500 each available to graduating seniors who are St. Mildred parishioners pursuing a 2 or 4 year college degree in the fall of 2011. Applications are available in the Parish office. For more information contact Lewis McCloud at (910) 581-8008 or [lew.mccloud@gmail.com](mailto:lew.mccloud@gmail.com). The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2011**.



## FEAST OF FAITH—The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

The changes to the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. To help us understand them a little better, we will be running several articles from the Diocese, each week, explaining some of the changes. Here is the conclusion of:



## Hearing the Word of God

What then must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The *General Instruction* tells us that *all must listen with reverence to the readings from God's word*. (GIRM, no. 29) and it provides that those who read the Scriptures must be *truly suited to perform this function and should receive careful preparation, so that the faithful by listening to the readings from the sacred texts may develop in their hearts a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture*. (GIRM, no. 101) The key word in all of this is *listening*. We are called to *listen* attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the *General Instruction* itself, we should *listen* as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it *is* God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to 'keep up,' to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Pope John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages *those who take part in the Eucharist, priest, ministers and faithful ... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the Word of God which will be proclaimed* and adds that if we do not, *it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the Word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect*. (n. 40) In this way we till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say. © 2010, USCCB

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