

Date	Holy Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday April 8 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	4:00 p.m. † Virginia Fratalia 6:00 p.m. Deacon Jose and Carmen Perez	Matthew 21: 1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2: 6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66
Sunday April 9 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8:00 a.m. † Brian Cordivari 10:30 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 4:00 p.m. Pat Brunner	Matthew 21: 1-11 (Procession @ 10:30 Holy Mass) Isaiah 50: 4-7 Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2: 6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66
Monday of Holy Week April 10	12:00 p.m. † Robert Schumacher	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27: 1-3, 13-14 John 12: 1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week April 11		Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71: 1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday of Holy Week April 12	12:00 p.m. Healing Holy Mass All those in SVdP Parish who are ill	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Matthew 26: 14-25
Thursday of Holy Week April 13 <i>Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i>	7:00 p.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased)	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13:1-15
Good Friday April 14 <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	7:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 31: 2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18: 1—19:42

Readings for Saturday, April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1—2:2
 Genesis 22:1-18
 Exodus 14:15—15:1
 Isaiah 54:5-14
 Isaiah 55:1-11
 Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
 Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
 Romans 6:3-11
 Matthew 28: 1-10



Readings for Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Colossians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-9



The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from
 the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven,
 especially those in most need of Thy mercy.





For all our Dearly Beloved Departed



The names of those who have recently passed from this life to the next will remain on the bulletin necrology for nine weeks. They will then be transferred to the permanent parish necrology, also known as the Book of the Dead. Mass Intentions for loved ones after this time will be printed the week that the Holy Mass is scheduled.

Lord Jesus, remember especially in loving mercy:

Delores Giangrante, Octavio Restrepo, Carolina Restrepo, Deborah Palcak, Robert George Westlake, Carrie Smith, Mary Elizabeth Hommick, Ben Carns, Brendan O'Marra, Rodney Dalton, Dominic Anthony Evangelista, Phuong Pham, Robert Fox,
and all those who have gone before us.



Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments Ultrasounds and Parental Notification Laws The Way to Reduce Abortion



Over the years, as the humanity of the unborn child has become increasingly apparent and incontestable, abortion advocates have had to change their rhetoric. They have been forced to profess some "compassion" for the innocent, unborn victim and we now sometimes hear them claim to want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare".

In spite of this claim, they continue to impede all efforts to reduce the number of abortions. For example, many states already have or are considering legislation that would ensure that ultrasound viewing is available or mandatory to women considering abortion.

Knowledge comes to us in a variety of different ways, but visual images are the most powerful. That is why when we change our minds on an issue, we say our "eyes were opened".

An increasing number of expectant mothers' eyes are being opened when they see their babies on ultrasound. When these young women see fingers, toes and a beating heart, they fully appreciate the emerging life within them. No one in an abortion clinic can tell them that "it" is "only a blob of tissue". As in the words of the great hymn, "Amazing Grace"; "Was blind, but now I see".

An increasing number of crisis-pregnancy centers have ultrasound equipment and the centers report that anywhere from 62% up to 95% of women who had intended to abort changed their minds after seeing images. Planned Parenthood and NARAL adamantly oppose this ability to see, calling it "intimidation" and "emotional blackmail".

Another initiative which would significantly reduce the number of abortions is parental notification laws. These laws would require abortionists to notify one or both parents of a minor daughter considering an abortion; studies suggest they would reduce abortions by as much as 27%. One would expect those who profess to want abortion to be "rare" to be in favor of such laws. Absolutely not! In fact, Planned Parenthood has repeatedly gone to court to prevent such laws.

The plain truth is that abortion advocates, Planned Parenthood in particular, oppose any measure to reduce abortions.



IN YOUR PRAYERS



To request prayers for yourself, or for loved ones who are sick, or who have special intentions, please list their name in the Book of Petitions located on the table across from Fr. Adrian's office. Prayer intentions will be listed in the bulletin for one week and will remain in the Book of Petitions for a period of six months. Names listed by Monday will be printed in the bulletin the following weekend.

Please pray for:

Fr. Omar Loggiodice, Deacon Steve and Rita Bek, Joseph Hein, Katherine Pirnik, Geri Roberts, Sara McDaniel, Fred Speeney, Olga S. Torres, Nancy Calta, Fr. Michael S. Sherliza, Cathy and Greg Roesch, J.C. Facemeyer, Bill Gilbert, Joyce and Jerry Fowler, Marylou Bishop, Jeanne Pucci, Rebekah Heaton, Pete Patton, Carmen Amodio, Paul Amodio, Jr., John Powers, Claude Hamilton, Victims of recent violence, Nicole Baker, Berlyna Bolin, Mary Bolin, Scionnie Gernaat, AA Albert Halle V, Lela Maul, Theodore Roulette, Jr., Joseph Nappi, Julia Nunez and family, Henrii Gonzalez, Marsiala family, Emily and Jill Strauss, Ed and Mary Ann Strauss, Diane Paulaskas, Sherry and Sybil Casey, Kathy Dillion, Dottie Lawley, Christopher Lojo, Larry Whittaker, Christian, Caroline, and Matthew Hernandez, Jean and Juan R. Hernandez, Deacon Norm and Barbara Keller,

and all of our family and friends who are ill but not listed. We ask the Lord to grant them comfort and healing.



Bricks for the Prayer Garden



You are invited to purchase a brick to be placed in the SVdP prayer garden. The cost is \$100. You may engrave your brick with your name or the name of a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex on the table between Rooms #13 and #14.

Pilgrimage to Italy in October 2017



Join Father Jaime Rivera from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church for a special pilgrimage to Italy to visit a variety of spiritual and cultural landmarks on October 14 – 24, 2017.

In addition to Vatican City and the key sights of Rome, we will visit Venice, the islands of Burano and Murano, the town of Assisi, the city of Padua, and the Tuscan towns of Sienna, San Gimignano, and Florence.

Italy is filled with many fascinating places we'll experience. Also well known for its cuisine, we'll enjoy wine tasting, balsamic vinegar tasting and other local favorites!

For more information, please visit www.ItalyPilgrimage.com.



Feast of Divine Mercy

*Excerpts from *The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion*
by

Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC

St. Faustina's Diary contains at least fourteen passages in which Our Lord requests that a "Feast of Mercy" be celebrated. "This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy."

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of St. Faustina. One of which states: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Our Lord feels the need to emphasize this because so many people do not really understand it. He is not just promising a single grace, but *unlimited* graces". To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy we should: 1) Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter 2) Go to Confession and repent of our sins 3) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast 4) Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy 5) Trust in Jesus and be merciful to others, through your actions, words, and prayers.

"I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (687)

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes - June 2017

Join Father Joel Grissom, SM from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church for a very special pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (with Barcelona), June 11-20, 2017.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, and the tour will be in Fatima on the date of the second Apparition! Travel sites of interest include Fatima (Portugal), Aljustrel, Santarem, Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), Carcassone, and Barcelona (Spain).

For more information, please visit www.olachurch.org.

Sunday April 9 - Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

We read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

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Catechism Corner - from the *Catechism of St. Pius X* First Article of the Creed-God the Father Almighty

4 Q. Why is the Father the First Person of the Blessed Trinity?

A. The Father is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity, because He does not proceed from any other Person, but is the Principle of the other two Persons, that is, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

5 Q. What is meant by the word Omnipotent?

A. The word Omnipotent means that God can do all that He wills.

6 Q. God can neither sin nor die, how then do we say He can do all things?

A. Though He can neither sin nor die, we say God can do all things, because to be able to sin or die is not an effect of power, but of weakness which cannot exist in God who is most perfect.



Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention

Young People –That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.





Lenten Guidelines



The Catholic Church calls all believers to certain practices that emphasize the communal nature of repentance, especially during the Lenten season. These common practices include:

- **Abstinence** from meat - This is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- **Fasting** - This is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- **Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting and abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.**

Lent is a season of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. Let us all pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter sacraments with us this year. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ and with one another.



Free Rosary Repair



Please contact Christine DePerno at (770) 726-9701. Leave a message and mention "rosary". All calls will be returned.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

There will not be a 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass on Saturday, April 15. Only one Holy Mass is celebrated on Holy Saturday and it will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Leviticus 19:18

St. Vincent de Paul's 2017 Parish Goal:	\$ 38,000.00
Paid (includes pledged and unpledged donations):	\$ 14,324.63
Outstanding Pledges:	\$ 16,842.87

Current Number of Donors for 2017: 71
Number of Donors in 2016: 321

Thank you for your donations.

If you have not yet made a pledge or gift this year, please prayerfully consider doing so online or with your parish envelopes.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society



Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Lenten practices should include not just "giving up" but "giving" as well. During the Season of Lent, please remember those in our own community who are in danger of going hungry. One way to assist those in need is through your donations of canned and dried foods to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. If you wish to donate food, please place your donations in the bins under the information table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

During February, 2017, the Dallas SVdP Society provided:

- \$ 9,241.36 in utility payments and housing
- 1,931 pounds of food for 73 people

in Paulding County and the surrounding community.

Additionally, we were able to provide a \$5,000.00 donation to assist those in need in South Georgia due to recent tornado damage,

Thank you for your donations!

Thrift Store Hours:

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers at all times. Please call us at (770) 443-1533 (Society) or (770) 443-1537 (Thrift Store), or just come by during the hours of operation.



A Lenten Reminder:



Wednesday Holy Masses during Lent are celebrated at 12 noon, due to Penance Services held during the evening and requiring Fr. Adrian's presence. Confessions are heard immediately following Holy Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.



The Sacrament of Baptism



To schedule a Baptism, parents and godparents are first required to attend a Baptism Preparation class. To register for a class, please call the church office or register in person at the church. Baptisms will not be scheduled until parents and godparents have attended the class and all paperwork has been turned in. The paperwork includes a St. Vincent de Paul Parish registration packet (if the family is not already registered), the Baptism registration form and sponsor certificates for the godmother and godfather.

Upcoming Baptism Classes will be held on

May 14 - 9:15 a.m.
June 17 - 7:15 p.m. (in Spanish)
June 18 - 9:15 a.m.

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Please remember that the Holy Week and Easter Sunday ministry schedule is voluntary. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up.

Easter Season 2017

We hope that you are able to join us for St. Vincent's Holy Week liturgies and events. The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Monday following Easter Sunday. Holy Mass will not be celebrated during the weekdays of April 17-21 or April 24-28.

The Covering of Crosses and Images

The crosses and images are veiled from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil celebration because Christ, during this time, no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. Hence in the papal chapel the veiling formerly took place at the words of the Gospel: "Jesus autem abscondebat se." Another reason is added by Durandus, namely that Christ's divinity was hidden when he arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints also are covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden (Nilles, "Kal.", II, 188).

Blessing of Easter Baskets (April 15 at 3 p.m.)

The tradition of blessing food on Easter Saturday is a century's old tradition that was brought to the United States by immigrants from Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Ukraine, Russia and other Slavic countries. It is a custom rich in symbolism and one that the whole family can do together. An Easter Basket can contain traditional items, items that individual family members have "given up" for Lent, or some of the food the family plans to have for their Easter meal.



2017 Holy Week and Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Holy Jerusalem
Saturday Vigil Holy Masses at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. in Spanish) and
Sunday Holy Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
(*Procession with Palms at 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass*)

Holy Thursday - April 13, 2017

Holy Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 p.m.
(*Parishioners are invited to keep vigil with the Lord, in the Garden of Repose, immediately following Holy Mass on Holy Thursday through 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information table outside Fr. Adrian's office.*)

Good Friday - April 14, 2017

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.
Rosary at 3:30 p.m.
Crosswalk at 4:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Christ at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 15, 2017

Blessing of Baskets at 3:00 p.m.
(*The custom of blessing the food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent. Easter was the first day when meat and other foods could again be eaten. We hope that you and your family will join in this tradition by bringing your basket of food to be blessed.*)

Easter Vigil Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m.

(*The celebration includes the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the reading of the history of Salvation, the reception of new members into the church, the renewal of Baptismal promises and the celebration of the Eucharist.*)

Easter Sunday - April 16, 2017

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Holy Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 23, 2017

Holy Masses will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled times.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in song at 3:00 p.m.



April 2017

(Revised)

The following schedule is in effect unless otherwise noted:

Weekend Holy Masses: Saturday Vigil 4 p.m. & Santa Misa en Español at 6 p.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Daily Holy Mass: Monday 12 Noon; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; Thursday 12 Noon
 Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Thursday Holy Mass at noon, and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession/Penance): Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 The Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir practice - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
 Parish Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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2nd Collection - Growing in Grace No RE Adult Faith Enrichment 9:15 a.m.	2	3	4	5 12 noon Holy Mass (Confessions will be heard immediately following Holy Mass)	6	7 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Fish Fry 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group	8 RCIA Retreat 8:00 - 1:00
9 Palm Sunday 2nd Collection - Holy Land Baptism Class - 9:15 a.m. No RE Adult Faith Enrichment 9:15 a.m.	9	10 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Social 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting	11	12 12 noon Healing Holy Mass (Confessions will be heard immediately following Holy Mass)	13 Office Closed No 12:00 noon Holy Mass Holy Mass 7:00 p.m.	14 Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Rosary 3:30 p.m. Crosswalk 4:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy 7:00 p.m.	15 Blessing of Baskets 3:00 p.m. No 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass Easter Vigil Holy Mass 7:30 p.m.
16 Easter Sunday 2nd Collection - Archdiocese of Atlanta Seminarians No RE No Adult Faith Enrichment	16	17 Office Closed No Holy Mass Women's Altar Rosary Guild 6:30 p.m. Dessert and Coffee 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Meeting	18	19 No Confessions No Holy Mass	20 No Holy Mass	21 Charismatic Prayer Group	22
23 2nd Collection - Growing in Grace RE No Adult Faith Enrichment Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.	23	24 No Holy Mass	25	26 No Confessions No Holy Mass	27 No Holy Mass	28 Charismatic Prayer Group	29
30 2nd Collection - Catholic Home Mission RE Adult Faith Enrichment 9:15 a.m.	30						