



April 5, 2020



On this first weekend of April, as Lent is ending and as Holy Week is beginning with a frond-less celebration of Palm Sunday, we find ourselves in the most unusual of circumstances. We are living in a very dangerous world, in which we must be concerned about the health of all of those around us.

In light of that reality, we are entering into a very quiet Holy Week. Whereas in the past we have always presumed that Holy Week and Easter Services would be awaiting our arrival at Saint Patrick Church, this year we will have to seek out those important manifestations of what it means to be Catholic today.

Thanks to the Internet, some of us will be celebrating alongside Bishop Richard Pates, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, as he presides at the Holy Week and Easter rites in our Cathedral. Thanks to television, other parishioners might be watching those same rites as they are telecast from the Vatican or on the Eternal Word Television Network.

Let us use this week ahead, my dear friends, as a graced time for ourselves and our families. As mentioned on another page in this Sunday's bulletin, there are many opportunities available to help us spend the coming week growing in our Catholic faith. May God bless all Saint Patrick parishioners in these holiest of days.

Father John Peeters, C.S.V.  
Pastor

***Prayers for one another are essential during this Covid-19 pandemic.***

**Please know that I,  
along with Father Wehnert and Father Pighini,  
continue to offer Mass daily  
and are keeping every one of you in our prayers.**

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## *Holy Week Schedule*

All Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter  
will be Live Streamed at this link:

**<https://www.youtube.com/c/DiocesefofJolietIL>**



*Palm Sunday Mass, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.*

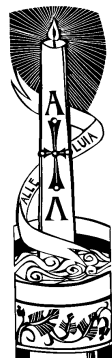
*Daily Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 6 - 8  
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*



**Holy Thursday, April 9**  
*5:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper*



**Good Friday, April 10**  
*3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*



**Holy Saturday, April 11**  
*8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12**  
**10:00 A.M. EASTER MASS**



# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 5, 2020



## *Dying ... to Live!*

This day seems to be  
all about death, Jesus.  
What else is it when you are arrested,  
accused, beaten, betrayed, and crucified?

But, when we look a little closer,  
we discover it is really all about *life*:  
integrity unbowed by expediency ...  
love unchanged by hatred ...  
humility undeterred by power ...  
truth untainted by lies ...  
and real, vibrant, fearless life  
breaking through it all.

You died, Jesus, because you refused to settle  
for anything less than genuine, eternal life for you and for us all.

Teach us to live by the same creed.  
Teach us to refuse to cling to a life  
that is less than real, less than honest ... to a life that is humble and loving.  
Teach us to be so resolute in our quest for life,  
that we will always be ready to find it and share it.  
Amen.

*John van de Laar*

To stay connected with St. Patrick Church now and in the future, please make certain that we have **your up-to-date phone number and e-mail address**. We will send the Bulletin and any important notices directly to your inbox. Simply send your information to the Rectory Office at [stpatkan@ameritech.net](mailto:stpatkan@ameritech.net)

**REMINDER:**  
this is a good time to register for FORMED.  
Just go to <https://stpatrickkankakee.formed.org>.  
**FREE** movies, books, children's videos!  
*Excellent Holy Week resources for all ages!*



## *A Prayer for Healthcare Providers*

We thank you, O Lord our God,  
for all who dedicate themselves  
to the study and practice of healing.

Bless physicians, nurses, technicians, pharmacists,  
EMT's and all others who minister to the sick and suffering –  
especially now in the midst of this pandemic.

Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Give them strength when they are weary,  
hope when they despair, faith when they doubt,  
and light when they stand in darkness.



Keep them and their families safe and healthy.  
Send your holy angels to stand guard  
and keep watch over them.

Bless them and keep them, let your face shine upon them,  
be gracious to them, lift up your countenance upon them,  
and give them peace.

All this we ask through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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### *This Week*

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

Thursday, April 9 *Holy Thursday*

Friday, April 10 *Good Friday*

Saturday, April 11 *Holy Saturday – Vigil*

Sunday, April 12 *Easter Sunday*

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please remember  
the FOOD PANTRY!**

### *For Reflection ...*

♦ As I read or listen to the Passion, I look at my way of acting in my daily life. ♦ With which of the main or lesser characters can I identify myself? ♦ With which character would I like to identify myself?

### *Please Pray for These Men and Women Serving in the Military ...*

Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,  
Kelton Gifford, Ethan Held,  
Joseph Jordan, Henry Kijewski,  
Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin,  
Sarah Miller, Keith Mulholland,  
Justin Phelps, John T. Raimondo,  
Scott Riegel, Andrew Ryan,  
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith,  
Jessica Smith, and Brandi Zinnel.

*Be with them, Lord,  
and keep them safe!*



*Pope Francis offers this Spiritual Communion Prayer during Coronavirus pandemic:*

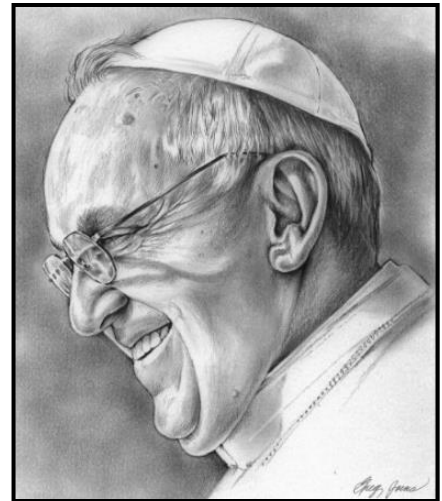
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Chicago's Cardinal Blase Cupich calls us to find new sources of hope throughout the world ... in our Church ... and with our Lord.**

**We invite you to watch the Cardinal's reflections:**  
<http://ow.ly/uF9h50z26gJ>

**In your prayers, please remember BISHOP CONLON and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.**

**PRAY DAILY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE!**



**Vocations Corner with The Viatorians**



**Did You Know... About Our Founder?**

Venerable Louis Querbes was born in Lyon, France in 1793, during the French Reign of Terror. Louis became a diocesan priest and served a rural parish in Vourles. Seeing the need for better liturgy, stronger parochial schools, and greater support for parish life, Louis formulated an association of catechists. He then worked through diocesan and Vatican processes to found the Congregation of the Clerics of Saint Viator. The Viatorians spread to parishes and schools around France, and next to French Canada. Louis battled chronic health issues but remained a zealous, present, mighty force as the first Superior General of the growing community. He died at the age of 66, leaving a legacy in the Viatorian charism that endures through hundreds of Viatorians serving in twelve countries today.



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**Mass For The Homebound • WGN TV / Channel 9  
Chicago • Sunday • 9:30 A.M.**

**Weekend Mass • Maternity BVM Church  
Simply click on this link to view: [mbvmchurch.org](http://mbvmchurch.org)**

**DAILY MASS • St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet:  
9:00 a.m. with Fr. Burke Masters and/or Fr. Ryan Adorjan  
Simply click on this link to view: [\(YouTube Link\)](#)  
11:30 a.m. with Bishop Pates  
Simply click on this link to view: [\(YouTube Link\)](#)**

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*Links to help you celebrate Holy Week ...*

**Holy Week Resources**

[https://cdn2.hubspot.net/.../3788.../Holy Week at Home%20\(1\).pdf](https://cdn2.hubspot.net/.../3788.../Holy%20Week%20at%20Home%20(1).pdf)  
<https://osvnews.com/2020/03/27/how-to-make-the-most-of-holy-week-at-home/>

**Loyola Press Faith Family Fun**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-cath.../.../family-faith-and-fun>

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*As you continue to find yourself with a bit more “down-time” these days,  
and perhaps looking for some good reading,  
check out these Catholic websites:*

**FORMED – FREE registration at <https://stpatrikkankakee.formed.org>.**

**Viatorian Community – [viatorians.com](http://viatorians.com)**

**U.S. Catholic Magazine – [uscatholic.org](http://uscatholic.org)**

**America Magazine – [americamagazine.org](http://americamagazine.org)**

**Catholic Digest – [catholicdigest.com](http://catholicdigest.com)**

**Commonweal – [commonwealmagazine.org](http://commonwealmagazine.org)**

**Our Sunday Visitor – [osv.com](http://osv.com)**

**Word Among Us – [wau.org](http://wau.org)**

**Busted Halo – [bustedhalo.com](http://bustedhalo.com)**

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)**



**These websites have excellent articles, prayers, and reflections.  
Please spend some time finding your favorite site!**

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**Weekly Offerings Total for March 15, 22, and 29, 2020**

52 envelopes mailed in	\$ 5,755.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ _____ .00
Total Offering for these Sundays	\$ 5,755.00

**Month of March 2020**

Envelopes	\$ 21,665.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 1,387.50
ACH & Online Giving	\$ 2,071.00
Total 5 week offering	\$ 25,123.50

Needed weekly to maintain balanced budget:	\$ 7,451.93
Average weekly collections for 5 weeks:	\$ 5,024.70



*The Gifts of Stewardship*

**On the Cover: *The Pieta* by William Adolphe Bouguereau (1825-1905)**

*The Pietà*, completed in 1876, provides a very unique depiction of this most famous of imagery. The weeping Mary, cloaked in a robe of black, is mourning the death of her son, whom she holds to her chest. The body of Jesus limply hangs in her arms while eight weeping angels surround them. The angels are clad in the colors of the rainbow and create an arc over Mary and Jesus, symbolizing that the sacrifice of Jesus was complete and that the human soul can be born anew and ascend to God after death. At Jesus' feet lies the crown of thorns used to mock him during the Crucifixion. It lies on a white cloth covered in the blood of Christ, showing the torment Jesus went through in order that humanity could attain salvation and new life. The white robe and pitcher of water represent the purity of Jesus' soul. Both Jesus and Mary are surrounded by a halo of light indicating their holiness. *(This painting was inspired by the death of Bouguereau's eldest son, George, who died directly before Bouguereau started work on this piece in 1875. Bouguereau had the grave misfortune to have lost four of his five children during his lifetime.)*



**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

The current COVID-19 pandemic has caused many changes in the normal celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in the midst of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to assist citizens with healthcare and education, as well as to maintain the shrines in the Holy Land. For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the **2020 Collection for the Holy Land** take place on Sunday, September 13, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.