



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

We 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?

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.

Rev. James Duong, Pastor

Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator

Weekend Mass

Sat. Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

Sun. Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

Confessions

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

Weekday Mass

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

NO MASS on Thursday

Bulletin requests must be in the Parish Office by noon Wednesday, ten (10) days in advance of the weekend of publication.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS: If you or any members of your family are sick or in the hospital or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to you/them, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

RCIA: Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13, 2025

For all whose lives are in jeopardy:
May they come to know that God never abandons His children,
but remains always at their side.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

4/12	PALM SUNDAY	5:00pm	+ Msgr. Joseph Showfety
4/13	PALM SUNDAY	8:00am	+ Phil & Laura Ognibene
		11:00am	For the Parishioners
4/14	Monday of Holy Week	12:15pm	Father Andres Gutierrez – 10 th anniversary
4/15	Tuesday of Holy Week		Chrism Mass in Huntersville
4/16	Wednesday of Holy Week	12:15pm	Room at the Inn
4/17	HOLY THURSDAY	7:00pm	The Lord's Last Supper
4/18	GOOD FRIDAY	3:00pm	The Passion of the Lord
		6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
4/19	EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm	For the Parishioners
4/20	EASTER SUNDAY	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	For the Parishioners

+ denotes deceased

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Khiem Villarin
Kharll Skycer Villarin
Sgt. W.R. Williams III
Maj. Russel Henderson
Sgt. Bryanna Spade
Sgt. Kyle Spade
April Ducote
Aaron Gaither
Phillip Kiniery
Christopher Simmons
Kris Guffey
Jennifer Kmiecinski

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our brothers and sisters
in your prayers and at Mass: Lynn Clay,
Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Janice
Drasler, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards,
Kimberly Oliver, Barbara Parsons,
George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel,
Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny &
Laura Rodrigues, Stefano Rosic, Kim
Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin
Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Roberta VanPelt,
Frank Williams, Wilson, Brian Wilson,
Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,295.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,093.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: APRIL 19 AND 20

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
8 pm	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Emily, Jelyssa	Choir
8 am	Christine Gnaster	Trudy Menzzentto	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bunny Stuart	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



"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?

LEAVE A LEGACY

Take care of your family. Planning for death is as natural for the Christian as planning for life. As stated in 1 Timothy 5:8, "...if anyone does not take care of his own and especially of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Make a will or revise the one you have if you haven't done so in the last five years. Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who can I forgive with the Lord's mercy this week?



THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) 2025 is underway. We are all called to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters both here in our parish and in the diocese. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 17 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!



CHRISM MASS There will be no Mass on Tuesday, April 15. All priests serving in the diocese will go to the Chrism Mass at St. Mark's Church, Huntersville. They'll renew their priesthood vows and promises. Please keep all priests in your prayers.

EASTER PREPARATIONS: All are invited to come and decorate the Church for EASTER this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Many hands make light work!

JOB OPPORTUNITY St. Benedict's is looking for a parttime organist/pianist, mainly for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If interested, or know of someone who might qualify, please contact Father Duc at 336-272-0303 or Stbenedictgreensboro@rcdoc.org.

SECOND COLLECTION Easter weekend is for the Seminarian Education Collection.

THANK YOU to those who completed and returned the Disciple Maker Index surveys. Information on the results will be forthcoming in the future.

FAITH FORMATION



There will be no Sunday School next week, Easter Sunday.

The Confirmation candidates will be hosting an EASTER EGG HUNT for all children after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Please come and enjoy this celebration.

There will be Stations of the Cross in the parish hall at the end of class today (10:30 a.m.). All are welcome.

This week we say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Vivian Speetjens (4/14), Leslie Brown (4/17), Barbara Avent (4/17)

Emily Ruiz-Sosa (4/17)





Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem (General Norms, 31).

The Paschal fast is observed on Good Friday and continues, where possible, until the Easter Vigil itself. Only one full meal is permitted Good Friday for Catholics between 18 & 59. Two smaller meals are allowed, but they should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed, but eating snacks between meals is not. All Catholics who have reached the age of 14 must abstain from meat on Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

04/15 HOLY TUESDAY	10:00 AM Chrism Mass in Huntersville No 12:15 PM Mass at St. Benedict's
04/17 HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church) & Adoration in the Parish Hall until 10:00 PM
04/18 GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 PM Passion of the Lord Service 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
04/19 HOLY SATURDAY	8:00 PM Easter Vigil
04/20 EASTER SUNDAY	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

NOTE: On the Second Sunday of Easter, April 27,
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER & ADORATION" at 2:30 PM.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why do we call it "Good Friday"? In the English language the term "Good Friday" probably evolved from "God's Friday" in the same way that "Good-bye" evolved from "God be with you."



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14-23:56

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation - including our own - to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts - not only this week, but every day of our lives.

WORSHIP

Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.

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