

## HOLY AND BUSY

*Very Rev. J. David Esquiliano, JCL*



There is a cartoon that comes around every Easter Sunday on social media. It depicts a priest telling someone else in the scene, “The Lord is risen, the pastor is dead.” I think all priests can relate to that. Holy Week is a very busy time, yet also our favorite week of the year. Have you ever participated at all the Masses and other liturgies of Holy Week? If you have not, I would like to invite you to

do it this year.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, when we commemorate the triumphal entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. We do it as they did about two thousand years ago, holding branches in procession as we prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week are days of anticipation and preparation for the Sacred Triduum. Here at the Cathedral we will have a special Mass on Monday, where the Bishop will bless the Oils of the Infirm and of the Catechumens, and consecrate the Chrism, that will be used for the celebration of different sacraments throughout the year. At this Mass all priests will also renew our priestly promises. On Tuesday we will have a “last chance” for confessions before the Holy Triduum.

Holy Thursday is a different day liturgically. We do not have regular Masses, but only the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. At this Mass we remember and celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist.

Good Friday is a somber day. This is the only day of the year where there is no consecration of the Eucharist. We instead celebrate the Lord’s Passion and receive the Eucharist consecrated the night before.

Holy Saturday is another somber day. We are still mourning the death of Our Savior, but by sunset we start celebrating the joy of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, one of the most beautiful celebrations of the Church.

Easter Sunday the priests may feel dead, but the whole Church rejoices because our Savior conquered death for us. What a week!

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **April 10 - Palm Sunday**

4pm (Saturday), Anticipated Mass in English at St. Boniface  
6pm (Saturday), Anticipated Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
8:30am, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
8:30am, Mass in English at St. Joseph  
8:30am, Mass in Latin at St. Boniface  
10am, Mass in English at Cathedral  
10:30am, Mass in Spanish at St. Boniface  
12pm, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
12:30pm, Mass in Vietnamese at St. Joseph  
6pm, Sung Vespers at Cathedral

#### **April 11 - Monday of Holy Week**

12pm, Mass in English at Cathedral  
2pm, Chrism Mass at Cathedral  
5:30pm, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral

#### **April 12 - Tuesday of Holy Week**

12pm, Mass in English at Cathedral  
5:30pm, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
6pm, Confessions at Cathedral

#### **April 13 - Wednesday of Holy Week**

12pm, Mass in English at Cathedral  
5:30pm, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral

#### **April 14 - Holy Thursday**

7pm, Bilingual Mass at Cathedral (followed by 1 hr of Adoration)  
7pm, Vietnamese Mass at St. Joseph

#### **April 15 - Good Friday**

12pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion in English at Cathedral  
5:30pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion in Spanish at Cathedral  
6pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion in Vietnamese at St. Joseph

#### **April 16 - Holy Saturday**

8:30pm, Multilingual Easter Vigil at Cathedral

#### **April 17 - Easter Sunday**

8:30am, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
8:30am, Mass in English at St. Joseph  
8:30am, Mass in Latin at St. Boniface  
10am, Mass in English at Cathedral  
10:30am, Mass in Spanish at St. Boniface  
12pm, Mass in Spanish at Cathedral  
12:30pm, Mass in Vietnamese at St. Joseph

# THE GRADUAL LENTEN PRUNING OF THE LITURGY *Rev. Andrew Galles*



We believe that the sacred liturgy, among other things, is catechesis in ritual – “lex orandi, lex credendi” – the law of prayer is the law of belief. In other words, the rituals and traditions we carry out are meant to teach us about our Faith. If we enter into them with intentionality, the rites and traditions of the Church help us experience the mysteries of Christ more fully.

These rite and traditions are often visual, as the liturgy often appeals to our five senses to draw us in more deeply. In order to feel the impact of penitence and fasting, Lent is a season where the liturgy is “pruned” in many ways. As we begin Lent, we obviously lose the singing of the Gloria and the Alleluia. The sanctuaries of all the churches in the Cathedral Parish become fairly bare and austere. Flowers and solo organ music (preludes and postludes) are forbidden during Lent, with the exception of Laetare Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday and midway point of Lent. In our parish, we even switch to using unbleached candles that are a tan color of natural beeswax. Even the candles no longer look fresh and glistening, and doing this is an intentional tradition of the Church that symbolizes

penitence and restraint.

After we move beyond the rose vestments and joy of celebrating the nearness of Easter on the Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent, the liturgy takes a markedly different turn. Beginning with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter into the final two weeks of the season, traditionally known as Passiontide. The readings and liturgical prayers at Mass become even more solemn, with a focus on the imminent death of our Lord. The church environment traditionally reflects this as well, as the Fifth Sunday of Lent is when we begin to see the veiling of images and statues. As we draw closer to Holy Week and the Triduum, this is an example of further liturgical pruning. Even art and statuary is taken away in order to help us concentrate on the great essentials of Christ’s work of redemption.

Despite the shouts of “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday and the beauty of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the liturgy remains somber and is pruned even further. The ringing of bells goes away after the Gloria on Holy Thursday, the sanctuary is stripped, and the Mass itself is taken from us on Good Friday – the only day of the year on which Mass cannot be celebrated. Everything is pruned down to the Cross, which stands in silence before the altar. Finally, on the Easter Vigil, the glory of the Resurrected Christ bursts into full array. The veil of darkness is lifted and the pruned liturgy blossoms forth once again in all its radiant glory, infusing our hearts with Easter joy!

## CATECHESIS ON HOLY WEEK

*Mrs. Santa Fernandez*



As we all know, Lent began on March 2 with Ash Wednesday, in last month’s article I encouraged you to do the three spiritual exercises identified by Jesus, prayer, fasting and almsgiving as part of our growth in the Lord, but more can still be done to strengthen faith so that love for Jesus is not only when you attend Mass, but

goes to homes and together as a family parents and children can learn, reflect on the true purpose of the Week Holy.

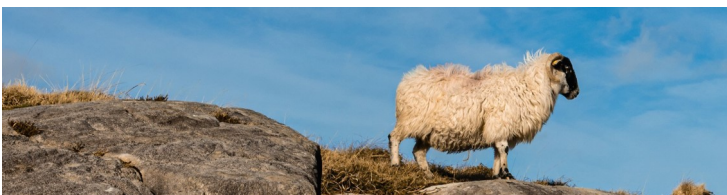
You wonder how that could be possible? Well, thanks to the generous donations of some parishioners, all Cathedral members can access the



Formed.org platform for free where you will find resources that provide further explanation as the holiest time in the liturgical calendar of the Church dedicated to the most important mysteries of our faith in the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ.

The many resources on Formed.org provide catechetical videos and talks, books, movies for children and adults on the themes of our faith and contain original series in both English and Spanish.

This April, consider creating a free account at [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) as I am sure it will help you prepare to live Holy Week with your family in a different way and shout joyfully on Easter Sunday that !The Lord has Risen!



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# PARISH UPDATES

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Building Maintenance Fund, April 2-3.
- Together As One [Spanish Only], April 9-10
- Holy Land (Good Friday), April 15
- Infirm and Retired Priests, April 16-17

## SCHEDULE CHANGES IN APRIL

- Friday, April 1, no noon Mass.
- Tuesday, April 5, no confessions or evening Mass in Spanish.
- Thursday, April 14, no regular Mass schedule. Office closes at 1pm. Adoration Chapel closes at 6pm.
- Friday, April 15, no regular Mass schedule. Office closed. No Religious Education.
- Saturday, April 16, no regular Mass schedule. Adoration Chapel reopens at 11pm.
- Sunday, April 17, no Sung Vespers.
- Monday, April 18, only one Mass at 9am. Office closed.

## HOLY WEEK EXTRA CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday, April 12th we will offer additional confession times to help you prepare for the Sacred Triduum. We will hear confessions at the Cathedral from 6 to 7:30 pm or until the last penitent leaves.

## FIRST COMMUNIONS

We will celebrate First Communion at all Masses on the weekend of April 23 and 24

## LADIES LUNCH

Thursday, April 21 at 1pm at The Wheelhouse.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Cathedral Parish is hiring for different positions. Go to [scathe-dral.org/jobs](http://scathe-dral.org/jobs) for more information.

## BUSY PERSONS LUNCH

This month we will not have our busy person lunch on the first Wednesday of the month, but we keep offering one every Friday of Lent, until April 8. We hope you can join us.

## CDA LIFE SAVER PROJECT

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their annual Life Saver Project after Masses on the weekend of April 23-24. Proceeds go to support shelters and organizations that assist victims of domestic violence.

## MAY NEWSLETTER

The deadline to submit items is April 15.

## THE FINANCIAL CORNER

INCOME		February
Weekly Offerings	\$	51,233.00
Loose Offerings	\$	18,232.37
Prog. Support	\$	8,483.00
Other income	\$	15,533.07
<b>Total Parish Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>93,481.44</b>
EXPENSE		
Salaries & Wages	\$	36,230.37
Administrative Expenses	\$	6,949.39
Ministry Expenses	\$	4,048.69
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	33,775.85
Assessments	\$	7,958.00
Other Expenses	\$	2,563.92
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>91,526.22</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,955.22</b>

## KNIGHTS CORNER



**PARISH BREAKFAST** 1st Sundays – April 3rd at 9 – 11:30 am in the Cathedral Hall.

**MONTHLY MEETING** 2nd Thursdays - April 14th at 7 pm in the Cathedral Hall. Dinner included.

**CAN/ BOTTLE DRIVE** 4th Saturdays – Please donate empty & uncrushed cans/ soda bottles on April 23rd

from 9 am – 4 pm at 11 drop off locations across Sioux City (including St. Boniface church). Proceeds to Camp High Hopes & Food Bank of Siouxland.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITALITY** 4th Sundays – Refreshments and fellowship after the 8:30 am mass in the hall on April 24th.

**WOODEN PLAQUES** – We continue to make and sell our Christian themed wooden plaques. 25% of the sale price goes to the parish.

**KOFC STATE CONVENTION** – April 30 – May 1st in Coralville, IA [www.iowakofc.org](http://www.iowakofc.org)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**MON.-SAT.:** 12:00 pm Cathedral *English*  
**MON.-FRI.:** 5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm St. Boniface *English*  
6:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*  
**SUNDAY:** 8:30 am Cathedral *Spanish*  
8:30 am St. Joseph *English*  
8:30 am St. Boniface *Latin*  
10:00 am Cathedral *English*  
10:30 am St. Boniface *Spanish*  
12:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*  
12:30 pm St. Joseph *Vietnamese*

**HOLIDAYS:** 9:00 am Cathedral *Bilingual*

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**ANTICIPATED / VIGIL:**  
5:30 pm St. Boniface *English*  
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

## THE DAY OF THE SOLEMNITY:

7:00 am St. Joseph *English*  
12:00 pm Cathedral *English*  
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adoration Chapel - Epiphany Center

## SUNG VESPERS

**SUNDAY:** 4:00 pm Cathedral *English*

## CONFESSIONS

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 am-8:20 am Cathedral  
8:00 am-8:20 am St. Joseph  
8:00 am-8:20 am St. Boniface  
**MON.-FRI.:** 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Cathedral  
**FRIDAY:** 11:30 am-11:50 am Cathedral  
**SATURDAY:** 3:00 pm-3:45 pm St. Boniface  
5:00 pm-5:45 pm Cathedral

## OFFICE HOURS

**MON., TUE., THUR.:** 10:00 am-4:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 am-1:00 pm  
2:00 pm-5:30 pm  
**FRIDAY:** 10:00am-5:30 pm