

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 13th, 2025

10:00 am — Palm Sunday Mass — Colfax
 11:15 am — Palm Sunday Brunch — Colfax
 No Religious Education — Colfax
 No Sunday Mass — St. John

Good Friday, April 18th, 2025

No Morning Mass
 5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross
 6:00 pm — Good Friday Service

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Holy Saturday, April 19th, 2025

No Vigil Mass — LaCrosse
 8:30 pm — Easter Vigil Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — No Women's Bible Study—Colfax

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025

8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass — Colfax
 No Religious Education — Colfax
 10:00 am—Easter Sunday Mass — St. John

Holy Thursday, April 17th, 2025

No Morning Mass
 5:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass — Colfax
 7:00 pm—Midnight—Eucharistic Adoration

Mass Intentions:

Tue. April 15 8:00 am — † John J. McInerney requested by P. Simmons
Wed. April 16 8:00 am — † Don & Virginia Hall requested by G. & L. Hall
Thur. April 17 5:30 pm — Missa Pro Populo
Fri. April 18 5:30 pm — Missa Pro Populo
Sat. April 19 5:00 pm — LaCrosse: No Mass Celebrated this day in LaCrosse
 8:00 pm — Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 20 8:00 am — Missa Pro Populo
 10:00 am — St. John: † Don & Virginia Hall requested by M. & L. Siler

Lectors:

Holy Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm — Terry Parker
 Good Friday, April 18th, 5:30 pm — Mark & Robyn Johnson
 Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 19, 8:30 pm — Carey Murphy & Virgil Crampton

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 & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, ST. JOHN

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April 13th, 2025 Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings

Sunday | Palm Sunday

Entrance Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7 / Psalm 22

Philippians 2:6-11 / Luke 22:14-23:56

Responsorial Psalm 22

My God, my God,
 why have you abandoned me?

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS — COLFAX

Tuesdays & Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADORATION SCHEDULE — COLFAX

Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of baptism, wedding, first communion and confirmation.

LOCATIONS

St. Patrick Parish — 1018 S. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111
 St. Joseph Parish—2nd & Star Lacrosse, WA 99143
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help —325 W. Liberty
 St. John, WA 99171

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil — LaCrosse at 5:00 PM
 Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM
 Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM
 Sunday — St. John at 11:00 AM-1st Sunday of month
 10:00 AM all other Sundays

DAILY MASS — COLFAX

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM — Colfax

RECONCILIATION

4:30 pm to 4:50 pm Saturdays before Mass—Colfax
 8:30 am after Thursday Daily Mass—Colfax
 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Thursdays—Colfax
 Or by appointment, contact (509) 397-3921

Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church is celebrating Palm Sunday, which is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. The word passion comes from a Latin word *Passio* meaning "to suffer," and we meditatively go with the sufferings of Jesus. Here we have rejoicing with the coming of Jesus and at the same time, a reminder of his suffering that is to come in a short time.

In the first reading, the faithful servant receives a mission from the Lord. This figure is totally dedicated to the will of God and provides welcome relief from the self-willed and faithless kings of the time. The servant's identity is debated and yet we have him as one faithful to God. The servant is attentive to God's word at the start of each day. He is unlike the children of Israel who refused to listen to God. The prophet had to remind them constantly about their infidelity and their inability to listen to the message of God. The servant is thrilled to serve God and serve as his instrument privileged to speak his word. The Servant is proud too as he has the God-given gift of the tongue to proclaim the good news. But the Servant suffers in a world that resists the divine message. Many will reject him and torture him but he knows that God is always on his side.

In the second reading, we have the Pauline hymn of Incarnation. This reflects the faith of the early church in the true humanity and true divinity of Christ. He, who was God, humbled himself to become a man like us, hiding his divine glory but receiving it back at his glorification or his resurrection. The purpose of this is not to expound the logistics of the incarnation, but it was to serve as an example to the church at Philippi of true humility and to look to the needs of one another. The hymn tells us that even though he was divine, he took willingly the human form for our sake. Secondly, he is the new Adam who became obedient and did not cling to his divinity. Thirdly, he is the servant of God who accepted sufferings for the sake of humanity. Finally, he died on the cross, a death of shame and humiliation. That death became the sign of triumph and glory.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at Bethany and Bethpage, and the Gospel of John adds that he had dinner with Lazarus, and his sisters, Mary and Martha. While there, he sends two disciples to the village in order to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never ridden and to say, if questioned, that the donkey was needed by the Lord but would be returned. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the disciples first putting their cloaks on it, so as to make it more comfortable. The Gospels go on to recount how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there lay down their cloaks in front of him and also lay down small branches of trees. The people sang part of a Psalm to give him a welcome befitting the messianic king.

In the present day celebration, worshippers enact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by waving palm branches and singing songs of celebration in a procession into the church. The liturgical color for the Season of Lent is purple but for Palm Sunday it is red, which is used for Pentecost as well as remembering the martyrs of the church. Since it symbolizes the shedding of blood, it is also used on Palm Sunday to symbolize the death of Jesus. The liturgy of the day contains first the blessing of the palms. This is included as a part of the Eucharistic celebration. As we go for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we recollect and honor Jesus' entering the great city of Jerusalem. The Church maintains the dignity of the celebrations and turns to the blessing of the palms. The prayers she uses for this bless-

ing are eloquent and full of instruction and, together with the sprinkling with holy water and the incense, impart virtue to these branches, which elevates them to the supernatural order. The faithful should hold these palms in their hands during the procession, and during the reading of the Passion at Mass, and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith. It is probable that, as far as Jerusalem itself was concerned, the celebration of Palm Sunday began immediately after the ages of persecution. It was a form of public worship by the Christians as against the quiet celebration of the Eucharist.

The coming of the Lord to the city of Jerusalem is not something sad! It is the joy that is in all hearts, for the triumph of the Head, he who is the first among his brothers, necessarily reflects back upon all who are united to him and who, in him, are also sons of God, not by nature, but by adoption. When Christ is acclaimed and praised, the entire Church is glorified in him, for the Head and the Body are inseparable, a single and unique Mystery: that of the grace of God poured out upon the whole world for the salvation of all men! Each day, every time we participate in the Eucharist, we repeat these same words: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

In the Gospel, the passion narrative has long been recognized as the most significant portion of the four Gospels. The reason is that the very core of Christian faith is expressed in these chapters: namely the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each of the Gospel authors presents his own unique theological perspective and yet the basic outline in all four is the same. In today's passion narrative, Luke builds up to five basic events that take place during the last few days of the earthly life of Jesus. First is that Jesus shares his final meal with the disciples. Second, he is arrested by his enemies. Third, he is subjected to the so-called Jewish trial. Fourth, he is subjected to the Roman trial and is condemned to death. Fifth, he is crucified on the cross, dies and is buried.

In this passion narrative, we see the unfathomable love of God for us human persons shown in his beloved son, Jesus. When we see the crucifix, we see the Son of God's nailed hands and feet to that cross, slowly shedding his blood for us. The Pharisees and the people mocked him at Calvary as he hung crucified. Pilot condemned an innocent person to death. He had to die a humiliating death hung between two thieves. The leaders deliberately put him with the criminals to humiliate him further before the people and to have them associate him with robbers. The helplessness of the God-man was visible on the cross. In the face of those insults, Jesus had things to say, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing".

The Gospel tells us that as his death approached, there was darkness over the whole land. The powers of darkness were now approaching their moment of triumph. At that moment, Jesus commends his soul to the Father. Into your hand, I commend my spirit was the prayer of Jesus taken from the Psalm 31, taught by every Jewish mother to their children as the night prayer. Here Jesus uses the word Father to make it an affectionate conclusion. Into that scene comes a final good human being, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus and Mark says that he was a distinguished and bold person. He is now courageous and bold and gets the body of Jesus from Pilot and lends his own tomb. In that hate-filled assembly, there was one voice speaking for Jesus.

Let us in prayer and love accompany Jesus during his passion and death throughout this holy week.

May God Bless Us... Fr. J. Jeyabalan HGN (Jey)

Events Around the Parish

Holy Thursday Adoration: There is a sign up sheet in St. Patrick Parish vestibule for Holy Thursday Adoration. The times are in 30 minute increments starting at 7:00 pm until Midnight. All parishioners are encouraged to fill in a time slot to spend some time with our Lord on this most holy night of the Easter Triduum.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass: Please join us this Lenten Season for Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30 pm on Good Friday followed by the Good Friday Service. There will be **no 8:00 am Daily Mass** on Good Friday and no soup supper.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: A special collection will be taken at the Good Friday Service to support the Church in the Holy Land. Pope Francis is asking Parishes to help Christians in the Holy Land where they are now less than 2% of the population. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Holy Land. When you contribute to this collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land

Easter Vigil Holy Water Blessing: The faithful have always been encouraged to take holy water home and to use it as part of their daily lives. They have also been encouraged to regularly seek God's blessing on themselves, their families and on their homes, religious objects and other items. This Easter Vigil, please bring your containers of water to the Easter Vigil Mass and place them at the Altar where they will be blessed during the Easter Vigil Mass.

Upcoming Events:

- April 16 — No Women's Bible Study — Colfax
- April 17 — 5:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass followed by Adoration until midnight — Colfax
- April 18 — 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed immediately by Good Friday Service — Colfax
- April 19 — 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass — Colfax
- April 20 — 8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass — Colfax
- April 20 — 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass — St. John



PREPARES NEWS: Help needed sanitizing donated baby gear and laundering donated baby clothes. We currently have a baby bathtub and swing that need cleaning for an expectant Mama. Providing clean, shiny, nice smelling items to the families we serve honors their dignity and respects their personhood. If this apostolate speaks to your heart, call Valerie Higginson for more information 509.202.3139.

In addition to the Food pantry distribution, St. Pat's will be the site of a second distribution once a month. Please get in touch with Valerie Higginson if you would like to help distribute diapers. We are collecting donations of Pull-ups size 4t/5t.

Fundraiser for A New Church Boiler: We are campaigning to raise funds to replace the boiler, which will cost \$37,000. Our goal is to raise these funds by July, so it can be replaced during the summer. To date we have collected \$33,204 which is 90% of our goal. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you!!

Calendar for Bill Rogers Ride to 8:00 am Mass:

April 20 — Martin & Linda Marler
April 27 — Drivers Needed
May 4 — Kim Williams
May 11 — Drivers Needed
May 18 — Drivers Needed
May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler

Calendar for Fr. Jey's Ride to St. John:

April 20 — Suzy McNeilly
April 27 — Mark & Sharon Hall
May 4 — Drivers Needed (Note: Mass at 11:00 am)
May 11 — Drivers Needed
May 18 — Tim & Heidi Danaher
May 25 — Martin & Linda Marler