



PASTOR'S CORNER

Long live the King....?

Next Sunday is Lent's last Sunday. We call it Palm Sunday, but the liturgical name is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. That day's liturgy could be confusing or, we could say, full of contradictions. The Church recalls Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish His Paschal Mystery. So, we will start our liturgy with the memorial of this entrance of the Lord, but during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we will read the Gospel about Jesus' Passion.

There will be "Hosanna to the Son of David" and later "Crucify Him!" We will see two different pictures. People rejoiced and were almost in ecstasy when Jesus came to Jerusalem. Jesus entered that city with all the glory. He didn't deny it; He planned and expected it. We will read Mark's or John's version of that event. We can read the Pharisees' reaction to that situation in Luke's Gospel. "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He said in reply, 'I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!'"

So, the whole city was about praising Jesus as the Messiah. Thinking about that, we realize that those must be the same people who, in a few days, on Friday, will cry out: "Crucify Him!" The same people praised the Lord and were so excited that they didn't care what their religious leaders thought about it, and they shouted despite the Pharisees' disapproval. And the same people on Friday shouted, asking for Jesus's death because of their leaders' (Pharisees, Sadducees, and priests) demand.

Should we judge them for such an unstable and hypocritical attitude? We all know that we shouldn't because we know that we are the same very often. We proclaim our faith, wear our religious symbols, and publicly accept Jesus (which is good and needed, of course). And then, we crucify Him by our sins, in the secrecy of our hearts. We all do that. That's why it is good that the Church reminds us of such a thing on Palm Sunday. It is a reminder that it is so easy to go from the praise and spiritual excitement to sinfulness and betrayal of our Lord. Palm Sunday is the first day of the Holy Week – the week when we celebrate the entire story of salvation. That salvation is needed precisely because of our unstable and crooked nature. Just like the people in Jerusalem, we need the Messiah, the Savior who deserves our praise, because if we don't praise Him, the stones will. We should be grateful that what happened in Jerusalem has impacted all of us over the centuries because we all need God's patient mercy.

Growing Disciples Round 3 Parish Models

Last Sunday, the Diocese of Peoria published the Round 3 Parish Models on the Growing Disciples Pastoral Plan website, and many people have questions about them. So, here is my comment on this, especially for the St. Mary's and Sacred Heart parishioners.

We need to emphasize, as our bishop repeatedly does, that no decisions have been made yet. This Round 3 Plan is a proposal made by the Core Team and the Presbyteral Council after working on the feedback received from all of us. Bishop Tylka will announce his decisions on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

As we can see, Round 3 Models have changed since Round 2. All three Rock Island parishes have a common Pastor with the Community of Franciscan Priests working together. All three Rock Island parishes are marked with the letter (P), which means (according to this proposal) they will remain canonically separate parishes (as the primary locations). It says that within three years, this situation will be re-evaluated if the merger of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's and the closing of one of those churches will be needed. I don't think it's needed right now, and I firmly believe it won't be necessary in three years.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv.



Lenten Night & Stations of the Cross:

One night left! Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. You will also have the opportunity to go Confession.

Holy Week / The Triduum:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper:
March 28 - 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Good Friday: Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion:
March 29 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Vigil of the Resurrection:
March 30 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Easter Sunday: March 31
9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: March 9/10

No data this week.

Sacred Heart Parish was formed by the Irish as most of you know, and so in honor of Saint Patrick's Day this weekend we share this Irish Blessing:

"May those who love us, love us, and those who don't, may God turn their hearts, and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we'll know them by their limping."
~ Irish Blessing

Thank you to all who joined us at our Sacred Heart Dinner! It was wonderful to join in family and fellowship!

Sponsor an Easter Lily in honor of a loved one or in your family's name. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule. Money can be deposited in the wooden box or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

Sacred Heart Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 7th!

All children of all ages are invited to join us on Sunday, April 7, after our 9 a.m. Mass for our Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will be located on the greenspace behind the church. We'll have bags for the children. In case of rain, the hunt will be cancelled.

Please consider helping the Sacred Heart Food Pantry!

Our food pantry serves dozens of people each weekday as a part of our parish's outreach ministry. This is where your donations of food go on that second weekend of each month. Feeding those in need, however, requires volunteers and we are in need of members of our parish to join this ministry. While the pantry is open Monday through Friday, you could schedule your volunteer time in support of this ministry in a manner that best suits you. Please, consider feeding the poor as part of your works to support Christ's ministry in our parish. Contact Mike Clark at 309-786-6940 if you wish to support this ministry.

Sacred Heart will need a deep cleaning at the conclusion of Lent:

If you are interested in being a part of our crew that will deep clean our altars and all of the high and low areas of the church in anticipation of Easter, please contact Tim Smith at 309.798.1708 to be added to our crew! We hope to complete this work over the last couple of weeks in March with a couple of options for work days. Thank you in advance!

Seeking choir members: You are invited to join our choir here at Sacred Heart! If you are interested in singing at our Saturday and/or Sunday Masses, or if you have a secret musical talent please contact Trevor at (414) 217-0354. We would love to have many voices join us!

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: March 9/10

No data this week.

175th Anniversary Planning: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in August 2026. A planning committee has started meeting to plan for this auspicious celebration. Volunteers are needed for help with a ministry fair, buildings and grounds improvements, parade participation, fundraising, other events, and a video project. Please share your talents, time and energy and/or donations in assisting with the preparation work! You may contact the parish office or Chair Judith Gilbert at 309-749-5719 or Co-Chair Fred Attwood at 309-798-4356. Also, save the date of Sunday, August 30, 2026, for St. Mary's 175th Anniversary Mass and Dinner!

Easter Egg Hunt on March 31: Join us on Easter Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the rectory courtyard for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society and Men's Fellowship. Kids ages 4 to 12 will have many eggs to find with candy, and one special egg will have a message inside. Ages 3 and under will have a special area just for them next to the garage. Bring a bag for your goodies -- hope to see you there! In case of rain, the hunt will be on Sunday, April 7, after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Ladies of St. Mary's: March is the month to sign up to join the Altar and Rosary Society! If you are interested in joining please place your \$10.00 in an envelope with your name and birth date and place in the collection basket or mail to Christine at the church office.

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

March 19	12:10 p.m. Mass - Laurie Erdman	ST. MARY'S
March 20	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions	ST. MARY'S
	12:10 p.m. Mass - Lorraine Hender	ST. MARY'S
March 21	12:10 p.m. Mass - DuPont Family	SACRED HEART
March 22	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions	SACRED HEART
	12:10 p.m. Mass - Gary and David Moseley	SACRED HEART
	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	SACRED HEART
March 23	3:00 p.m. Confessions	ST. MARY'S
	4:00 p.m. Mass - Harold and Maryann McKinney	ST. MARY'S
	5:15 p.m. Mass - Phero Hien Do and Anna Oanh Nguyen	SACRED HEART
March 24	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Confessions	SACRED HEART
	9:00 a.m. Mass - Giuseppe Leone	SACRED HEART
	10:30 a.m. Mass - For the People of the Rock Island Parishes	ST. MARY'S

FLOCKNOTE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!

Get the latest news from Sacred Heart & St. Mary's with Flocknote! To sign up for FlockNote notifications of Mass times and interesting parish information:

Text to the number: 84576
With the message: 123sh (for Sacred Heart)
With the message: 123stm (for St. Mary's)

LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS & EVENTS

Get the latest news from our local Catholic parishes and groups at www.catholicqc.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules including altar servers, EMHC's, lectors are now available to members of that ministry via Flocknote and/or email correspondence, and to Sacred Heart parishioners on our website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES

Financial support for both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes can be accomplished several ways. If you wish to receive contribution envelopes are not currently doing so, please contact our parish office immediately.

Please also consider giving online. This allows you to keep track of your giving for the year (tax statements) and makes bookkeeping easier for the parishes. If you're interested in this route, please contact the parish offices for more information!

REMEMBER US

Both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes have always been very appreciative of the generosity of their parishioners. We're often asked how you can remember Sacred Heart in your wills, trusts, or via other gifts. It's important that you reference the parish as Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois.

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Weekend is always the 2nd weekend of the month at both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We appreciate your support of this vital ministry!

DID YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGE?

Please let the church office know your new information as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A wheelchair is available for any parishioner who needs a pick up or drop off at the parking lot. It's in Good Shepherd Vestibule at Sacred Heart and the vestibule at St. Mary's.

SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S CONTACTS

Sacred Heart 794-0660
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shrec@sacredheartri.com www.sacredheartri.com

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2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com www.stmaryri.com

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Office Address for Both Parishes: at Sacred Heart:
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Catholic Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery is our local Catholic Cemetery - 2901 12th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-5335. Please call them when making arrangements for loved one by contacting them at

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered and doing what is within their means to support the parish and be faithful in sharing the Sunday Eucharist. A baptismal class is required. Godparents must be Confirmed and be practicing Catholics and if married, that their marriage is validly recognized by the Catholic Church. If you are a Sacred Heart parishioner, contact Chris Mandle. For St. Mary's parishioners please contact Christine in the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan Policy - Please notify the office at least 8 months prior to setting the date for your marriage. Requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Whenever needed, please call the parish office. Please advise us of persons in the hospital, nursing facilities, or homebound.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to join our Catholic community, please contact Christine in our parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 to set up a time with Fr. Witold.

MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. MARY
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FR. WITOLD ADAMCZYK, OFM CONV., PASTOR
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Holy Week Lauds: The goal of all Christian holiness is close intimacy to God. We are to do everything in relationship such that our very lives become a prayer rising up to the Father. One special way that we become a living prayer is by the Church's unceasing praying of the Divine Office. The Divine Office is an extension of the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass, where certain hours of the day are set aside to turn in thanksgiving and praise to God in prayer. The Divine Office is prayed by all priests and religious, and all of the laity are exhorted and encouraged to enter into the practice of praying it as well. The seminarians from the parishes across the Quad Cities in conjunction with the Franciscan friars of Rock Island, are offering a chance for you to join us in praying for a couple of of these liturgies on the mornings of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There will two different opportunities, please feel free to join for one or both:

- Good Friday, March 29 - 9:00 AM at Saint Mary's, Rock Island
- Holy Saturday, March 30- 9:00AM at Sacred Heart, Rock Island

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parishes! Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with parish projects. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$30,818 and \$16,825 has been pledged. The goal for St. Mary's is \$34,782 and \$20,876 has been pledged.

Mass at Trinity Hospital on Thursday, March 21st: On the third Thursday of each month, Mass will be held in the chapel at Trinity Hospital, Rock Island, at 10 a.m. Following Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for all the patients in the hospital.

Keep these parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers: Joe Cervantes • Mike Clark • Stephanie Smith • Judy Clark • Deb Drish • Rosa Steinbaugh • Lois Evans • Angie Conicella • Ron Boland • Dean Christiansen • Jean Paggen • Rebecca Becker • Mary Kay Orth • Jay Eng • Carol Houglund • Faythe Elsbury • Jack Murtha • John Gross • Randy Burke • Don Barry • Pat Coleman • Robert Slater • Salvatrice Leone • Renee Bleuer • Elaine Jawoisz • Dick and Diane Sabbe

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at

at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 or ricatholicoffice@gmail.com. We will publish these names from time to time as space allows. It'll also be important to alert Christine in the office if someone's name should later be removed from the list. Thank you in advance to all who will be praying for those in need!

Contribute online to our parishes: Sign-up for a one-time gift, or as an annual contributor from our parish websites: www.sacredheartri.com and www.stmaryri.com. You can also call our Office Manager Christine at the parish office if you prefer to have her set it up for you.

Did you Know? Your child can attend a Catholic School & Financial Assistance Is Available! Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

***"Irish fight because they love.
The more a man loves the more he
fights for what he loves.
Because the Irish love their
country and their God they have
more to fight for."***

**— Venerable Archbishop
Fulton Sheen**

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50th Anniversary of the Fr. Mirabelli Heritage Ball!

You are cordially invited to the 50th annual Fr. Mirabelli Heritage Ball presented by Alleman Catholic High School on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at five-thirty in the evening. The Heritage Ball will be celebrate at Alleman! The evening will include Heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, auctions and Dream Big Raffle drawings! Tickets are. \$50/person. Cocktail Attire. RSVP by March 8th. For tickets, raffle shares, silent auction and donations, scan the qr code, visit www.AllemanHighSchool.org/heritage-ball or call (309) 786-7793.



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