



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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LIVING ALIVE!

As we enter the month of April, we are fast approaching the holiest time of the year. Holy Week is right around the corner. While we won't be able to have the Triduum celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil on the Island, I encourage you to participate in as much as you can through live stream or on TV. I'm sure that EWTN will have many beautiful televised services as well. **Of course I will be there Easter Sunday for Holy Mass.**

I look forward to so much to these celebrations of Holy Week. They are so incredibly rich in expressing our faith, but also intensely powerful in what they accomplish for us who believe. They are the source of our very life. You see, the mysteries we celebrate are not historical fiction, nor are they mere reenactments of the past. They are rather a real entry into and a participation in the very saving actions of Jesus. What does Jesus mean when he says to us, do this in memory of me? The word 'memory' or *anemnesis* for the Hebrew people means more than our common use of the word. It does mean remembering an event in the past, but it also means **bringing to the present the effects of that event.** So when we celebrate the Paschal mystery; Jesus' last supper, His suffering, His death and His resurrection, we are commemorating events that truly happened in time a long time ago, but bringing the effects of those events to our very lives. **We are allowing eternity to break into our time for the sake of life and salvation. And, boy, do we need it!**

Over the past two years we have watched our lives change so much. We have gone through a frightening pandemic, we went through the craziest election any of us have probably ever seen, and now there is war. All of this has caused worldwide unrest, uncertainty because of supply chain issues, inflation and so much more. We really have become so dependent on other countries for our way of life and now we are seeing how tentative it all is and how easily it could all unravel. Jesus reminds us not to live for this life only, but to live for eternity. Life is sacred and precious, and so much more that the physical comforts we have enjoyed for so long. St. Paul reminds us that "those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; in the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness" (Romans 8:8-10). We are too attached to the flesh and to our comforts, but God uses all things for the good of those who love Him, even evil circumstances. Not that he desires evil, but just think of the cross. The death of Jesus is the result of sheer evil, but it becomes the means by which God rises from the dead victorious. Now he wants to share with us that victory, so that we can live in eternity. **Now, in these mysteries, we receive His life through His Spirit in order that we might have life within us.**

In John's Gospel Jesus tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). Jesus then calls Lazarus who has died to come out of the tomb. When he rises and comes out, he is bound hand and foot. Jesus says, "Unbind him and let him go" (John 11:44). What Jesus wants for us is freedom from what binds us in the flesh. Just like Lazarus the Lord can bring us back to life and help us to live alive in the Spirit. He wants us to share in the life that He has now won for us through the Cross and the Resurrection. I am convinced that many of us are simply existing, but not really living, because we have lived only for the flesh, but have forgotten the Spirit. It's time to Live Alive in union with the one who made us for Himself. May the power of His resurrection take root in our hearts and set us free from all that binds us in sin and bring us to live alive in Him.

Fr. Peter Wigton

APRIL SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday - 12:15 am

**Weekly Rosary: Tuesday -
10:00 am**

Weekday mass times vary
depending on priest
availability - See our
facebook page for the most
up to date information
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SUNDAY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

April 3rd: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intention: Rolland Cull by Penny and Ivan Young

1st Reading: Is 43:16-21
Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.
2nd Reading: Phil 3:8-14
Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

April 10th: Palm Sunday

Intention: Gloria Dugan by Beverly Cantwell

Processional Reading: Lk 19:28-40
1st Reading: Is 50:4-7
Psalm: Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Lk 22:14—23:56

April 17th: Easter Sunday

Intention: Archie and Francis LaFreniere by Sandy and Pete LoDico

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

**April 24th: Second Sunday of Easter
Intention: Mike Perdue and His family
by Kevin and Theresa McDonough**

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Psalm: Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP

March 2022

General Offering: \$3,468

Mass Stipend: \$55.00

Bequests & Donations: \$30

CSA GOAL \$14,216.00

Total Pledged: \$9,745 - 68%

Total Received: \$9,475 - 66%

IN NEED OF PRAYER

This prayer list will be updated monthly. If you wish for a name to remain on this list, please call the parish office before the 25th of each month.

Kevin Allen
Christine Barton
Audrey Beilman
Vince Beilman
Arlene Blissett

Crew Feltner (McElwain)
Susan Heller
Kelton Hunter
Lester Jeske
Erna Kriigel

Kathy Maudrie
Owen McDonough
Laney Perdue
William Reed
Joyce VanderHolder
Esther "Sue" Welke

PRAYER FOR ALL PRIESTS:

Give them Your wisdom, Lord. Give them virtue. Give them patience and charity. Give them obedience and kindness. Give them a burning zeal for souls. Give them an intense love for the Eucharist. Give them loyalty to the Holy See and to their Bishops. Give them respect for their dignity. Give them a great love for Mary. Give them rectitude and justice. Give them the gift of counsel. Give them strength in their labors. Give them peace in their sufferings. Give them humility and generosity. Let them be the light of souls. Let them be the salt of the earth. Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial. Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary. Let them be other Christs. Let them be holy in body and soul. May they be men of prayer. May faith shine forth in them. May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls. May they be faithful to their priestly vocation. May their hands know only how to bless. May they burn with love for You and for Mary. May all their steps be for the glory of God. May the Holy Spirit possess them, and give them his Gifts and fruits in abundance.

Let us pray.

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and the life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Wojan Family who does so much for Holy Cross! In January, the church organ stopped working. An organ technician was able to repair the organ in March, thanks to the Wojan family. The organ was donated to the church by the Wojan Family in honor of their mother, Vera McDonough Wojan.

Lent

Prayer

Sacrifice

Fasting

Almsgiving

Penance

Reconciliation

Let us keep Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh in our prayers during this time of transition as he begins his journey as Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord.