

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**How patient are you with God, others and yourself?** On a scale of 1 to 10, where do you stand during these Lenten days? Did you know that when you are impatient, you are not free? Impatience is the emotional state of restlessness, irritation, or frustration that arises when we experience delays, obstacles, or unmet expectations. It shows a struggle to tolerate waiting, ambiguity, or effort. You simply become a slave to a “next-day”, or even a “next-hour” delivery culture where to be slow is almost a moral offense. But keep in mind that patience is not just about waiting; it is also about trusting...that growth is happening beneath the surface...that fruit takes time to ripen, for instance. Moreover, it is trusting that God has not given up on us, so we do not need to live like we have given up on ourselves. God, like the gardener, sees the long view. God digs around our roots, nourishes us with grace, gives us room to breathe, and time to become who we were created to be in His divine eyes.

So what if we did the same? What if we stopped rushing to judgment while giving people the benefit of the doubt? What if we were kinder to others and gentler with ourselves? That's what freedom looks like. Not being driven by urgency or shame, but moving through life with trust, with grace, with patience. Lent is a good time to dig around our roots, to loosen the soil in order to feed what's hidden. And finally, to trust the process and to wait with expectant faith for our own resurrection, because patience is a virtue that we need to try to acquire every day in order to succeed at the end. So do not treat Holy Week only as a minor inconvenience in an otherwise pretty good Lenten period, during which we have to somehow please God with voluntary suffering, for as someone rightly pointed out, *“We would rather be ruined than changed. We would rather die in our dread than climb the cross of the moment...and let our illusions die.”*

**P.S.** *When you must wait, what do you usually do? Do you think, “I am so grateful that I have a moment to catch my breath and ponder life”? Or do you keep checking your watch, fidgeting through your phone, and begin to feel angry and frustrated that your time is being wasted? How dare they make me wait? Perhaps it is not “they”; maybe it is God who is trying to tell you something about your impatience. There is a Polish proverb that perfectly reflects this truth: “When a man is in a hurry, the devil is happy.”*

*Fr. Slawek*

# APRIL 13, 2025

## The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 18 – Saturday April 26, 2025



Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service  
Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass  
Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)  
Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 9: Saturday 3:45 p.m. – Before Evening Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, April 15

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Samuel Johns req. by the Johns family.

### Wednesday, April 16

9 a.m. Repose of the of Noel Valerio req. by Maria Valerio

### Thursday, April 17—HOLY THURSDAY

7 p.m.. All Parishioners.

### Friday, April 18— GOOD FRIDAY

3 p.m. . All Parishioners.

### Saturday, April 19— EASTER VIGIL

7:30p.m Intentions of all Parishioners.

### Sunday, April 20—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Holy Spirit Conference

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

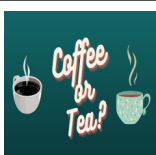


## Parish Summer Camp Grade 1—8

July 7-11 and July 14-18  
from 9 am to 3 pm.  
More information to follow

## 2026 Photo Album for Holy Spirit's 70th Anniversary

Holy Spirit Church will be celebrating it's 70th Anniversary in 2026!! As was done 10 years ago, Holy Spirit will be creating a Photo Album/Directory FREE of charge for those parishioners who sign up to have their portrait taken. Single, couples and families are encourage to sign up at church entrance before or after Mass on the weekend. To date, we have a total of 150 time slots filled in an Holy Spirit is looking to increase the number to 200. Please help to make this 2026 photo album for our 70th Anniversary a success!



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Everyone welcome

## ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

