

MASSES FOR APRIL 14-20

Monday, 14	8:30 am (SF) Ralph & Esther Pavia (Family) Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, 15	8:30 am (SJ) For the People Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, 16	8:30 am (SF) No Mass Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, 17	6:00 pm (SF) Increase in Vocations Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, 18	6:00 pm (SJ) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18-19:42
Saturday, 19	8:30 pm (SF) For the Candidates and Catechumens Readings will be announced at Mass
Sunday, 20	9:00 am (SJ) Jesse Fulton (Family) 11:00 am (SF) Shane Maple (Dad) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:13-35

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY:	Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
TUESDAY:	Confessions - 6:00pm-7:00pm (SJ)
WEDNESDAY:	<i>No Parish School of Religion</i>
THURSDAY:	Holy Thursday Mass - 6:00pm (SF)
FRIDAY:	Good Friday The Passion of the Lord - 6:00pm (SJ)
SATURDAY:	No Confessions Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30pm (SF)

As of 04/08/2025: Trinity West: ; Trinity East; Weirton: **Barbara Green. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist. Then Mandatum or Washing of the Feet reminds us that Jesus came to serve us and that we are also called to serve the needs of one another.

Good Friday recalls the Crucifixion of Jesus. Along with the pain of the Cross we are reminded of God's love for us and His willingness to experience a brutal death to show us just how much He loves each of us. WE are invited to come forward to Venerate the Cross as a sign of our appreciation for Jesus' love.

The Easter Vigil is to begin after sundown, 8:30pm this year. As we gather in prayer this night, we begin by blessing the new fire and lighting the Easter Candle which reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. The Easter Proclamation is sung then readings from the Old Testament followed by the Gospel and the homily. Water that will be used for baptism is blessed, the candidates are baptized and then the congregation renews their baptismal promises. The candidates then receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, with the Celebration of the Mass continues as usual. All of this reminds us of the significance of the Resurrection and the importance of Jesus' resurrection to our individual belief. St. Paul states that "if Jesus did not Rise from the Dead, then our faith is in vain." I pray that you will have a blessed and joyful Easter celebration with your families.

Nut Rolls and Pirohi Sales: We still have potato/cheese pirohi and nut, apricot, and poppyseed rolls available. Come get them this weekend for your Holy Week meals or Easter dessert. Call or text DeDe to make special arrangements for picking up pirohi. Her phone is 740-632-3372.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$5,065.00; Loose: \$165.00; Candles: \$65.00; CRS: \$5.00; Rice Bowl: \$299.00; Poor: \$1,062.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,093.00; Loose: \$220.00; Candles: \$55.00; Rice Bowl: \$95.00; Poor: \$165.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church!
Weekly Mass Attendance for April 6th: 5:00pm: 73; 9:00am: 100; 11:00am: 105.

MASSES: For **Rosemond Garnick** by Bridget & Mike Cernansky; for **Damien Gabis** by Mary Ann & Bill; for **Chris Lonetto** by Jim & Diane Orsini; for **Betty Rogers** by Bart & Cindy Bogia.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** In memory of **Betty Rogers** by Richard & Noreen Saxon & Family; Bart & Cindy Boggia; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Clifford & Louise Knight, Bill Pierce, & Ricci Boni** by Betty Pierce & Family; in memory of **Rusty, Kitty, & Patty Roth and Ray & Nancy Ludewig** by Sally & Mark Ludewig.

Deepest Sympathy: On behalf of the parishioners, I would like express our sympathy to the family of **Cecilia Petras**. Please remember to keep Cecilia and her family in your prayers. May God grant Cecilia eternal rest and peace.

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2025

Altar Servers: Holy Thursday - 6pm (SF) Anthony Mitch, Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Mike Henry, Jake Dobbs; **Good Friday - 6pm (SJ)** Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Carmen Abdalla; **Easter Vigil - 8:30pm (SF)** Anthony Mitch, Mike Henry, Jake Dobbs, Aiden Myslinsky, Hank Bodnar; **Easter Sunday - 9am (SJ)** Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, Royce Abdalla; **11am (SF)** Giovanni Guerrero, Anais Guerrero, Ethan McClain

Lectors: Holy Thursday - 6pm (SF) Judy Koehnlein; **Good Friday - 6pm (SJ)** Paul Giannamore; **Easter Vigil - 8:30pm (SF)** Jim Orsini **Easter Sunday - 9am (SJ)** Kim Dougherty; **11am (SF)** Curtis Mitch

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation – including our own – to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts – not only this week, but every day of our lives.

WORSHIP: Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.